

# ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL  
R3 DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER

\*FEBRUARY 2025\*

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Welcome to the February edition of the Pleasant Hill R-III district newsletter!

As we reflect on the month, we're excited to share the many happenings within our school community. Our students showed their school spirit during Chiefs Super Bowl Spirit Week, while also celebrating Valentine's Day with festive parties and activities. Winter activities are wrapping up, and we've seen incredible dedication and teamwork from our students and athletes.

Of course, we can't forget the winter weather that has kept us on our toes this month!

As we look ahead, we're excited for warmer temperatures and the spring activities that are just around the corner!

We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our community — it's truly what makes our district strong and provides a positive experience for everyone.

Additionally, we are beginning to share important information about the upcoming bond issue for our school. We encourage you to visit the district website for resources and updates as we move forward towards a vote on the April 8th ballot. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

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!



In February, we celebrated School Resource Officer Day. We are so thankful for Officer West and Deputy Wade for keeping our buildings safe each and every day!



Another big THANK YOU to Chris Homann and the Knights of Columbus. Chris dropped by to make his annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser donation to the PHR3 Special Services department. Thank you Chris and the Knights of Columbus for their continuous support of the PHR3 Special Services Department!





# PRIMARY PRIDE



Mr. Passmore's classes have been having a ball with drum fit! Mr. P has officially burned the most calories of any staff member for February!



We had a great turnout at the Primary School for Donuts with Grownups! Thank you families for joining us



We recognized these January and February Optimist Super Citizens today at the Primary School.



The Primary School enjoyed dressing up for Super Bowl Spirit Week!



## Upcoming Events

- March 13th & 14th- 2nd Grade Grandparents Day
- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break
- March 25th- Family Activity Night 5-7 PM
- April 1st- Occupational Therapist Day
- April 2nd- PTO Meeting 6:30PM @ ES
- April 3rd- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- April 10th & 11th- Kindergarten Field Trip



# ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Ms. Stumpff's third graders celebrated their 500 Rooster Buck Goal with a sour candy salad.



Glow Math Fun in Mrs. Cook's Class! To celebrate the end of the math unit, students put their skills to the test with an exciting round of Glow Math! They solved problems to earn a turn pulling a block from the tower—strategy, teamwork, and math all in one.



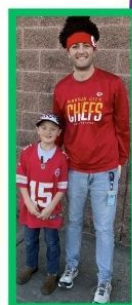
PHES Art club learned all about weaving in February.



Kindness Club is making an impact at PHES with their first "Act of Service," taking out the trash for our hard-working custodians!



Mrs. Kay's third grade class celebrated the conclusion of our fiction unit with an escape room based on the unit's novel, A Boy Called Bat.



PHES celebrating Chiefs Spirit Week for the Super Bowl!



Golden Ticket Winners enjoyed games, gummy bears, and gum



Golden Ticket Winners enjoyed face painting and paper footballs



Congratulations to our February Optimist Club winners!



Valentine's Day was full of fun and celebration at PHES!!

## Upcoming Events

- March 12th -Dollars and Donuts with GrownUps
- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter/Sundaes with the Optimist Club
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break
- March 26th & 27th- 3rd Grade Field Trip
- April 3rd- All School Assembly
- April 13th-25th- MAP Testing
- April 18th- No School
- April 22nd- ES McTeacher Night



# INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



Congrats to our February Optimist Award winners!



6th graders in Mrs. Glazner's classroom built chemical compounds! They've been learning about the periodic table and how to balance equations.



6th graders in Mrs. Smith's class at PHIS have been investigating chemical changes the old fashioned way! We all know what happens when you mix a lil baking soda with vinegar!



5th grade Math Club is hopping this February at PHIS



PHIS staff and students showing off their best Chiefs spirit wear!



Our 5th and 6th Grade Social Studies classes got to see and experience items that would have been part of daily life during the American Revolution. The PHIS library was awarded a week with a Revolutionary War History Trunk sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust.

The 6th Graders enjoyed an amazing field trip to Blue Springs School of Economics. Both groups were profitable with all their stores, which is very rare according to the folks at BSSE. Fun was had by all!



## Upcoming Events

- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break
- April 9th- Spring Pictures
- April 11th- Dental Screenings
- April 15th- Choir Concert at PHHS
- April 18th- No School
- April 30th- Showcase Night (5:30-7:30 PM)





# MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



Thanks to Mrs. Lally and StuCo for hosting the PHMS winter dance!



