

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

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Welcome to the March edition of the Pleasant Hill
R-III District Newsletter!

As we transition into the final stretch of the school year, we are excited to reflect on the thrilling conclusion of our 2024-2025 winter sports season. Our athletes gave their all, and many had the honor of competing at the state level, showcasing their talent, hard work, and determination. We couldn't be more proud of how they represented our school district and community, not only through their athletic achievements but also through their outstanding sportsmanship.

We hope everyone had the opportunity to relax and recharge over spring break, and that our students have returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm to tackle the busy weeks ahead.

As we move into the final months of the school year, we want to remind parents that this is a particularly busy time, especially with state testing on the horizon. We encourage all of our families to help us "stay the course" as we continue our efforts to finish the year strong.

While there's still plenty of learning and growing to be done, it's also a time to celebrate the incredible accomplishments our students have achieved, both in and outside the classroom.

Let's continue to work together to make the most of these final months 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!



PHIS is thrilled to announce sixth grader, Will Henley, won the Cass County Spelling Bee!! We are excited to watch him as he continues. Will is now on his way to DC! Congratulations, Will!

PRIMARY PRIDE



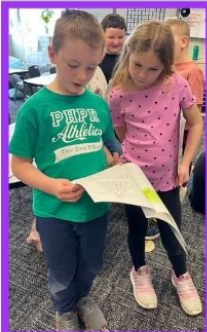
We recognized these March Optimist Super Citizens at the Primary School! Way to go!



No, your not seeing double...it's just Twin Day at the Primary



PS Staff showed off their green for St. Patrick's Day!



1st graders in Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Gross's classrooms completed informational writing.



We had a huge crowd at the Primary School for our "Wild About Animals" Family Night! Thank you to all our families and staff who made the night a big success!

Upcoming Events

- April 15th- Grandparents' Day (1B) 2:15-3:15 PM
- April 16th- Grandparents' Day (1A) 2:15-3:15 PM
- April 18th- NO SCHOOL
- April 23rd- 1st Grade Field Trip to Deanna Rose Farm
- April 24th- Kindergarten Program 7 PM
- April 25th- Powell Gardens Field Trip (2A)
- April 29th- Author Visit
- April 30th- PTO Meeting 6:30 PM @ ES
- May 2nd- Powell Gardens Field Trip (2B)/ PreK Field Trip to KC Zoo

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Third graders enjoyed a fun filled day at Shawnee Town! Students stepped back in time to the 1920s and explored what life was like in Shawnee, Kansas.



Ms. Grainger's class made Trail Mix by following a recipe. They used their knowledge of fractions to make it!



Dollars and Donuts with Grownups at PHES!! Thank you for your contributions to our Joyce Anderson Fund to be able to give back to our students!



Thank you to the Optimist Club for celebrating our 3rd and 4th graders with ice cream sundaes!



PHES celebrated our March Optimist Winners at the all school assembly!

PHES teachers and staff opened their classrooms and read to students for "Reading Opens Doors".



The 3rd Grade musical performance showcased the impressive talents of Pleasant Hill's students!



Upcoming Events

- April 13th-25th- MAP Testing
- April 16th- Family Art Night 5:30-7:30
- April 18th- NO SCHOOL!
- April 22nd- ES McTeacher Night
- April 30th- PTO Meeting 6:30 @ ES
- May 1st- 4th Grade Field Trip to KC Zoo
- May 7th- Family Art Night
- May 9th- Optimist Assembly/ PTO Fun Run
- May 10th- Girls on the Run 5K
- May 14th- Community Day
- May 15th- 3rd Grade Picnic
- May 16th- 4th Grade Picnic

INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



PHIS was well - represented at the Spring Band Concert in March!



Congrats to our March Optimist Winners! We are so proud of you!



Mrs. Branstetter and Mrs. Moore had a fantastic time celebrating Pi Day with their 5th-grade mathematicians! Students enjoyed delicious pie while participating in fun and engaging Pi-themed activities. A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who donated and helped make this day extra special. Math is always sweeter with a little pie!



