

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

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We encourage any and all staff, parents and students to send pictures and stories to Nicole Barbour (nbarbour@phr3.org) or Cathy Jobe (cjobe@phr3.org) to be featured in the newsletter, on Facebook, or our district website!

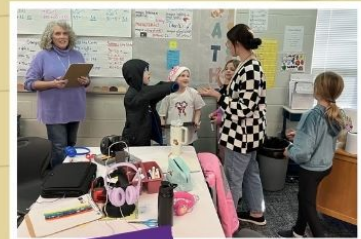
As always, thank you for your support! It's a great day to be a Rooster and Chick!

Welcome back to Pleasant Hill's District newsletter!

We are excited to kick off the new semester with renewed energy and enthusiasm. While winter weather can sometimes throw a wrench in our plans, we hope that despite a few inconvenient snowstorms and cold temperatures, everyone was able to enjoy a smooth transition back to school. Let's embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead as we continue to grow and learn together in this new semester. Here's to a successful and rewarding start to 2025!



In December, the teachers at PHES participated in Learning Walks to observe and appreciate the remarkable learning taking place in their colleagues' classrooms



PRIMARY PRIDE



The PS recognized and celebrated our Super Citizens at the Primary School in December. Mrs. Farr's and Miss Mueller's 2nd graders led the all-school assembly!

Second Grade students put on quite the show! Mrs. Clodfelter led the students through the show, "The Big Chill". Students sang many songs about the hopes and joys of a snow day. Great job 2nd grade and thank you Mrs. Clodfelter for all of your hard work!



Primary teachers participated in Learning Walks today. Staff observed one another during small group reading lessons. Students were able to see that teachers are always learning and growing, too!



The amazing lunchroom ladies keep our Primary students entertained each day in December. Kids have fun looking for the elf and seeing what mischievous things he does each evening.



The Grinch visited the lunchroom at the Primary School. But don't worry! The kindergartners assured Mrs. Helus that this was "NOT the REAL Grinch!"



Primary students and staff showed off some holiday cheer for "Dress like a Christmas Movie Character" Day.



We had a good turnout at the Primary School for our Merry Muffins and Mittens in the Morning. Thank you, PTO, for providing the muffins and drinks!



Upcoming Events

- February 5th- PTO Meeting 6:30 @ ES
- February 6th- Donuts with Gown-ups 7:30am-8:00am
- February 7th- Kindergarten Field Trip to The Coterie
- February 14th- Valentine's Day Parties 2:30-3:30 PM
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- March 7th- Spring Picture Day

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Congratulations to the PHES Spelling Bee Winners! Good Luck at the District Bee!



Family Art Night was an uplifting experience! Families created nutcracker ornaments together.



Ms. Hallman's third graders made unknown factor trees.



Congratulations to our Optimist Winners!



Ms. Grainger's fourth graders were rewarded with a pizza party for all of the pop tabs they collected.



PHES staff enjoyed a pancake breakfast while they participated in professional development!



Ms. Meehan's students turned into doctors today as they performed text feature surgery! Doctors had to cut out text features to help their patients (readers).



Muffins and Mittens was a huge success!



Golden Ticket Winners created personalized keepsakes filled with winter wonder!



Elementary staff and students enjoyed participating in Grinch Day festivities!

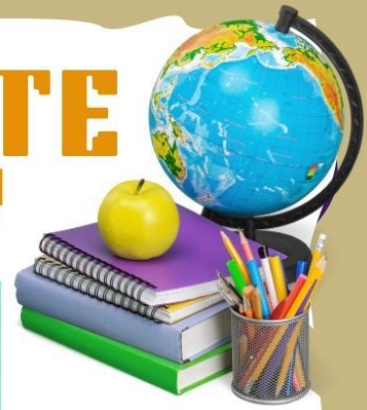
Cozy day and reading at PHES!



Upcoming Events

- January 27th- Kindness Club Begins
- February 6th- Optimist Assembly @ 8:20 AM
- February 12th- Family Art Night
- February 14th- Valentine's Day Parties
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- February 21st- Spring Picture Day
- February 24th- Health.Moves.Minds. Event

INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



5th graders at PHIS participated in a gallery walk looking at each of their peers' ecosystems posters. They walked around and admired everyone's hard work while also identifying producers, consumers and decomposers from each different system.

The PHIS Winter Concert was a huge hit! The Rockin' Roosters, 5th and 6th graders all sang beautifully.



5th graders at PHIS are learning about Properties of Matter. It's always more fun with Deputy Wade learning alongside us!

6th grade students in the 2D/3D art class at PHIS enjoyed hot cocoa in their handmade, ceramic mugs during their last class of the semester.



PLTW students at PHIS tested their robotic cars' agility by maneuvering through an obstacle course.



The IS conducted their annual Spelling Bee in December. Everyone did a fantastic job. Congrats to the top 7 spellers! They will represent us at the district bee in January!