Thank you to our HS elective teachers who previewed course selections to our eighth graders in February.



Thanks to local law enforcement at the city and county levels who worked together to present to PHMS students.



Mr. Ditty's Project Biology class worked through a breakout box activity.



Ms. Graham's FACS students learned the process of budgeting and paying bills at PHMS today. They had to give their earnings to the landlord, utility companies, grocery store, etc.



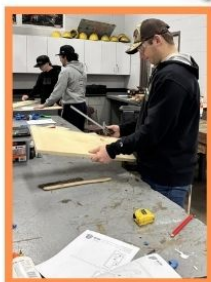
Thank you Pleasant Hill Optimist Club for the ice cream and toppings and Pleasant Hill PD for helping serve it. There were some happy middle schoolers at lunch!

## Upcoming Events

- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break
- April 18th- No School



# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Students in the Conservation & Wildlife Management class are building duck boxes that will be donated to Pleasant Hill Parks & Rec for installation at City Lake.



Students in Ms. Cobb's class are creating histograms, box plots, and scatter plots to show the class data from their winter algebra skills test. They will eventually compare these posters to the posters from the fall to see their growth.



Students in Mrs. Reeves Aerobics classes participated in February Fitness. Students were in accountability groups and designed their personal fitness plan for the month. They set goals and aligned their workouts to meet those goals. Students enjoyed being active by choosing their own level of physical activity and collaborating with others.



Principles of Biomedical Science students conduct mock patient interviews to learn how to take medical histories while practicing active listening and communication skills such as building rapport and showing empathy.



Mrs. Campbell's marketing class partnered with the instructional coaches to explore a client connection project experience with business owner Lisa Vescovi. Students have several different project options and are working with Lisa through the creation process. What an exciting opportunity for everyone!



HS students were treated to ice cream provided by the Optimist Club. We appreciate everything you do for our students!



During their cardiovascular health unit, HBS students learned how to calculate cardiac output, take blood pressure and practices using Doppler heart monitors to test for peripheral artery disease.



## Upcoming Events

- March 12th- Advisory Night 5-8 PM
- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter/Music Bingo 6:30-8:30 PM @ Methodist Church
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break
- April 8th- Jostens Sophomore Class Ring Meeting
- April 12th- PHHS Prom 8:00-11:00 PM at Unity Village
- April 16th- Jostens Sophomore Class Ring Order Night (3:00-7:00 PM)
- April 17th- Jostens Sophomore Class Ring Order (11:00-12:20 PM)



# HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA



Dr. Canaan served as a guest speaker at the monthly Future Teachers of America meeting at PHHS.



Pleasant Hill High School FTA members attended the Future Teacher Academy at UCM.

## Vet Science



The Vet Science team had a fantastic showing at the Missouri Vet Science CDE at Crowder College placing 14th out of 32 teams. Adaline [DOB] had an individual placing of 28th out of 124 competitors.



FTA members honored Ms. Lomeli as the Teacher of the Month, voted on by the student body. Thank you for all you do for PHHS, Ms. Lomeli!

## ART CONTEST



Congratulations to these students for having artwork accepted into the UCM Art Contest! Their art will be on display from March 10-28 in the halls of the UCM Art Department.



## DECA



Congratulations to the DECA members who placed in their categories at District competition and will be competing in the State Competition on March 23-25.

- Garrison Hartsell took 1st place
- Brooke Beck also won 1st place
- Adam Rice brought home 2nd place
- Sid Koehler won 2nd place
- Caden Johnson won 3rd place
- Mac Sartain took 3rd place
- The team of Brook Beck and Sid Koehler won 1st place
- The team of Andrew Shimel and Adam Rice took 3rd place



# HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## PLESANT HILL CONCERT BAND



Nine PHHS students represented Pleasant Hill in the MRVC All-Conference Band. Students rehearsed during the day and presented an evening concert at Harrisonville High School. The students that were selected were:

Zoey Coale, Aaron Creach, Maya Finn, Clayton Gentry, Ella Kurtz, Grayson Meeks, Abby Moore, Evelyn Shaffer, and Allie Wehner.