PHIS celebrated 3rd Quarter No Majors at Rink Ratz. Let the good times roll!



Upcoming Events

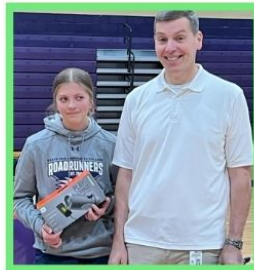
- April 15th- Choir Concert at PHHS
- April 18th- No School
- April 28th-May 2nd: Book Fair
- April 30th- Showcase Night (5:30-7:30 PM)/ Book Fair Night 5-6:30 PM
- May 1st- 6th Grade Band Concert @ PHHS
- May 9th- PTO Fun Run
- May 20th- Field Day



MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



PHMS band performed at the HS under the direction of Mr. Twenter and Ms. Lanier



It was PBIS second-chance drawing at the middle school. Three lucky students won JBL blue tooth speakers! Keep up the good behavior, Students!



Mrs. Davis's Shine class earned slushies for 90% of the class improving on their spring NWEA test. Way to go, 7th graders!



PHMS presented Guys and Dolls in March at the high school. What a great production!



PHMS began the Roo-Store this month! Mrs. Spruill's students were taking, filling, and delivering orders for snacks and drinks. It was an industrious start!

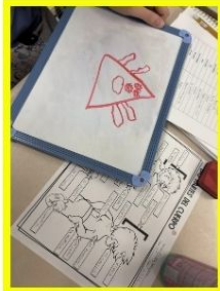


PHMS reward lunch went well in March! Thank you to our local restaurants for hosting our students! Grades, behavior, and attendance were the qualifying factors.



Upcoming Events

- April 8th-May 6th-MAP Testing
- April 18th- NO SCHOOL!
- April 23rd- MS Track Meet 4:00 PM @ Eklund Field
- April 25th- MS Spring Dance 6:00 to 8:00 PM



Students in Ms. Lomeli's class teamed up in pairs to create monsters while practicing their Spanish by describing body parts and quantities!

Welding 1 and 2 have turned to full production mode making 15 cattle panels for a community member, a smoker, hay bale rings, and a new table for the BBQ team.

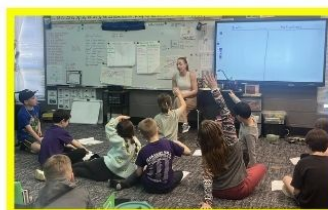


Students in the dual credit government classes recently visited the White House Decision Center. This was the first time students did the simulation in the Whistle Stop Room. This year's group is researching solutions to the Soviet blockade of Berlin in 1948.

Students in the biomedical science classes have been busy. First year PBS students practice their phlebotomy skills in our clinical care routine blood testing unit. While HBS students study cardiovascular health learning how to take and interpret electrocardiograms.



PHHS hosted the annual advisory night event on March 12th. Students, parents and staff conference about 2025-2026 course selection, progress toward graduation, and career and educational goals beyond high school.



PHHS Cadet Teachers, Addie Tippie and Ella Shaffer, spent time teaching lessons to their 3rd grade classes.

Biology I performed a close read in groups to practice interpreting factual text as they read about the invasive brown tree snake and the endemic birds of Guam who cannot escape

Anatomy was lucky enough to have a guest instructor this month. Ms. Wingard and one of her students discussed the development differences of two week old lambs, one born prematurely, in terms of size, nutritional needs, and health benefits concerns.



Biology II students learned about the anatomy of invertebrates while dissecting crayfish.

Upcoming Events

- April 16th- Jostens Sophomore Class Ring Order Night (3:30-7:00 PM)
- April 17th- Jostens Sophomore Class Ring Order (11:00-12:20 PM)
- April 22nd-May 1st- EOC Testing
- May 2nd- Biology II Field Trip
- May 7th- Last Day for Seniors/ Baccalaureate @ 6:00 PM/ Senior Awards @ 7:00
- May 8th- Graduation- Connection Point Church @ 7:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

HOSA



These amazing girls that took time out of their Sunday afternoon in March to attend a self defense class at PHHS. This is one of HOSA's annual activities to recognize teen dating violence awareness month.

