

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

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Welcome Back, Roosters and Chicks!

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the halfway point of the school year. December arrived with some good old-fashioned Missouri winter weather, but it eventually turned out to be fairly decent—much like the month itself, full of both challenges and bright moments. As we reflect on the progress made so far, we are excited to have officially begun one of our major bond projects: the Middle School addition. Watching these long-held plans turn into reality is truly exciting, and we can't wait for our other projects to begin taking shape as well.

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday break and had time to recharge with family and friends. As we look ahead, we are energized and ready for all the great things still to come in 2026. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward together into the second half of the school year.

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!



It might have been a chilly morning, but we are thrilled to have had our Groundbreaking Ceremony in December for our new addition to the Middle School!

PRIMARY PRIDE



Daycare kids were hard at work the first 2 days of December completing their AMI packets!



The Primary School hosted our annual Merry Muffins and Mittens in December. We had a great turnout! Families were able to grab a muffin, tour the halls, and browse the book fair. Thank you all who joined us and donated mittens, gloves, and hats for those in need. We greatly appreciate your support!



Kindergartners welcomed their Grandparents for some fun activities.



Look who visited the Primary School! SANTA!!!



Another great performance! 2nd graders entertained family and friends! Well done, Mrs. Clodfelter!



2nd grade teachers welcomed students back for their 67th day of school!



Congratulations to Miss Bruggeman's class!! They won the November food drive competition at the Primary School! Every student in the class got to pie one of our PHPS staff members in the face! It was truly a moment to remember, all for a very good cause!



Mrs. Farr's 2nd graders did a fabulous job of leading our monthly recognition assembly!



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 13th - Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 16th - NO SCHOOL
- March 12th - 1st Grade Music Performance
- March 13th - Spring Pictures/End of 3rd Quarter
- March 30th - April 3rd - Spring Break

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Congratulations to Mrs. Kay's class!! They won the Nourish November food drive competition at the ES with the original reward of putting a pie in Mrs. Burbee's & Mrs. McElwee's face! Then...When you have the most amazing staff that says, "I'll join the pie lineup!"

Within minutes we had 23 adults participating in the cause, even Dr. Boden and the grand finale, our superintendent, Dr. Burke! Every student in the class got to pie someone, it will truly be a moment to remember, all for a very good cause!



Students are focused in small groups working hard!!



Congrats to our December Optimist Winners! Keep up the hard work!



December Family Art Night at PHES was a huge success! Families worked together to make ornaments to help decorate their homes for the holidays!



ES Office helped spread some holiday cheer by serving up a pancake breakfast for the staff!



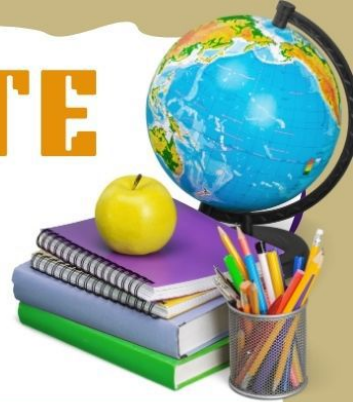
There was lots of joy at the ES in December! Teachers had a great time with "Santa Hat In Your Pocket".



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 5th - Super Citizen Awards 8:20am
- Feb. 12th - Student Leadership Meeting
- Feb. 13th - Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 16th - NO SCHOOL/President's Day
- Feb. 26th - Student Leadership Meeting
- March 5th - Super Citizen Awards 8:20am

INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



PHIS 5th Graders celebrated hard work at DARE graduation! Big thanks to Corporal Wade and all other law enforcement officers who came to celebrate with us.



Fabulous Winter Music Concert performance by IS students!



The ROOST class at PHIS sponsored their second quarter staff meal. Staff were treated to homemade chicken noodle or tomato soup with a grilled cheese sandwich and a cookie. Delicious is an understatement!!



Delightful Winter Band concert from our 6th graders!



PHIS students enjoyed the 2nd Quarter No Majors PBIS celebration. Those students with no major discipline were invited to go ice-skating in Independence.



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 6th - End of Yearbook Sales
- Feb. 12th & 13th - 6th Grade Field Trip to BSSE
- Feb. 16th - NO SCHOOL
- March 10th - Band Concert @ PHHS PAC
- April 8th - Spring Pictures

MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



Congratulations to Ms. Tomlin's ELA students who participated in the Stranger Sagas Young Writers creative writing contest. Students had to create a strange or spooky saga in 100 words or less. These students have a chance to win both whole school and individual cash prizes. Winners are anticipated to be announced in February. Good luck young writers!