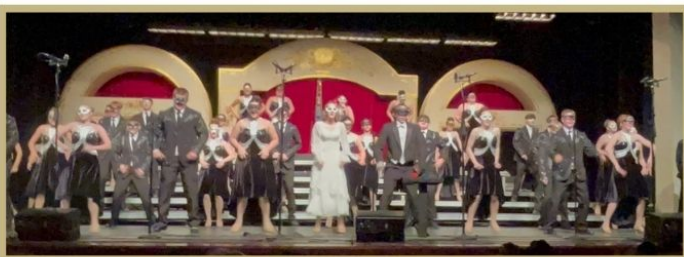
PHHS Senior Ella Kurtz performed with the Missouri All State Band on Saturday, February 1st at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. This was Ella's third straight year performing with the ensemble, a first for a Pleasant Hill student. PHHS is proud of Ella's accomplishment as a three year member of the All State Band. She is an outstanding representation of our band, our school, and our community.

## FFA



Getting to play with some of our new toys! Thank you to Missouri FFA Foundation ! PHHS FFA received \$5000 worth of food science equipment for our lab to teach student more skills and make our lives easier as well! The chamber vacuum sealers and industrial mixer are well broken in now!

## PHHS Chiors



Congratulations to Olivia Wingard for being named Area 7 winner of specialty crop production! Olivia will represent us on stage at State FFA Convention!



Congratulations to Tyne Wilson! Tyne signed her letter of intent to the Redlands Community College to judge livestock! All her hard work has paid off through her SAE projects and she'll get the opportunity to continue that passion and further her education!



PHHS Show Choirs at Columbia Rock Bridge competition in February





# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



## ROOSTER BASKETBALL



Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix



Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix



Thanks to our Senior Rooster Basketball players. Best of Luck in the future!



## CHICKS Basketball



Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix



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Thank you Seniors! You will be missed!

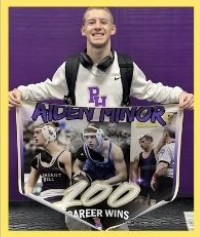




# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



## Roosters & Chicks WRESTLING



Congratulations to Skylar on her 2nd place finish in districts!



## Golden Girls



JV boys Wrestling had a great turn out at LSN!



3x District Champ! Congrats Alana!

## PHHS CHEER



PHHS Seniors Brooke Beck and Alana Thelin attended WIN for KC Women's Sports Awards at the T-Mobile Center. The Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC) recognized area female high school state champions. Presented by Burns & McDonnell, this event is commemorating National Girls and Women in Sports Day, celebrating women and girls throughout the Kansas City area who are making a difference through sports and fitness.

## Signing Day



Congrats to those who signed letters of intent to continue their student-athletic and academic careers!

Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix



## WINTERWARMING 2025



Winterwarming Court looked pretty spectacular this year!







**Student Athletes of the month**

**Victor Schmalz, Cannon Cooper & Chaney Gray**

Thank you for your Leadership and Hard Work



**Congratulations!**



**Co-Curricular Student of the month**

**Ella Kurtz**

Thank you for your Leadership and Hard Work




**R.I.S.E Athlete of the month**

**Qifa Huang**

Respect - Integrity - Service Over Self - Excellence







# 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- Cherah Higgs (Speech Language Pathologist)



MS- Jason Beatty  
(Social Studies Teacher)



HS- Toni Rinella  
(Paraprofessional)



MS- Adrian Howell  
(Custodian)



District- Michelle Carey (Gifted Education Teacher)

**FLOCK TOGETHER**  
**F**OCUS ON STUDENTS  
**L**ISTEN, TRUST, LEAD  
**O**NGOING IMPROVEMENT  
**C**OMMUNICATE<sup>3</sup>  
**K**IND AND CARING



ES- Mayze Bears  
(Paraprofessional)



ES- Haley Lefholz  
(Librarian)



HS- Taylor Holthaus  
(Art Teacher)



IS- Becky Russell (6th Grade Math Teacher)  
& Julia Longmeyer  
(Building Substitute)



PS- Cassey Winfield-Davis  
(Registered Behavior Technician)



# 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](http://phr3.org) for up-to-date and complete listings, and apply today!

