

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MAY 2025

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As May comes to a close, it's hard to believe that another school year is already behind us. The 2024-2025 school year has truly flown by, and we're filled with a deep sense of pride and gratitude as we reflect on all that has been accomplished across our district. From academic achievements and artistic expression to athletic milestones and community engagement, this year has been full of moments worth celebrating.

We encourage everyone—students, families, and staff alike—to take a moment to look back on the growth, challenges, and successes we've experienced together. Your hard work and dedication have made this year something truly special, and we're excited by the momentum we're building as we head toward the 2025-2026 school year.

As we transition into summer, we hope you find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy well-deserved time with family and friends. For those looking to stay active and engaged, don't forget to check out the various Summer School classes and sports camps offered through the district and local organizations. These programs are not only enriching and fun for participants—but often just as enjoyable for the educators and coaches who lead them!

No matter how you plan to spend your summer, we hope it's safe, memorable, and full of joy. We can't wait to welcome you back in August, ready for another incredible year together!

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!



Our PS students enjoyed an exciting visit from Suzanne Lynn, the author and illustrator of the Buddy the Blue Corgi books! The event was scheduled by Mrs. Shanley and made possible through funds raised from purchases at our Scholastic Book Fair. During the visit, students learned all about Suzanne's creative process, what it's like to be an author and illustrator, and of course, they got to know Buddy the Blue Corgi himself!

PRIMARY PRIDE



Mr. McNeal did some experimenting with shapes during the first grader's math lesson. The kids seemed quite entertained! Learning is fun!



Mrs. VanZandt's 1st graders enjoyed fruit tasting during a nutrition lesson.

We had a great time meeting our incoming kindergartners at our "Signing Day!" Welcome, little Roosters! The Primary School is a great place to be, and we can't wait to get to know you!



Congrats to our May Optimist winners! Keep up the great work!



Mrs. Sara Adams was the recipient of a \$500 grant from Charlie's Car Wash. She is pictured here with a few of our Primary School students! Thank you, Charlie's Car Wash, for supporting schools!



It was Career Day at the Primary! What a great day of learning! Students saw a marine educator, a martial arts trainer, a NICU nurse, tree removal/stump grinding, an excavator, a police drone, an electrician...the list just goes on and on! Thank you to our counselor, Mrs. Fratzke, for planning this event. Thank you, also, to the parents and community members who shared their professions. And a special thanks to the Wansings and the Pleasant Hill Optimist Club who provided lunch for guests and staff! What an amazing day!

Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ PS
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



PHES Family Art Night making Mother's Day cards!



PHES Art Club created mosaic art!



Thank you to Downtown Pleasant Hill Members and Spire volunteers for providing our Elementary students with an amazing Community Day! Our students got to learn about several businesses in the community and what it takes to be a business owner! They ended the day with lunch and popcorn!!



PHES students worked so hard to raise money for our spring PTO fundraiser and their hard work paid off! Our top earners got to PIE our principals in the face!



Girls on the Run 5K was a hit!



3rd and 4th grade got to celebrate a Picnic Day! We had so much fun! Bounce houses, cotton candy, yard games, dance station, face paint and a cook out with Mrs. Burbee!

4th grade competed against our ES teachers in a May Madness relay competition!



Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ PS
- August 18th- Preview Day (3rd Grade)
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26



INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



PHIS instrumental musicians put on an amazing concert tonight! Congrats to this year's outstanding section: Flutes. Band Rocks!



After finishing a fantasy unit in reading, our PHIS sixth graders dove right into fantasy writing. Students spent the hour writing a fantasy story based off of a picture prompt.



Congrats to PHIS 5th graders Hunter Mall, Gracyn Robling and Briley Williams for winning the Cass County Elks Lodge D.A.R.E. Essay Contest. You make us proud!!



The PHIS Student Showcase was a huge success!! Students showed off their amazing artwork, writing samples, math projects, solar systems and more! It's a great night to be a Rooster and Chick!

