

# ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL  
R3 DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER  
\*NOVEMBER 2025\*

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## Welcome Back, Roosters and Chicks!

As we move into the end of the year, we are grateful for the incredible sense of community that continues to shine throughout our district. This month, we want to recognize the outstanding efforts of our students, families, and staff in collecting food donations for those in our community who need a little extra support during this season. Every building went above and beyond, creating fun and meaningful incentives to encourage participation, and the response was truly inspiring. Your generosity and teamwork are making a real difference.

November also marked the home stretch of the semester. We encourage our students and families to continue working hard, staying engaged, and celebrating progress along the way. Thank you for all you do to make our district a caring, committed, and successful place to learn and grow.

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!



Thank you to our PH students and staff who helped with our drive thru food pantry before Thanksgiving break!

# PRIMARY PRIDE



Miss Vaught's first graders had fun writing stories!



Mrs. Logan's 2nd graders led the all-school assembly at the Primary School for November. They did an amazing job!

Primary School is having so much fun with the food drive! Second grade students are helping with the tallying of points and Pre-K is helping with sorting the foods!!



Ms. Petersen's 1st graders worked with shapes to make number sentences! Math is fun!



McTeacher Night was a big hit for the Primary School. Thank you for your support!



Kindergarten held their Balloons over Broadway parade for the students and staff!

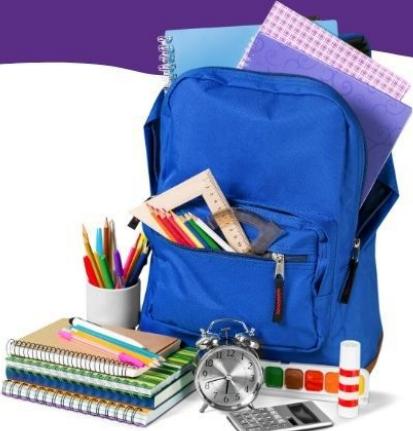
Author, Izzy B., and illustrator, Ben Askew visited the Primary School today! They were very entertaining and had a little fun with Mr. Passmore. At the end of the assembly they shared that we were "the Best School Ever!"

The Optimist Club recognized these Super Citizens this month. These Primary kids were celebrated for "being a friend to others."

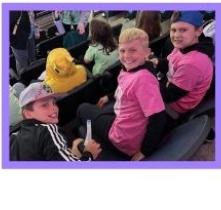
## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Performance
- March 13<sup>th</sup> - Spring Pictures/End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Break

# ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Congratulations to Mrs. Sash and our fourth graders on a wonderful music concert!



4<sup>th</sup> Grade enjoyed a field trip to a Mavericks Hockey game!



Mrs. Culver's third graders did a STEM challenge using pumpkin gummies and toothpicks. The structure had to be sturdy enough to hold an object for 3 seconds. They did a great job working together to design and plan!



Mrs. Schmoll, Ms. O, and Ms. Grainger's classes are officially published authors! They got to share their personal narrative writing with each other while enjoying a snack and sunshine!



Congratulations to our 4th grade Spelling Bee contestants. Six students are moving on to the District Bee.



Mrs. Cook's third graders celebrated the end of their math unit by "going out to lunch!" Students became savvy spenders as they planned their own meals, choosing a drink, salad, appetizer, entrée, and dessert from the menu.



Stumpff's Squad got to celebrate collecting the most pop tabs with a pizza party and yummy snacks!



## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>- Super Citizen Awards 8:20am
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>- Super Citizen Awards 8:20am
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>- Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL/President's Day
- March 5<sup>th</sup>- Super Citizen Awards 8:20am

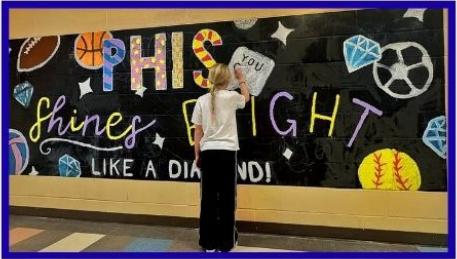
# INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



Congrats to all participants. It takes a great deal of courage to stand before others and spell words, especially some that are unfamiliar. Those students on the front row are the 7 that will advance to the district bee in January. We are proud of all our participants!



Art Club is on the finishing touches of the two chalk paint murals! The designers of each side, 5th graders Olivia S, Cheyenne S, and Madison C, were able to put their last marks on the murals.



Congrats to these Optimist Winners for November! Keep up the good work!



Friday's PBIS weekly drawing winners at PHIS won a \$5 voucher to the Book Fair. Making good choices is highly rewarding!!



You won't believe your eyes! Our STEAM CLUB students at PHIS tackled the ultimate autumn challenge: cutting a massive pumpkin in half using nothing other than 518 rubber bands! It was a lesson in force, elasticity, and sheer patience.