Remember there is no better way to defend yourself than to be aware of your surroundings, plan ahead, and avoid putting yourself in risky situation.

FFA



Contest season is upon us and we're armed with the best! Huge thank you to Alewel's Country Meats for getting our kids setup with enough jerky for the whole Ag Sales season! They're huge supporters through our BBQ adventures, hams and bacons for state fair, and really anything we've ever asked for! Also an awesome buy local part of our fall fundraiser!



Congratulations to Gabi! She'll be representing our chapter among the 100 Missouri FFA Association members selected for the HYMAX Academy!



What a special treat over spring break! We were lucky to welcome Take It Easy BBQ to teach us how to use all our Heath Riles BBQ products! He traveled in and spent all day with us giving us all the winning ways for a rib and ribeye box! The kids learned so much and got answers to every question they had! Thank you again and we can't wait to take what we learned to the next competition!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Anna, Tyne Wilson, Heyden Denner, Reed Nolan, and Cooper Aldrige! They'll be receiving their State FFA Degree this year at convention!

Pleasant Hill FFA has been named a gold emblem chapter! Making them one of the top programs in the state. This recognition is based on the activities they host throughout the year. Official rankings will be published at the upcoming state convention.

Congratulations to Olivia! She will represent our chapter among 30 FFA members across the state who were selected to the HYPE Academy!



HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FFA



Congratulations to the 7th place FFA Knowledge team moving on to Districts!



Congratulations to Davin placing 2nd in Extemporaneous Speaking, Olivia placing 2nd in Advanced Public Speaking and Gabi Marlow placing second in Division 1 Public Speaking. All are moving on to districts!



Making a great showing at Area LDEs in March! Delaney in Career Skills as well as Brett & Caleb in Creed Speaking.



DECA



Pleasant Hill High School DECA

**SIDNEY KOEHLER PLACES FIFTH
AT STATE DECA QUALIFYING FOR
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

Brooke Beck places Top 10 in the State

(From upper left to lower right) Adam Rice, Andrew Shimel- Entrepreneurship Team, Brooke Beck- Business Services, Sidney Koehler- Principles of Finance, Mackynzie Sartain- Principles of Entrepreneurship, Garrison Hartsell- Automotive Services, and Caden Johnson- Food Marketing

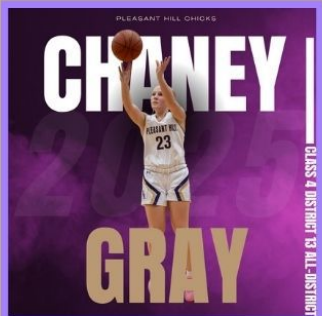


Roosters & Chicks Athletics



CHICKS

Basketball



Congratulations to Senior Chaney Gray and Sophomore Matti Jo Manford on their Class 4 District 13 All-District selection!

Congratulations!



Congrats to Laney McDaniel for being selected as a NAIA Champion of Character for representing the 5 core values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Servant Leadership & Sportsmanship. Laney is an incredible representative of our programs at PH & exceeds all expectations!

Roosters & Chicks WRESTLING



ROOSTER

Baseball

Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix



Congrats to our Roosters and Chicks who went to State Wrestling!
Alana Thelin - 2nd place
Aiden Minor - State Qualifier
Victor Schmalz - State Qualifier
Skylar Cyr-Coe - State Qualifier



Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix
Roosters down the Appleton City Bulldogs 20-5 in the championship game of the Panther Classic in March. The team put up an impressive 17 hits.

Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix

Roosters & Chicks Athletics

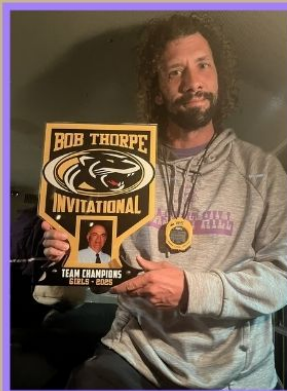


ROOSTERS & CHICKS Track & Field



It has been a busy start for our Roosters & Chicks Track and Field teams so far this season. Lots of medals and personal records have already been a highlight! Keep making us proud as you represent PHR3!

Way to go Chicks Soccer! They took 1st place in the Mid-Buchanan Tournament in March. They are off to a stellar start for the 2025 season!



Congrats to the Chicks Track and Field Team for taking 1st place in the Bob Thorpe Invitational!

Chicks SOCCER





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- Tracie Kimminau (1st Grade Teacher)



MS- Emily Graham (Art/FACS Teacher)



HS- Ali Murry (Counselor)



MS- Kelly Hart (Custodian)



District- Sarah Gregory (Director of Student and Special Services)

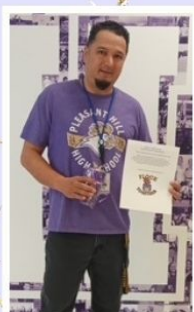
FLOCK TOGETHER
FOCUS ON STUDENTS
LISTEN, TRUST, LEAD
ONGOING IMPROVEMENT
COMMUNICATE³
KIND AND CARING



ES- Nancy Brendel (Student Success Center Paraprofessional)



ES- Lori Burbee (Principal)



HS- Edgar Beltran (Custodian)



IS- Sabrina Arnold (Paraprofessional) & Allison Hamilton (Exploratory Teacher)



PS- Deanna Cassey (Computer Aide/Lunchroom Monitor)

Pleasant Hill R-3 School District 2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August

7-12-New Teachers
13- Teachers Return
(convocation- work day)
19-Preview Day
20-First Day of School
26-Late Start

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January

1-3-NO School
6-NO School- Staff
Development AM PD/PM
Work Day
13-Late Start
20-NO School- Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
27-Late Start

September

2-NO School-Labor Day
3-NO School-Staff Development
9-Late Start
16-Late Start
20-Homecoming-Early Release
23-Late Start
30-Late Start

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February

3-Late Start
10-Late Start
17-NO School- Presidents Day
24-Late start

October

7-Late Start
14-Late Start
18-Early Release-½ work day/End of
1st Quarter
21-Late Start
23-P/T Conferences
24-Early Release- P/T conf
25-NO School
28-Late Start

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March

3-Late Start
10-Late Start
14-End of 3rd Quarter
17-21-Spring Break
24-Late Start
31-Late Start

November

4-Late Start
11-Late Start
18-Late Start
25-Late Start
27-29-NO School

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April

7-Late Start
14-Late Start
18-NO School-Holiday
21-Late Start
28-Late Start

December

2-Late Start
9-Late Start
16-Late Start
20-End of 2nd quarter/End of 1st
Semester
23-31-NO School

DECEMBER 2024						
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May

5-Late Start
8-Graduation
12-Late Start
22-End of 4th quarter
22-Early Release - Last Day of
School (Anticipated)
21-28-Make-up Days for
Inclement Weather
26-Memorial Day

** Missouri State Statute requires districts to
meet a minimum of 1,044 student hours/year.

BOE Approved 01/16/24

The Pleasant Hill Board of Education approved the revised school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. The new last day of school will be May 22, 2025. This will be an early release day.

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!

- Math Teachers
- ELA Teachers
- Head Girls Golf Coach/Head Boys Golf Coach
- Self-Contained Special Education Teacher
- Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher
- Custodians

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 still 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



Springtime for Parents as Teachers is such a fun time of the year! We love to get outside and do all kinds of spring themed activities with our families! Don't forget to follow our Facebook page Pleasant Hill R3 Parents as Teachers for all kinds of fun activities that YOU can do with your child this Spring!