ROOST students at PHIS hosted an end of year all staff BBQ lunch. Staff from all over the district were able to order a burger or dog, with chips, desserts and drinks. Students and staff worked hard all morning to fill orders, count change, deliver and more!



We are so proud of our May Optimist Winners! Thank you for setting a great example for PHIS!



IS Student Council members celebrated the end of a great school year. Their service leadership has been greatly appreciated by staff and students.



PHIS celebrated 4th Quarter "No Majors"...Fun was had at Eklund Field!



Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ PS
- August 18th- Preview Day (5th Grade)
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26



MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



Ms. Graham's art students at PHMS filled Press Monkey Studio and Saddle Brand Coffee with their cup artwork.



Mr. French and Ms. O'Brien did a stellar job directing the PHMS choirs at the HS.



Great sounds from the PHMS bands at their Spring Concert!



The PHR3 Board of Education awarded 108 students at PHMS Trackmaker awards for earning Advanced on the MAP tests last spring. That is almost 1/3 of our student body! Nice work, Students, Teachers, and Parents! It takes all three!



Big last day at PHMS with awards and Melissa Allen and Doug Yullie award winners!



Mrs. DeMoure-Umscheid's classes created a mini-economy and peddled their goods and services on the stage for staff and students to purchase!



Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ HS (Some classes have a different start/end date)
- August 18th- Preview Day (7th Grade)
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Ag Construction students have been learning how to wire basic household outlets, switches and light fixtures.



Anatomy students study together and get one last look at their pig dissections before their practical exam.



Students in Mr. Griffin's AP Language and Composition class gave presentations for their final project. They had to present an argument and try to convince the class to agree with their proposal.



14 biomedical science students received their white coats this year! These students work for four years taking challenging classes and serving their community to earn this honor.



Biology I students in Mr. Thompson's class participate in the frog dissection to wrap up their study of cellular and body processes.



Members of the PHR-III School Board awarded Trackmaker certificates to 130 PHHS students for excellence in academic, athletics, and activities. Congratulations to all recipients!



Students in Mr. Thompson's Biology II explore the anatomy of turtles as they conclude their unit on reptiles. Students are contrasting the anatomical features in relation to previous dissections of the shark and crayfish.



PHHS was excited to host the Senior Awards Ceremony in May. The Class of 2025 earned the following amount in scholarships: Local Scholarships: \$81,325; Renewable College Scholarships: \$1,464,064; Nonrenewable College Scholarships: \$98,730. We couldn't be more proud of our Seniors and their hard work towards earning these scholarships.



Mr. Thompson's Biology II and Environmental Science with Mrs. Juliette's special education students visited the Kansas City Zoo and Aquarium to study species behaviors and human conservation efforts to protect various animals from around the world.



Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ HS (Some classes have a different start/end date)
- August 18th- Preview Day (9th Grade)
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ART CLUB



In May, McKayla Massey and Ana Nickols of the high school Art Club were able to draw on the chalk wall at Anytime Fitness. The Art Club is looking forward to continuing this monthly starting next school year!

FFA



What a day for our Rooster BBQ Teams at the Johnson County Community College cooking against some of the best teams in Kansas! Our 3 teams had a great showing and are prepared for the Missouri High School BBQ Association State cookoff

Some highlights:

Reserve champion team: Rooster BBQ

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in ribs!

1st and 3rd place in chicken

1st and 3rd place in chili



Chicken Smedium with a 4th place overall finish! 2nd place brisket, 10th place ribs, 10th place chili, 2nd place chicken, 7th place ribeye!



With an 8th place finish in the state, Peckin Heat! 3rd place brisket, 14th place ribs, 9th place chili, 12th place chicken, 2nd place ribeye, 11th place grilled cheese!



10th place in the state! Rooster BBQ! 2nd place ribs, 5th place chili, 8th place chicken, 12th place ribeye!

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 FFA officers!