PHIS likes to celebrate BIG! Students were honored with Optimist Awards and Positive Principal Awards. PBIS drawings and a riveting game of Castle Ball were also enjoyed during the assembly.



6th graders at PHIS built the Great Wall of China!



Students enjoyed the December "No Majors" celebration!



Upcoming Events

- January 28th- DARE Graduation 6PM @ IS (5th Grade Only)
- February 12th- Ice Cream from Optimist Club at lunch
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- February 25th & 26th- 6th Grade Field Trip to School of Economics



MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



MS Roosters hosted their season opener at home vs Odessa



PHMS Rise classes decorated doors for the holidays!



Thank you to Press Monkey Studio for displaying PHMS art students' decorative coffee cups!



PHMS PBIS team set a goal for second quarter. Any students who have 90% attendance or better, no D's or F's, and no major or repetitive discipline referrals qualify to win this Nintendo Switch. The drawing will be in January.



PHMS Chicks hosted Center on the basketball court in December!



PHMS bands performed their winter concert in December including a festive medley of sounds.

Ms. Graham's FACS class showed off their sewing techniques and finished their corn bags before break at PHMS.



MS choirs delivered their winter performance during December at the high school.



At the final assembly for the semester, three PHMS students won Kodak picture printers and film. The drawing was for earning Rooster reward tickets. Keep up the good behavior, Roosters and Chicks!

Upcoming Events

- February 7th- Winter Dance @ PHMS 6-8PM
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- February 21st & 22nd- Musical @ PHMS

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Students in Missouri are required to learn CPR as a graduation requirement. Our first group of PHHS Seniors received instruction on CPR, AED, and choking first aid from Mrs. Geist.



Ag Science 1 students spent time in the food science lab exploring varieties of fat content in ground beef.



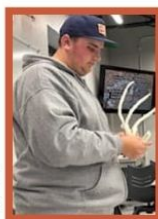
Congratulations to PHHS teacher, Mrs. Kristen Juliette for being recognized as the high school recipient of the SMART/Maher VFW National Citizenship Teacher of the Year. The award was presented by representatives from VFW Post 3118 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 3118.



Food Science explored egg varieties for quality and cooking ease.



Conservation classes just completed a Deer Farm Project which involved students creating a business plan, mapping out the property and budgeting. Some students stepped outside the box and made their map in Minecraft! Now they are learning to score antlers and are in teams trying to build the highest scoring rack.



Foods students were hard at work preparing for the Cupcake Challenge—a fun and creative competition where their baking, decorating, and flavor-combining skills were put to the test.



In Ms. Lomeli's Spanish class, students honed their sentence-building skills by unscrambling Spanish words into complete sentences, using English translations as a guide.



Ag construction students are completing their painting and finishing unit by using painters tape and gridding to lay out a design of their own on cornhole boards.



Students in Mr. Bloom's class are applying their knowledge of probabilities to board games. After presentations were given to the class, students broke up into groups and applied probabilities to their gaming strategy.



Chemistry students learned how to write ionic formulas by using ion puzzle pieces. They had to determine how the positive ions fit with the negative ions to create an ionic bond.



Bug Shaw painted the windows at the High School to represent our Christmas spirit week of Polar Express!



Upcoming Events

- January 25th- Battle of the Best Show Choir Competition/Speech and Debate @ Warrensburg/Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Knob Noster/Boys Wrestling Tournament @ Winnetonka
- January 27th- JV Boys & Girls Shootout @ PHHS
- January 28th- Varsity Girls & Boys Wrestling Triangular @ PHHS
- February 4th- ASVAB @ PHHS
- February 7th- COURT MAT
- February 14th- Winter Dance
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PHHS Chiors



Hillside performed at Crown Center and the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting. PH Choirs held their annual Winter Concert



ART CLUB



PHHS students McKayla Massey and Ana Nickols finished painting a mural for art club!



FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA



In December, PHHS Future Teachers of America (FTA) hosted a dodgeball tournament along with a toy drive to benefit kids in our community. Students along with a team from the Pleasant Hill Police Department competed for the crown.

PRIDE OF THE HILL MARCHING BAND



Pleasant Hill Bands took twelve middle and high school low brass students to the KC Symphony's annual Tuba Christmas. They got to perform in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts with 393 other tuba and baritone players from the area!



Senior Ella Kurtz was named to the Missouri All State Band for 2024-25. Ella was selected out of over 100 flutes that auditioned. Ella is the first Pleasant Hill student to be selected to the All State Band for the third consecutive year. She will perform with the Missouri All State Band in February at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

HOSA



HOSA members celebrated all their first semester hard work at their annual Christmas party with breakfast and a white elephant gift exchange.



Roosters & Chicks Athletics



E-Sports



Tyler Weiss traveled to Union Missouri to compete in the State Final eSports Tournament!! Tyler placed 7th out of the top 16 in the state in Class 2, playing Super Smash Bros. Congratulations!