- Math Teachers
- ELA Teachers
- High School Assistant Principal
- High School Golf Coach/Head Boys Golf Coach
- Head Girls Golf Coach/Special Education Teacher
- Self-Contained Special Education Teacher
- Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher

More listings at [phr3.org](http://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](mailto: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



The month of February was a busy one for Parents as Teachers! In addition to home visits, we hosted Kindergarten Roundup and got the Rooster class of 2038 enrolled in Kindergarten! We cannot wait to welcome all of these new children to the Pleasant Hill Rooster family! Don't forget to come see your Parents as Teachers friends on March 25th at 5 pm at the Primary School for family night! We hope to see you there!

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](mailto:cborgman@phr3.org) or Ashton Stark at [astark@phr3.org](mailto:astark@phr3.org) / 816-987- 9200 for the 25-26 school year!





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Board of Education Update

### FEBRUARY 2025

#### Board of Education Summary

February 18, 2025

#### Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes and financial statements

Budget Quarterly Report/Budget Amendment

Additional Rates of Pay

Program Evaluations-Differentiated Instruction & School Counseling

Student Transfer Agreements with local K-8 Districts

2025-26 Non-Resident tuition Rates

Secondary Internet Service Provider- KC Web

MOREnet Contract

LYFE Course-EULA Agreement

Dr. Michael Weishaar presented to the Board the

Responsibilities of the Director of Finance.

The Board amended the Additional Rates of Pay memo.

Dr. Suzanne Brennaman presented to the Board NGPF:

Financial Algebra- a textbook resource for the new Financial

Resource class. The Board approved the adoption of NGPF.

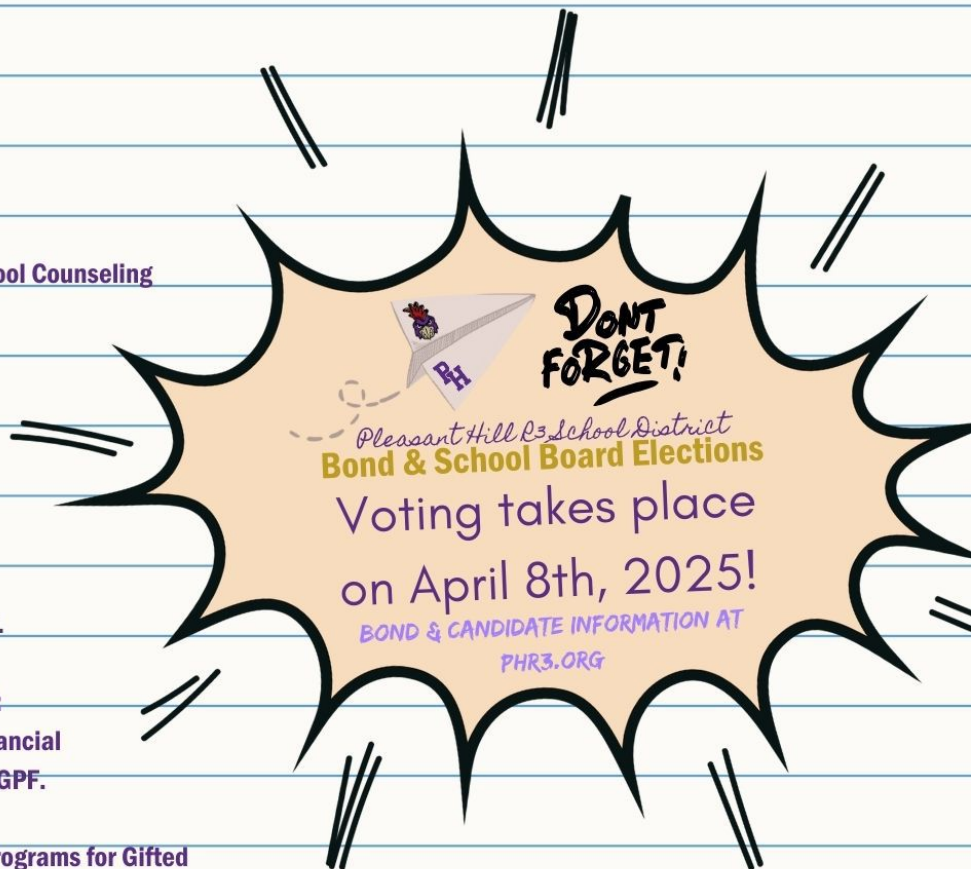
The Board approved the update for Policy IGBB-AP1-Programs for Gifted Students

#### Board Comments-

Lisa Vescovi provided a legislative update to the Board.