2025-2026 Officer Team

President Olivia Wingard

Vice Presidents

Davin Gilsdorf & Delaney Duncan

Secretary Gabi Marlow

Treasurer Brett Miller

Reporter Madison Paulson

Sentinel Isaac McCarty

Parliamentarian Caleb Wingard

Chaplain Maddux Umscheid

Historian Julia Fannin

PLEASANT HILL CONCERT BAND



Concert Band put on a fabulous final show for the 2024-2025 season!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to all who competed at the MSHSAA State Solo & Ensemble Festival at Mizzou in May!

Gold Medal:

-Kendall Hartwell (Marimba Solo)

-Ella Kurtz (Flute Solo)

-Keighan Gould (Piano Solo)

-Zoey Coale, Ella Kurtz, Abby Moore (Woodwind Trio)

Silver Medal:

-Zoey Coale (Flute Solo)

-Abby Moore (Clarinet Solo)

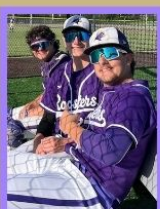
-Nora Kurtz (Clarinet Solo)



Roosters & Chicks Athletics



ROOSTER Baseball



Class 3 District 4 Golf Tournament in Richmond today. Your Rooster Golfers finished 7th out of 16 schools. Senior Jack Ervin shoots an amazing one over par 72 finishing as the District Individual Champion! He has earned his 3rd consecutive trip to the state tournament!

ROOSTER Golf



Final season results are in and your 2025 Pleasant Hill Roosters finish the regular season with a 6 win - 1 loss record and a Conference Co-Championship! Congratulations Team!



Jack Ervin finished Day 2 of the class 3 state tournament with a 5 over par 77. His two day total of 167 finishes 47th overall.



Roosters & Chicks Athletics



ROOSTER Baseball



2025 Class 4 District 13
Champs! Congratulations
Roosters!

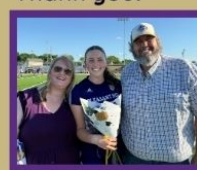


Chicks SOCCER



Congratulations to our Chick soccer seniors! What
a great career you have had! You will be missed!
Thank you!

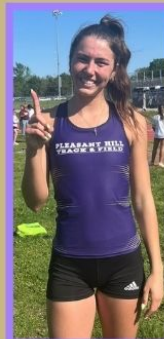
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Conference
Champs and
Class 2 District 7
Champs!



Roosters & Chicks Athletics



ROOSTERS & CHICKS Track & Field



Our boys team finished in 2nd place at our home meet with so many outstanding jumps, throws, and runs! Big night for this group of young men!



Chicks Track and Field take the District Championship and Rooster Track and Field take 2nd!



P Hill Power Throwers took 9 out of the 24 spots for Sectionals!



Congratulations

class of 2025



Cheers to RETIREMENT!



Dr. Michael Weishaar
Director of Finance



Jill Bruno
HS Administrative Assistant



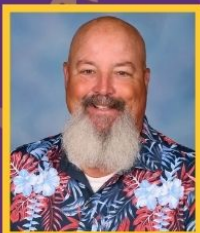
Amy Fifer
HS Language Arts



Georgette Harrald
PS Early Childhood Special Education



Duane Hudson
IS Custodian



Eric Bloom
HS Math



Dr. Paul Canaan
HS Principal



Dana Mayfield
MS Administrative Assistant



Carole Markey
District Desktop Technician



Becky Russell
IS 6th Grade Math



Lisa Day
IS Administrative Assistant



Thank you!



Educator of the Year



HS Educator of the Year Nominee
Belen Lomeli



MS Educator of the Year Nominee
Sara Fite



PS Educator of the Year Nominee
Gracie Wansing



ES Educator of the Year Nominee
Becca Spencer



IS Nominee & District Educator of the Year
Becky Murray

Above & Beyond the Call



PS Nominee & District Above & Beyond the Call
Amber Cleveland



HS Above & Beyond the Call Nominee
Jill Bruno



MS Above & Beyond the Call Nominee
Tonya Pearce



IS Above & Beyond the Call Nominee
Jill Young



ES Above & Beyond the Call Nominee
William Hudson

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!