PHHS CHEER



You can always count on PHHS Cheer Squad to support our Roosters and Chicks!

CHICKS

Basketball



PH Chicks took 2nd in the Butler Tournament! Way to go!



Roosters & Chicks WRESTLING



Harrisonville Christmas Tournament resulted in 2 in the top 4!!



ROOSTER BASKETBALL



Rooster Basketball squared up against some tough appoints in December!



FLOCK Award WINNERS!



This year, as we continue to strive towards our District Mission Statement of "Every Student, Every Day" we would like to feature our FLOCK Award Winners for each month. These recipients have shown one or more of the following ideals and have been chosen by their peers to receive this outstanding recognition. Congratulations on a job well done!



PS- Amber Cleveland
(Student Success Center)



MS- Dana Mayfield
(Secretary)



HS- Dr. Paul Canaan
(Principal)



MS- Jim Poplau
(Assistant Principal)



District- Frankie Lees
(ELL Teacher)

**FLOCK
TOGETHER**
FOCUS ON STUDENTS
LISTEN, TRUST, LEAD
ONGOING IMPROVEMENT
COMMUNICATE³
KIND AND CARING



HS- Julie Edenburn
(Secretary)



ES- Dina Kehl (Art
Teacher) & Shanda
Lawrence
(Paraprofessional)



IS- Jessica Branstetter
(Math Teacher) &
LeiAnn Zvacek
(Paraprofessional)



PS- Ashley Gibson (Speech
Language Pathologist)

PTO, Boosters, & Bright Futures

Highlighting the wonderful volunteer, donation, and charitable opportunities provided for our schools

WE'RE HIRING!

There are currently some exciting employment opportunities at PHR3! Go to phr3.org for up-to-date and complete listings, and apply today!

- Athletic Trainer
- IS Lunch Room Monitor
- IS Building Substitute
- MS 8th Grade Math/Algebra I
- Self-Contained Special Education Teacher
- Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher

More listings at phr3.org- Employment



Have a K-6 student? Want to get involved? Join PTO!

Officers:

Kristi Olson-President

Sarah Crume- Vice President

Tiffany Creach-Treasurer

Contact at ptopleasanthill@gmail.com



Booster Club

Booster Club memberships are available for the 24-25 school year! Gold Memberships are \$50.00 per family, and Purple Memberships are \$25.00. The PH Booster Club is a non-profit organization with volunteers serving to help provide benefits to our student athletes and athletic programs. Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the PHHS Library. See you there!



Parents as Teachers

In December, Parents as Teachers hosted their annual Jingle Mingle event! In collaboration with other local businesses and our friendly neighbors, we were able to raise over \$7,000 dollars for those in need within our community. We were able to bless 58 individuals with Christmas this year and have many plans in the works to continue spreading the true holiday spirit in months to come thanks to the huge success of our event!

We are so excited to continue working with our PAT families in 2025!

Follow Pleasant Hill R3 Parents as Teachers on Facebook for more updates and event information!

Want to get involved with Parents as Teachers? Contact Courtney Borgman at cborgman@phr3.org or Ashton Stark at astark@phr3.org /816-987- 9200 for the 24-25 school year!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

DECEMBER 2024

Dr. Suzanne Brennaman shared with the Board the 2024 MSIP Annual Performance Report.

Dr. Brennaman presented the Board three options for the proposed 2025-26 School Calendar. The #1 option would consist of staff returning on August 12 the first day of school being August 19th and the last day of school being May 19. The #2 option would consist of staff returning on August 11th, first day of school being August 18th, a full week of Fall Break from November 24-28, and the last day of school being May 19. The #3 option would consist of the staff returning on August 12, the first day of school being August 19th, a full week of Fall Break from November 24-28, and the last day of school being May 20th. The 2025-26 Calendar will consist of Monday late start days.

The Board approved the Calendar C option #3 Calendar for the 2025-26 School year.

Dr. Burke presented to the Board an update on the 2024-25 Projected Year End Reserves. Dr. Burke reviewed some of the expenses that occurred in the District this year that impacted our reserves.

Dr. Burke presented to the Board a breakdown of expenses for projected Bond projects. Dr. Burke shared 4 options that were compiled during the District's Bond Committee meetings.

The January Board Meeting has been moved to Monday, January 20, 2025.
The Board will hold a work session on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Board Comments-

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Holiday Reception at the Central Office. We had a great turnout and enjoyed sharing some Holiday Cheer with everyone.

Pleasant Hill Bands took eight 7th and 8th grade students to Sedalia for the West-Central-MMEA Junior High Honor Band in December. Other selected students from area schools came together for one day to put all the music together before performing a concert that afternoon.



The Primary School staff dove into vision work in December. Staff worked in groups on collective commitments and created visual representations of our CSIP goals. They will continue this work in teams by creating smart goals that align to building goals



Nothing like some sunshine to celebrate Perfect Attendance at the IS!