What a delight to hear from our MS Band students this holiday season!



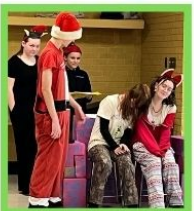
Congratulations to Ms. Tonya Pearce for earning a December MSVP. Flexibility: she has adapted over and over this year to shifting schedules and responsibilities. She just steps up and does what she's asked to do, but she goes above and beyond what she's asked.



Such a treat to hear the sounds of the MS Choir!



Mrs. Bechtol's Theater class took over the cafeteria at PHMS. These students 1)proposed, 2)wrote, 3)designed the set for, and 4)performed a short play about trying to trap Santa.



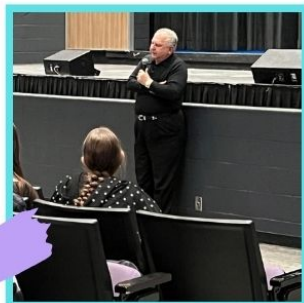
Congratulations to this quarter's PHMS Rooster Reward winners! They won a room remodeling kit.



The final day assembly at PHMS was full of holiday cheer!

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 28th - Movin' On Up (8th Grade) PHHS 5:00-7:00 PM
- Feb. 16th - NO SCHOOL/President's Day
- March 30th - April 3rd - NO SCHOOL/Spring Break



Sophomore students have been studying the memoir, "Night". As part of this learning experience, they had the opportunity to hear Sam Devinki speak about his mother's experiences during the Holocaust. We are grateful for the time he took to share her powerful story with our students.



PHHS students visited Cass Career Center to learn about the programs they offer to our students. Pleasant Hill sends students to a variety of programs each year to learn different trades, helping them meet their post secondary goals.



PHHS was delighted to welcome grandparents to share in some holiday cheer in December. What a wonderful sight to see the commons area FILLED with loved ones!



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 27th- FCCLA Field Trip
- Jan. 28th- Movin on Up/FCCLA to UCM/Scholar Bowl 5:00PM @ Oak Grove
- Jan. 29th- Individual Planning Night
- Jan. 30th- FBIA to SFCC
- Jan. 31st- Speech and Debate @ Knob Noster
- Feb. 2nd-6th- Winterwarming Spirit Days
- Feb. 6th- Winterwarming Dance
- Feb. 11th- Advisory Night 5:00-8:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FFA



Thanks to everyone who supported out FFA Fundraiser this year. We appreciate your continued investments in our program!



Kickin' Chicken-
3rd overall team
2nd place grilled cheese
3rd place chicken lollipops
2nd place ribs
2nd place pulled pork



Chicks BBQ
2nd place ribeye

1st place upside down cake

BBQ is fun and carefree when it's sunny and 75 but we're very proud of how hard these kids worked and never quit when temperatures started at freezing and got colder and more intense throughout the cook! These kids balanced their cooks, helping first time BBQ kids and hosting our annual National High School BBQ Association contest and we had a great day! 9 teams joined us for cold hands, frozen duck fat, frozen sanitation spray, and even frozen energy drinks in the winter wonderland!

PRIDE OF THE HILL CONCERT BAND



Pleasant Hill MS & HS tuba and baritone students got to attend the Kansas City Symphony's Annual Tuba Christmas again this year. This event takes place at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts and had 440 total performers from around the area!

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA



FTA ran their 2nd annual charity dodgeball tournament to raise toy donations for local children during the holiday season. Fun was had by all! Congrats to team Fritz's Babies for taking home the championship!

Roosters & Chicks Athletics



ROOSTER BASKETBALL

Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix



Golden Girls



Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix



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Roosters & Chicks WRESTLING



CHICKS Basketball



PH Chicks brought home 2nd place in the Summit Christian Tournament! Congrats ladies!

PROJECT GRAD

2026 MOUSE RACES



PH MEMORIAL
BUILDING

FEBRUARY 28 @
630PM

MUST BE 21
TO ENTER



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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- Hannah Bruggeman
(2nd Grade Teacher)



IS- Avery Henry (Special
Education Teacher) &
Becca Osweiler (Nurse)



MS- Angie Davis (Science
Teacher)



PS- Amy Knapp (



ES- Daniel Tedder (4th
Grade Teacher)

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



HS- Patrick Dent (Social
Studies Teacher)



MS- Madilyn Markel (Full
Time Building Substitute)



HS- Becky Feurt
(Counseling
Secretary/Registrar)



ES- Julie Taylor
(Nurse)



District- Colby Muller
(Desktop Technician)

PTO, Boosters, & Parents

As Teachers

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!

