

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

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Welcome back to Pleasant Hill's District newsletter!

As we approach the holiday season, it's hard to believe that we're already nearing the halfway point of the school year and the end of 2024! It's been an exciting and rewarding first few months of the year, and we are so proud of the growth and progress our students have made. From engaging classroom lessons to collaborative projects, the energy and enthusiasm for learning are truly inspiring.

Our educators and staff continue to dedicate themselves to providing meaningful experiences for our students, and it's amazing to see how much they've accomplished already. As we reflect on the strides we've made, we're filled with gratitude for the support of our families, who play such an important role in our school community.

As we move into the holiday season, we want to take a moment to wish all of our students, families, and staff a peaceful and joyful holiday season. We are grateful for the opportunity to work together to nurture the growth of our students, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead in the new 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!



Jessica Rowland, Technology Integration Specialist, presented to the High School staff on how to use AI tools to create interactive enhanced lessons for their classes.

Instructional Coach, Tyler Bruns, met with Primary School teachers and staff to discuss learning targets for our and best practices for mastery of academic skills.



PRIMARY PRIDE



First graders are learning to read in Mrs. Miller's class. Reading time is fun!



Ms. Jackson (aka Miss J) always has such neat artwork on display at the Primary School. Students enjoy admiring one another's work as they pass in the hallways.



Sometimes you "twin" even when it's not twin day! We love our PS students and teachers!



The PS staff wore ALL their Rooster gear!! Go Roosters!!!



Primary students visited the Purple & Gold Bank this month. Students can make deposits at the bank on Wednesday mornings.



Congrats to our Super Citizen Award winners for November!



Mrs. Blundell's 2nd graders received the WOW award for showing great behavior in Encore classes during the month of November!



We love mail delivery day at the Primary School. Wow! Our postmaster was surprised by all the mail.

The PS celebrated Election Day! Even here the lines were long - just not quite as long as in and around the community. Students are doing their civic duty and are casting their votes for a book/movie character.



2nd grade held their annual Thanksgiving feast! Giving thanks for food...friends...fun!



Mrs. Ullah's little kindergarten turkeys! Can't you just gobble up the cuteness?



Mrs. Shippy, Randol, and Noland's kindergarten classes hosted a PS Thanksgiving Parade. Students made their very own balloons after reading the text, Balloons Over Broadway.



Upcoming Events

- December 20th- End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
- December 23rd-January 6th- NO SCHOOL/Winter Break
- January 7th- Students Return
- January 20th- NO SCHOOL
- February 5th- PTO Meeting 6:30 @ ES

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT

4th graders took a trip to the Mavericks hockey game!

Family Academic Night at PHES was a huge success! Students enjoyed campfire themed learning with their families.

Mrs. Boley's small group book club is underway. Fourth grade students are enjoying rich conversations over a shared book!

Elementary teachers participate in a strategic game of Battleship, promoting teamwork!

Mrs. Cook's third graders wrapped up their second math unit with a creative twist—"going out to lunch"! Students were given a budget to plan the perfect meal. They ordered drinks, appetizers, salads, entrées, and desserts, carefully rounding prices to the nearest dollar to calculate "tax." After totaling their spending, they subtracted it from their original budget to see how much they had left (or if they overspent)!

Mrs. Litvak's students are enjoying collaborative learning activities

In recognition of Veteran's Day, PHES organized a patriotic art night, providing an opportunity for attendees to express their gratitude towards the men and women who have served the nation

Mrs. Chavez's fourth graders enjoyed a visit from a special guest before embarking on Fall Break!

The third grade classes embarked on a field trip to Science City, where they engaged in play-based learning.

Ms. Miller, Mrs. Boley, and Ms. Meehan's 4th graders used real world learning for Math. Students had the opportunity to experience and problem solve around different roles at Quick Trip.

After reading *Balloons Over Broadway*, Ms. Hallman and Mrs. Culver's third graders designed balloons for their very own Macy's Day Parade!

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- December 23rd-January 6th- NO SCHOOL/Winter Break
- January 7th- Students Return
- January 10th- Optimist Assembly @ 8:20 AM
- January 20th- NO SCHOOL
- January 27th- Kindness Club Begins

INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



PHIS celebrates with the local VFW post, Levi Cross. Levi earned 2nd place in their annual Patriot Pen Essay contest.



The IS Book Fair was a big hit with students and families!



PHIS enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving feast in the cafeteria before break! Quote from more than one student, "This is the best day ever!"