- Self-Contained Special Education Teacher
- Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher
- Custodians
- Assistant Girls Golf Coach
- MS Assistant Football Coach
- MS Wrestling Coach

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 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!



Parents as Teachers



Parents as Teacher is a free program offered through the PHR3 school district, our mission is that all children will learn, grow, and develop to their full potential. We promote this through supporting and engaging with parents and caregivers to promote optimal early learning and development. Our program is offered to anyone prenatal through kindergarten entry. For more information check out our website here: <https://sites.google.com/phr3.org/pleasanthill-pat/home>

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

Want to get involved with Parents as Teachers? Contact 816-987- 9200 for information on the 25-26 school year!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

MAY 2025

Board Recognition-

JOB Olympics-Kristin Juliette presented to the Board an update on the Job Olympics that her students participated in this year. Eight students participated in the Job Olympics this year. Jonathan, Garrett and Victoria joined Mrs. Juliette and shared some of their experiences in the competition. The students came home with 9 gold medals, 4 silver medals, 6 bronze medals and 13 participation awards. Alexander Catron received the Jenna Garret Vision Award!



Pleasant Hill School Board recognized members of the Job Olympics team for their performance this year.

Brittany Campbell shared with the board an update on the DECA program. There are 17 members in the program, 13 of these members qualified for districts. Seven students continued on to the State competition.

Senior Biomed Presentation-Johna Geist presented an overview of the Biomed program at the High School. Caia Underwood joined Ms. Geist and shared her experiences in the Biomed program.



Senior Biomed student, Caia Underwood presented about her experiences in the PHHS Biomed program.

PHPS Career Day-Eileen Fratzke provided an overview of the upcoming Career Day at the Primary School.

LETRS Training Completers: Mrs. Sherry Helus presented to the board several teachers who are part of the LETRS Training program. LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) is a comprehensive program to provide early childhood, elementary educators and administrators with the knowledge to be literacy and language experts in science and reading. LETRS teaches the skills needed to master the foundational and fundamentals of reading and writing instruction. These teachers are committed to meeting 4x a year for 2 years. They will earn College credits for training.

Client Connected Projects-Dr. Brennaman presented to the Board the Real World Learning soft start plan. Dr. Brennaman shared the 7 competencies of the Portrait of a Learner program that will be rolling out for the 25-26 school year. These competencies are :communication, critical thinking, empathy, perseverance, responsibility, well being.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

MAY 2025 CONTINUED

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Fifer shared an overview of the client connected projects used in their classrooms this year.

Dr. Townsend from LJ Hart presented to the Board the agreement between the district and LJ Hart for the district's underwriting services for the purpose of developing a money structure for general obligation bonds for \$18,400,000.

Dr. Burke presented to the Board the recommendation to use MOCAAT as an investment option.

Mike Clevenger presented the board with construction bid updates for the Asphalt at the stadium and IS, MS Fire Alarm, PHPS lift and the HS Greenhouse updates.

Dr. Boden presented the Instructional Coaches team to the board to provide an overview of the late start PD this year. The ICI coaches shared the benefits and successes of having late start Mondays and purposeful collaboration.

Dr. Brennaman shared with the board an overview of the CSIP plan and reviewed the action plans in place.

Board Policy updates- Dr. Burke presented to the Board MSBA policy updates. ADF, DFA, DJFA, GBCBB, IGBCA, DFA-2, ADF-AP1, DJF-AP1, DJFA-AP1, DJFA-AP2.

Board Meeting Dates for 2025-26 School Year-The Board approved dates for the Board of Education meetings for the 25-26 School year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14pm

Next Board Meeting- June 17th at 6:15pm



PHR3 School Board recognized PS teacher who have participated in LETRS Training.



Mrs. Fratzke presented about the upcoming 1st Annual Career Day at the Primary School.