- Substitutes
- HS Math Teachers
- Self Contained Special Education
- MS Assistant Football Coach
- HS Track & Field Assistant Coach
- HS Girls Assistant Soccer Coach
- HS Assistant Softball Coach

Booster Club

Booster Club memberships are available for the 25-26 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!



PTO MEETINGS

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Come learn how
you can get
involved and help
support our
students and staff
Pre-K-8th

PTO BOARD:

PRESIDENT: KRISTI OLSON

VP: SHANNON GRAY

TREASURER: CLAIRE CANANN

Parents as Teachers

In December, Parents as Teachers hosted the annual Jingle Mingle event. The event was a huge success for the community! We raised almost \$8,000 for those most in need in Pleasant Hill. We are so grateful for our sponsors, vendors and community members that donated and helped make the event such a huge success! We are already looking forward to next year!

For more information or enrollment check out their page at

phr3.org!





We're excited to (re)introduce Bright Futures for the Pleasant Hill School District— and to share that we've recently reorganized our efforts to better serve our students and community!

As part of our recent reorganization, we've streamlined our communication, updated our processes, and relaunched this Bright Futures Facebook page to make it easier than ever for YOU to get involved

This space is dedicated to supporting students, families, and community members as we work together to remove barriers and meet basic needs.

What is Bright Futures?

Bright Futures is a community-based initiative that brings together schools, businesses, faith organizations, and volunteers to ensure every student has the tools and support they need to succeed — in and out of the classroom.

Whether it's a pair of shoes, a warm coat, school supplies, or a quick response to an urgent need, this page will serve as a hub for sharing real-time opportunities to help our students thrive.

How You Can Help?

Follow the Bright Futures Pleasant Hill Facebook page to stay informed about current needs in our district and learn how you can make a difference — sometimes with just a simple item or a few minutes of your time.

Together, we're building brighter futures — one act of kindness at a time.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

DECEMBER 2025

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes and financial statements

Program Evaluations- Operation of Plant, Hazard Mitigation Plan

Approval of Contracts-MOU PLTW, KS School for the Blind Service Plan, Elevate K-12

Approval of Football Uniforms

Dr. Rudolph presented to the Board High school Senior Kaitlyn Grace for her accomplishments in the High School Trunk or Treat Fundraiser in October. Kaitlyn organized Trunk or Treat at the High School and received canned goods for the community.

Sam Horrell presented to the Board the Varsity Cheerleading squad. Mr. Horrell praised the team for the perseverance this season and their 2nd in State award they received at the University of Missouri State competition.

Sam Horrell presented to the Board Senior Jordan Ferrell for his 2nd team All State award in Boys Soccer. Jordan finished the season with 27 goals and 9 assists.

Mrs. Lori Burbee presented the board an update of the Elementary School 's Portrait of a Learner work that is taking place at the ES building. Mrs. Burbee was joined by Beck Carvalho, Tyson Turney, Matthew Gulley and Ashton Scott. The students gave an overview of the traits and skills they are developing every day.

Dr. Michael Weishaar presented to the board representatives from IMA Medical Insurance group.

Dr. Michael Weishaar presented Jason Hoffman from MOCAAT/PTMA Financial Solutions. Mr. Hoffman gave an overview of the company and the services they provide for our district

Dr. Michael Weishaar presented to the Board the Final 2024-25 Financial Audit for approval.

Newkirk and Novak presented to the Board Bond updates



Senior Kaitlyn Grace being recognized for her Trunk or Treat Fundraiser



Senior Jordan Ferrell being recognized for his accomplishments in Boys Soccer

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

DECEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

Dr. Brennaman presented to the Board the district's request to extend the approved CSIP through the 2026 school year.

The Board approved the Board Policy IGBB-AP1 which will move grade level from 2nd grade to 3rd grade to begin services for gifted students.

The January Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

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.

Welcome to the District-

Please help us welcome the following to our Rooster Family-

-Jennifer Benson- HS Math Teacher

-Claudia Wilson-IS Part Time Health Room Aide

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm



Varsity Cheer Squad being applauded for their accomplishments at State Competition.



PHES Students and Mrs. Lori Burbee sharing about the traits and skills developed with Portrait of a Learner