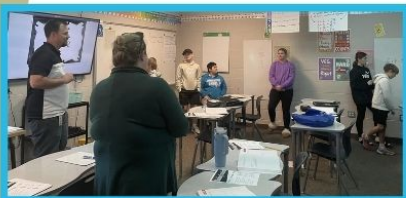
The IS celebrated big in November with Super Citizen, PBIS Awards, and Positive Principal Awards! Thanks to our Optimist Club members for all their support.



Thanks to everyone who came out to support the IS McTeacher Night!



PHIS celebrated students who had perfect attendance in the month of October. A snack and sunshine were enjoyed by all!



PHIS teachers participated in Learning Walks on their plan periods. Teachers were looking for evidence of effective questioning and positive behavior support.



IS staff enjoyed breakfast together, engaged in PD over social emotional learning, and enjoyed a team building activity led by our Building Leadership Team during a Late Start.



6th grade students at PHIS are creating "visual story" mugs where they've chosen a theme or idea to express. Once their functional artworks are complete, they will enjoy a hot chocolate party testing out their mugs.



The PLTW class at PHIS has fun exploring robotics with VEX kits.

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- December 20th- End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
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- January 7th-Students Return
- January 20th- NO SCHOOL
- January 28th- DARE Graduation 6PM @ IS (5th Grade Only)



MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



PHMS art students worked on hyper realism focusing on the grid method to create the detail. The medium was colored pencils and the subjects were shoes.



MS students enjoyed the Fall Dance put on by Stuco. The theme was "Night at the Movies".



MS Art I classes worked with local coffee shop Saddle Brand, and these were the cups that were chosen to display! The kids were so excited to have their art up.



Congratulations, Chicks! The PHMS girls basketball team won first place at the Crestridge Tournament in November.



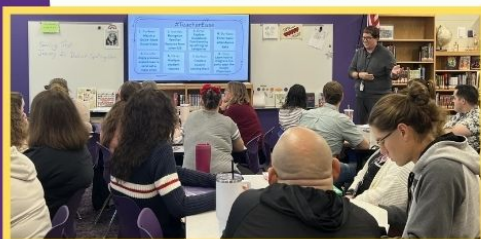
PH VFW awarded Mr. Tom Gasper as the VFW Teacher of the Year!



The VFW recognized our Patriots Pen Essay winners!



MS wrestling season has begun!



Mr. Tyler Bruns spent time with the middle school staff in November discussing surface, deep, and transfer learning opportunities with students. Teachers were asked to think about rigor and how surface, deep, and transfer learning provides students with rich learning experiences.

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- December 23rd-January 6th- NO SCHOOL/Winter Break
- January 7th- Students Return
- January 7th- Girls Basketball @ MS 5:00PM/Boys Basketball @ Harrisonville 5:00 PM
- January 9th- Girls Basketball @ MS 5:00 PM/Boys Basketball @ Wburg 5:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Ag 1 students are currently studying animal digestion and nutrition. They explored how feed ingredients with varying sugar contents are digested in ruminant animals with a simulation activity.



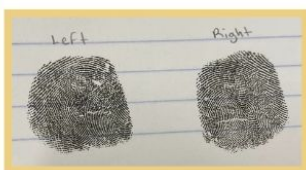
Mrs. Fifer, Mrs. Corson, Mr. Bloom, and Mr. Griffin spent Saturday morning in November teaching an ACT Workshop for PHHS students. They completed practice questions and learned tips and tricks to get the best score possible on the ACT.



Mr. Thompson's Biology I using microscopes to better understand cellular structures and their functions.



Students in Spanish 1, 2, and 3 created an altar for the Day of the Dead cultural celebrations. The students were very open to the idea and got very creative during the process.



While studying the integumentary system, Anatomy students examined their fingerprints to study special features of the skin's surface.



Mrs. Case and Mr. Reeves classes applied their trigonometry skills to measuring the height of the balconies in the commons and the auditorium. Students used their knowledge of sine, cosine, and tangent to find these heights while keeping their feet safely on the ground. They also learned to use a clinometer to measure the angle measures of tall objects.



Members of VFW, Post 3118 of Pleasant Hill are pleased to announce the selection of the Voice of Democracy audio essay-writing competition winners for 2024/25. Congrats to Alex, Amelia, Addison, and Anna!



PHHS students are learning about study skills during their Connections time. Students took a quick inventory to determine their preferred learning style so they can spend their study time effectively.



Representatives from the Financial Aid Office at UCM presented on the FAFSA to seniors and their parents at PHHS. The Free Application for Student Aid is required for students attending a career school or college/university.