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 25-26 school year!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

MARCH 2025

Board Recognition- Student Recognition-4th Grade Building Thinking Classrooms Ms. Smith and Ms. McKee presented to the Board a demonstration of the 4th grade building thinking classrooms model that they are using in the Elementary School. Several 4th grade students assisted with this presentation.



Fourth grade students inspired the Pleasant Hill School Board with their innovative presentation on Building Thinking Classrooms.

Dr. Brian Rudolph Recognition- Dr. Burke presented to the Board Dr. Brian Rudolph, the new High School Principal for the 2025-26 School Year.

Dr. Burke shared the District's appreciation of the Board and all the time and efforts they put into our district. March is School Board Recognition month.

Ryan from Navitas presented to the board a current summary of the energy savings for the district.



The Board approved the revised calendar for the 2024-25 school year. The last day of school is May 22nd and will be an early release day.

Dr. Burke presented an update on the Health and Dental Insurance renewal for the upcoming school year.



Dr. Brennaman presented to the board an update on Frontline Central. The district will be moving to electronic onboarding and electronic contracts this spring.

Board Comments-
Next meeting April 15, 2025



Congratulations to Will Henley for winning the Spelling Bee and continuing the competition in Washington DC.

Election is April 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

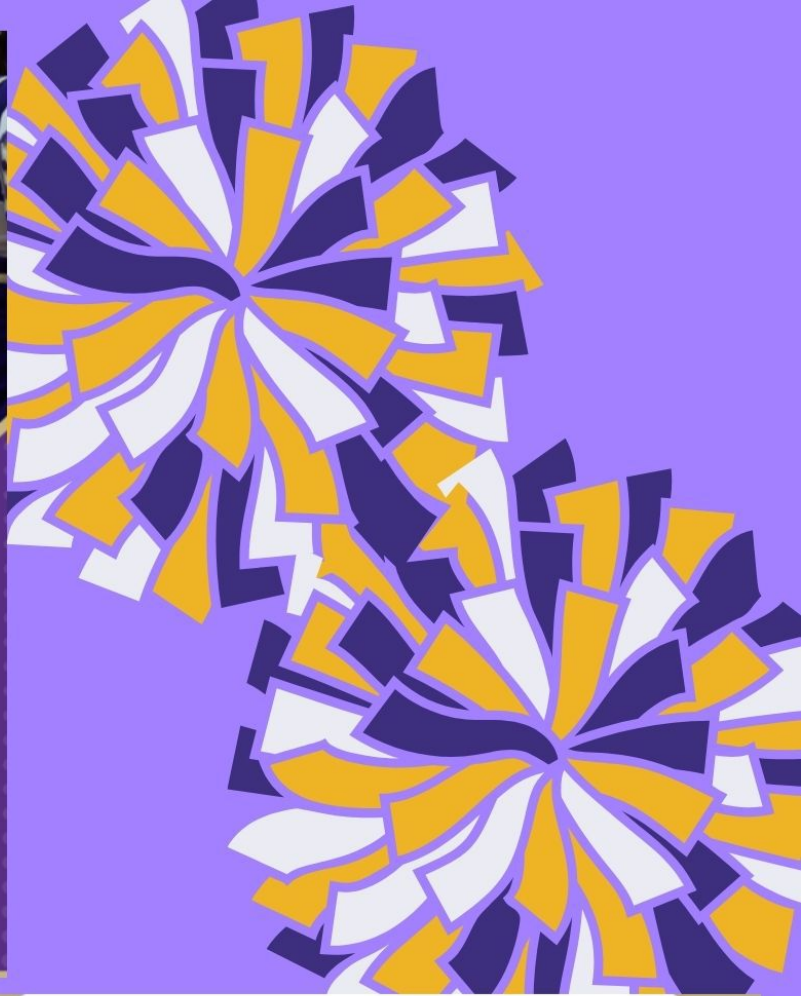


2025-26 CHEER TRYOUTS:

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



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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 mboley@phr3.org



PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL AUX GYM