Next Board meeting- March 13, 2025 at 6:15pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm







# Preschool Screening

Sign up today!

03/31/2025

04/07/2025

Please note this program is subject to availability and qualifications are based on federal guidelines.





# **PLEASANT HILL ADVISORY NIGHT IMMUNIZATIONS**

**PRE-REGISTER NOW!**



**SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC  
MARCH 12TH, 2025 5-8PM  
PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL  
1 ROOSTER WAY  
PLEASANT HILL, MO 640080**

**IMMUNIZATIONS BY THE CASS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**



NOTEABLES AND PHHS CHOIRS  
INVITE YOU TO....



# MUSIC BINGO

BRING FRIENDS AND THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A  
NIGHT OF MUSICAL FUN!!!

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH

6:30-8:30 PM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RAFFLE | PRIZES | FUN  
CONCESSIONS

\$10 A PLAYER - EXTRA BINGO  
CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



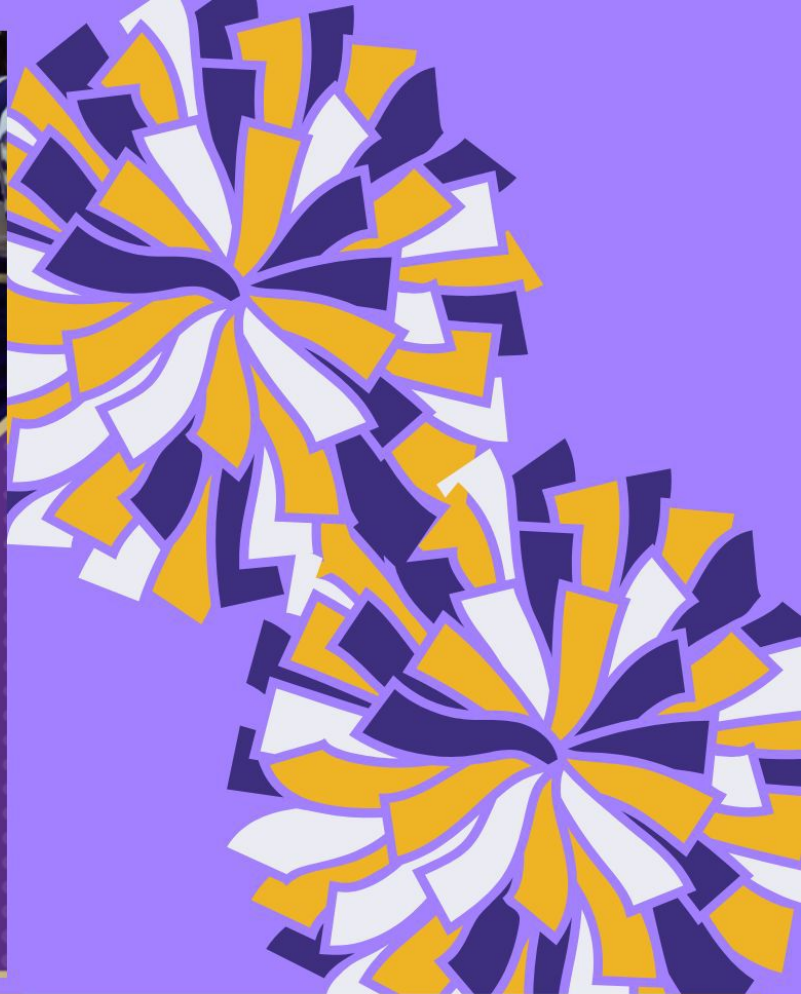


## 2025-26 CHEER TRYOUTS:

4/22 Tryout Clinic 4:30-6:30  
Parent & athlete meeting right after!  
\*both are mandatory to tryout

4/24 Judges Tryout 4:30

Open to current 8-11th graders  
@ PHHS AUX GYM



# PH



## OPEN GYMS

Mon, March 24 4:30-5:30  
Thurs, April 3 5:30-6:30  
Wed, April 16 4:30-5:30

### Come prep for tryouts!

Must have a Physical on PRIVIT  
NO jewelry of any kind  
NO acrylic nails

Come get prepped for upcoming tryouts! Open to any current 7-11 graders. Work on personal skills or coordinate with others. Mats available. Coaches will be present.

Questions? Contact Coach Boley [mboleym@phr3.org](mailto:mboleym@phr3.org)



PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL AUX GYM