Mr. Schoenherr's Sociology students spent the period working collaboratively to apply real-life scenarios to being either Id, Ego, or Superego



Health occupations students partnered with the Missouri Highway Patrol and the Pleasant Hill Police Department to bring the seat belt convincer to PHHS. Their goal is to remind everyone the importance of wearing a seat belt.



Students in Mrs. Case's and Mrs. Felden's Geometry classes used a Building Thinking Classroom Model to work on solving proofs. Working collaboratively, students discussed their reasons and statements on their proofs.

Health occupations students partnered with PHPD and PHFD to kick off our own battle of the belt. While collecting data, students handed out Smarties to those wearing a seatbelt. Those that weren't received Dum-Dums.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our students safe.

Upcoming Events

- December 20th- End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
- December 23rd-January 6th- NO SCHOOL/Winter Break
- January 7th- Students Return
- January 8th- Boys Wrestling 5:30 PM @ PHHS/Booster Club Meeting 7:00 PM @ PHHS
- January 9th- Girls Basketball 5:30 PM @ PHHS
- January 10th- Girls Wrestling 4:30 PM @ Capital City/Boys Basketball 5:30 PM @ PHHS

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Academics



PHHS hosted their 38th annual Academic Letter Assembly on November 25th. 213 students were recognized based on their academic performance during the 2023-2024 school year. Congratulations!

NHS



27 Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society after their selection by the high school's faculty council on the merits of their Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. The ceremony was hosted by the active members of the chapter who were also in attendance along with the invited parents, grandparents, and guests of the new inductees. The members of the chapter have documented over 2,000 hours of community service since the last induction ceremony setting a high bar for its newest honorees.

CASS CAREER CENTER



Check out the greatness of PHHS students at Cass Career Center! Here are some of our kiddos in their element!

PRIDE OF THE HILL MARCHING BAND



Then A Band of Angels Organization provided a band student with a new trombone! It sounded great!

District Band Results

Ella Kurtz 1st Chair Honor Band-Piccolo

Ella Kurtz 5th Chair Honor Band-Flute

Zoey Coale 9th Chair Honor Band-Flute

Evelyn Shaffer 2nd Chair Honorable Mention Band-Oboe

Abby Moore 5th Chair Honor Band-Clarinet

Colton Wyse 13th Chair Honor Band-Clarinet

Nora Kurtz 2nd Chair Honorable Mention Band-Clarinet

Ryker Williamson 7th Chair Honorable Mention Band-Trumpet

Grayson Meeks 3rd Chair Honor Band-Horn

Way to go to our Pride of the Hill Band members who earned All-District Honors!!



A full day of school isn't enough for these students. The PHHS Scholar Bowl team members are practicing for their first competition in December.

Scholar Bowl



HOSA



This year HOSA students raised awareness and promoted support for Breast Cancer Research throughout the entire month of October during school and sporting events. Activities included wearing pink, handing out ribbons and speaking to peers and the community, hanging supportive banners, Painting windows, and selling baked goods to present \$600 for Cancer research in November.

Roosters & Chicks Athletics

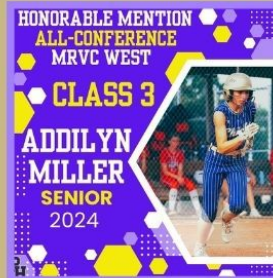


Chicks softball



Congrats to our Chicks Softball Team Members on their end of season recognitions!

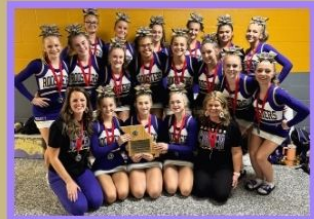
Golden Girls



PHHS CHEER



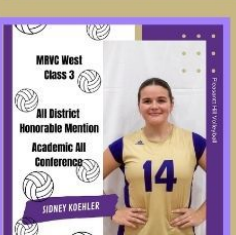
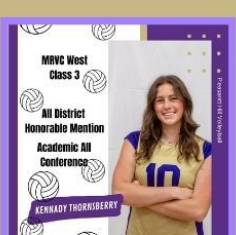
Congratulations to our Rooster Cheerleaders who earned 2nd place this November at State in COMO!



CHICKS Volleyball



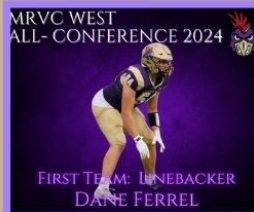
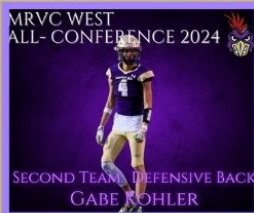
Congratulations to our Chicks Volleyball team on a great season and to those with end of season recognitions!