PHIS proudly celebrated our Veterans this month. StuCo served breakfast, Rockin' Roosters sang the National Anthem and fellowship was enjoyed by all. We thank all veterans and active military for their service.



Dr. Davidson helping out serving up a fantastic Thanksgiving meal for our students and staff!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



Mrs. Teresa Lally was a November recipient of the MSVP for pivoting Red Ribbon activities, having a growth mindset, and adjusting to challenges. She creates a culture of inclusion in our spaces.



Congratulations to Mrs. Angie Davis for being selected as a November MSVP. She was chosen for demonstrating excellence and developing a learning culture in her classroom.



Friendsgiving in Mrs. Spruill's room at PHMS! What a great way to celebrate friendship!

MS StuCo hosted the first official dance of the year!



PHMS salutes Ms. Ali Tomlin as a November MSVP. Ms. Tomlin demonstrates excellence by achieving a kind but demanding classroom atmosphere where students can be responsible. She strives to do her personal best and leads others in the same direction with her willingness to inform and assist others in improving.

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>- Boys Basketball @ Center 5:00pm/Girls Basketball vs Center 5:00pm
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>- Boys Basketball @ Summit Christian 6:30pm
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>- Boys Basketball vs Clinton 5:00pm/Girls Basketball @ Clinton 5:00pm
- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>- Girls Basketball vs Harrisonville 5:00pm/Boys Basketball @ Harrisonville 5:00pm
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>- Girls Basketball vs Warrensburg 5:00pm/Boys Basketball @ Warrensburg 5:00pm

# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Students in Mr. Thompson's Biology class have been studying the structures of the cell. In the lab, using microscopes they looked to see different cells and identify structures within.



PHHS Senior Kaitlyn Korch is ringing the scholarship bell because she was the recipient of a WeMet Dual Credit Scholarship. UCM awards 30 dual credit students scholarships each semester, which pays for one dual credit course.



PHHS students attended a tour at Summit Technology Academy. PHHS sends students each year to complete capstone programs at STA.



## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament @PHHS
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - Scholar Bowl @ PHHS
- 5:00pm/Boys Wrestling @St. Michael
- 6:00pm/ Booster Club Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>- Girls Basketball C Team @ Ray-Pec 4:00pm
- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>- Boys Wrestling @ Staley 2:30 pm/ Girls Wrestling @ Warsaw 5:00pm
- Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>- Girls Wrestling @ Odessa 9:00am
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL

# HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## FFA



Can't forget to give a shout out to these 2 for their work at Central District Fall Speech contest! Gabi took 1st place in Pet Breeders category and will advance to state competition in March! Brett finished runner up and is alternate to state in Farm Bureau!



It's the most frustrating time of the year! According to the kids.... Greenhouse/ floriculture has begun their cedar wreath projects in time for the holidays!



Grilled cheese and Dutch oven practice brings the creativity and a slight feel of being over stuffed for our advisors but we love where we're headed!



One of our favorite activities each year! Food science and BBQ team got to team up to send a smoked turkey home with 13 families within our district who would other wise to without this Thanksgiving!



Things are looking different in the greenhouse this year! We can't wait to put all the new space to work for the spring plant sale! Seeds going in now.



Members had a fantastic night at Area 7 Public Speaking contest. Advancing on to districts next week Delaney Duncan (1st) & Julia Fannin (2nd) MO Qtr Horse Assoc, Adaline Worsley (2nd) & Isaiah Rusk (3rd, alternate) MO Sheep Producers, Gabi Marlow (1st) MO Pet Breeders, and Brett Miller (2nd) MO Farm Bureau.



# 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- Tiffany Parks  
(Paraprofessional)



IS-Abigail Rice &  
Shannon McCanles



MS- Olivia Shelton (7th/8th  
ELA Teacher)



PS- Michaela  
Starbuck (Special  
Education Teacher)



ES- Ellen Mueller  
(Administrative Assistant)



HS-Taylor Jackson  
(Paraprofessional)

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



MS- Octavia Lemmer  
(Custodian)



HS- Meagan Keeney  
(Counselor)



ES- Kaitlyn Stumpff  
(3rd Grade Teacher)



District-Brittany Rupert  
(Process Coordinator)