Roosters & Chicks Athletics



FOOTBALL



Congrats to our Rooster Football team on a great season! A special shout out to our conference award winners!

CROSS COUNTRY

E-Sports



Congratulations to Tyler Weiss!! Tyler finished second in the Super Smash district eSports tournament earning him the right to play in the state finals tournament in Union, Missouri in December. Tyler finished the regular season with an 86% winning percentage, and had a 5-2 record in the district championship tournament. He is one of the top 16 Smash players in Class 2 in the state of Missouri. He's the first ever Pleasant Hill eSports player to advance to a state finals tournament!



Great season Chicks & Roosters XC!! The Chicks finished 13th place overall as a TEAM! Awesome job!

Roosters & Chicks Athletics



Roosters & Chicks WRESTLING



Congratulations to this years Rooster Alumni be elected to the Wrestling Hall of Fame Pete Gilbreth!



Roosters and Chicks Wrestling season is off to a great start! Congratulations to all of our Chicks and Roosters who placed in a tough field at the Steve Leslie Wrestling tournament.

CHICKS

Basketball



Our Chicks finished in 2nd place in the Summit Christian Tournament



Congrats to Chaney Gray and Matti Jo Manford for being selected to the All-Tournament Team of the SCA Tournament!





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!



MS- Alex Link (Speech Language Pathologist)



IS- Lisa Day (Secretary)



HS- Christy Reeves (PE Teacher)



MS- Deputy Seth Wade (School Resource Officer)



IS- Caitlynn Compton (Art Teacher)

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



HS- LeAnn Miller (Secretary)



ES- Katie Stumpf (3rd Grade Teacher)



District- Jessica Rowland (Technology Integration Specialists)



ES- Ashlyn Alford (Office Aide)



PS- Staci Logan (2nd Grade Teacher & Tiffany Parks (Paraprofessional)

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 November, Parents as Teachers hosted Story Hour at the Pleasant Hill Public Library! We had such a great time meeting new families in our community and educating them on what Parents as Teachers is! We love every chance we get to connect with our PAT families and other families in our community!

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

NOVEMBER 2024

Wendy McKee presented to the Board the High School Yearbook team- Macey Wade, Kendall Nicholas, Lelend Edenburn and Amelia Scrogam. The staff presented an overview of the yearbook building process. They are excited to produce the 100th High School Yearbook this year.

Lori Burbee presented to the Board the PHES partnership with the City and their groundbreaking ceremony for the new park opening in the Spring. Several elementary school students joined Mrs. Burbee and shared their experiences from the ceremony. This group of students will be the last to play at the park and the 1st to play on the new park in the Spring.

The City of Pleasant Hill presented their proposal for a sewer easement for the proposed development on 163rd and 7 HWY.

Mike Clevenger presented to the Board the recommendation to replace the vertical lift platform at the Middle School.

Dr. Boden and Dr. Brennaman presented to the Board their recommendation to purchase the You Science platform. You Science is an aptitude platform that will allow the district to identify and plan around the strengths and interests of our students.

Dr. Boden provided an update on Late Start Mondays and an overview of the feedback from staff regarding Late Starts and PD.

Dr. Brennaman presented to the board the recommendation for creating class size standards across the district.

The Board approved the following Board Policy updates from MSBA- these policies can be viewed on our website. EBBC,GB,GBE,GCBDA,GDBDA,IGBA,IGBE,ILA,JG,DID-AP1,IGB-AP1,BDDF,BDDL,DB,DBB,DJF,DJFA,G BLB,IF,IG, IGCE,JFGA,JHC,JHDF,JHG,BDDL-AP1,DJF,DJFA-AP1,DJFA-AP2,IF-AP1,IF-AP21,IGCE-AP1,JHC-AP3,KB-AP1,

Candidate Filing Date is December 10th- December 31st. The Central Office will be open from 3-5pm on December 31st to receive Candidate Filings.
Upcoming elections- Todd and Scott are up for election.

Superintendent Comments-

December 6th - Holiday Reception at Central Office

December 17th- Next Board Meeting

Candidate Filing dates for upcoming election is December 10th @8:00am -December 31st @ 5pm

Board Comments-

Next Regular Meeting- December 17th- 6:15 pm



Lori Burbee and ES students shared with the Board about their experience from the groundbreaking ceremony for the new park.



Wendy McKee and the HS yearbook staff shared about the yearbook building process and producing the 100th edition of the HS yearbook for the 24-25 school year.