# Pleasant Hill School District

## Portrait of a Learner

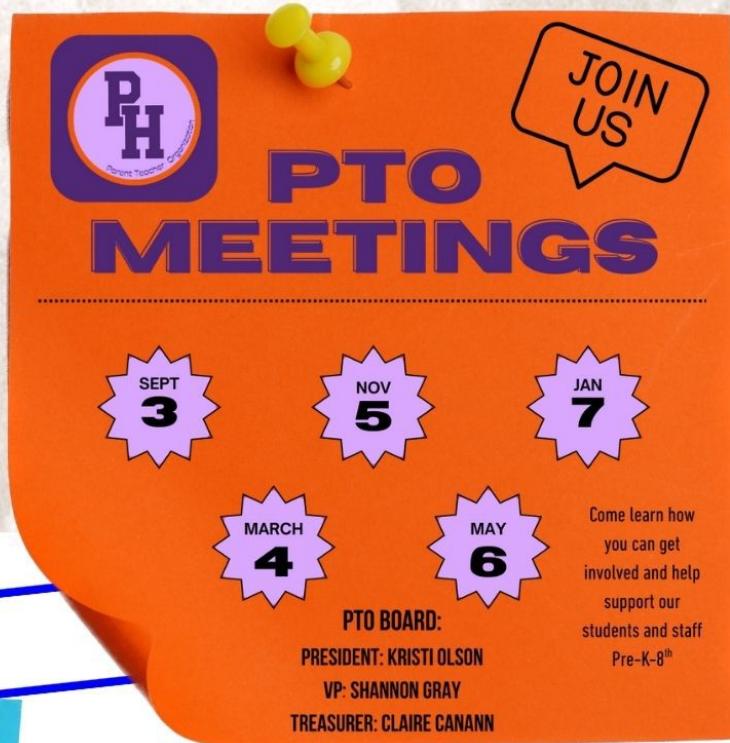
In November, students focused on the competency of Adaptability. Students learned

to embrace changes with openness, approach challenges with agility, and receiving feedback with flexibility.



# PTO, Boosters, & Parents As Teachers

Highlighting the wonderful volunteer, donation, and charitable opportunities provided for our schools



## Parents as Teachers

Interested in getting in contact with Pleasant Hill School District Parents As Teachers Program?

For more information or enrollment check out their page at [phr3.org](http://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

### NOVEMBER 2025

#### Student and Staff Recognition:

**State Champion Nursery Landscape Team** Dr. Rudolph presented to the Board Tyler Burgin and the FFA Landscape team that competed in nationals this year. This is the first team to ever compete in the National Championship. The team provided an overview of their competitions from plant identification to diagnosing and treating plant disorders. They shared their details on landscaping, mowing, surveying and sales competition.

#### Bond Issue Updates

Newkirk Novak and DLR presented to the board Bond updates for the district. these updates included the Middle School Addition , Fieldhouse , HVAC and Roof Replacements. Todd Wilson made the motion to approve the plans for the Middle School Addition and Fieldhouse to go out to bid. Add Roof replacements, HVAC and third party inspection and engineering as presented. Ross-yes, Wilson-yes, Redwine-yes, Vescovi-yes, Hull-yes, Edenburn-yes. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

Kayla Taylor presented to the board Student Success Center Paras for the District. Amber Cleveland- Primary School, Ashlyn Alford-ES, Joy Heflin-IS, Jera Good-MS. Kayla shared with the Board how the Student Success Centers in each of the buildings provide a structured, safe and supportive space for students to regulate emotions, reflect and return to learning ready and calm.

#### Fifth Grade Structure update-

Jak Boden presented to the Board an update on the plans for the 5th grade structure for the 26-27 school year. A survey was sent to staff to gather feedback on thoughts for restructuring the 5th grade. Dr. Boden shared the results of the survey and discussed the plans for the upcoming school year. John Edenburn stepped out at 7:24pm and returned at 7:30pm. Late Start Update Dr. Boden provided to the Board an update on the district's late start Mondays.

Dr. Boden provided an overview of the staff's responses to the PD being provided on Mondays. The district has provided 24 hours of professional development. Within these 24 hours the staff has gone over Portrait of a learner opportunities, PLC and addressed building needs. Dr. Jak Boden provided the Board an update on Cohort testing scores. She provided an overview of the trends in testing. Dr. Boden shared with the board the plans for improvement for the upcoming year. The Board asked to visit buildings after the 1st of the year.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Board of Education Update

### NOVEMBER 2025 CONTINUED

**Annual Performance Report** Dr. Suzanne Brennaman provided an update on the District's APR report.

#### Board Policy Updates

Dr. Burke presented to the Board MSBA's policy updates.

#### Board Comments

The Board appreciated the opportunities to attend the Bond Meetings. Jason had a few questions regarding the Field House and Middle School additions numbers.

#### Superintendent Comments

Dr. Burke shared with the Board the generous donation given to the district to help pay for outstanding lunch balances.

The Primary school will host a drive thru pantry for families needing additional food over the holiday week.

December 8th will be groundbreaking ceremony for the bond projects- Middle school and Fieldhouse.

Dr. Burke shared with the Board the request to utilize the Gym of one of the buildings for a church service.

**Candidate Filing Date** is December 9th- December 30th. The Central Office will be open from 3:30-5pm on December 30th to receive Candidate Filings. Upcoming elections- Lori, Dave and Lisa are up for election.

**The next Board Meeting**- December 16<sup>th</sup>



PH Board Members recognized Tyler Burgin and the FFA Landscaping Team for competing at the national level.