

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

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Welcome back to Pleasant Hill's District newsletter!

It's hard to believe that 1st Quarter has come and gone! October has proven to be another jam packed month in all of our buildings. Fall sports are coming to a close, perfect outdoor weather, fall parties, Parent Teacher Conferences, and all the Trunk or Treats make for a full schedule! We are excited to see what great learning opportunities and accomplishments 2nd Quarter has to offer for our students and staff!

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!



October was filled with several opportunities for vertical collaboration across the district. Teachers and staff participated in sessions to work on ELA curriculum, analyzing MAP data from the spring, looking at proficiency scales to assess students, learning behavior strategies, building positive relationships, and diving into priority standards across grade levels to determine complexity changes from one grade to the next.

PRIMARY PRIDE



Thank you to the Pleasant Hill Fire Department for visiting the Primary School for Fire Prevention Month! The kids loved it!



Primary students enjoy working with A+ students from the high school.



Mrs. Duncan's kindergartners are writers! The kids picked their own topics and immediately started writing. Pretty impressive work!



Primary students sorted books into fiction and non-fiction groups based on text features. What a great learning opportunity by our librarian, Mrs. Shanley!



We opened a post office at the Primary School to encourage students to write. Students were excited to start mailing letters to friends and staff in other classrooms.



Mrs. Miller's 1st graders were caught making a perfect line in the hallway. We teach expectations to students throughout the year. It's fun to see such great examples in our building.



Mrs. Van Zandt's 1st graders enjoyed writing pumpkin stories.



McTeacher Night was a huge success! Thank you to all our families that supported the Primary School! Thank you to the Pleasant Hill McDonalds staff, too! Pleasant Hill McDonalds donated 25% of all digital sales (kiosk, mobile app, and delivery) and 15% of all other sales from 4-8 p.m. for a total of \$825! We are beyond thrilled and extremely grateful!

Upcoming Events

- November 27-29th- No School /Thanksgiving Break
- December 2nd- Special Education Appreciation Day
- December 3rd- Super Citizen Assembly @ 8:30 AM
- December 4th- PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- December 9th-13th- Book Fair
- December 12th- Merry Muffins & Mittens 7:30-8:00 AM
- December 17th- 2nd Grade Music Program- 7PM @ HS



Red Ribbon Week & Halloween are always a good time at the PS!

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



The ES recently had the privilege of receiving a comprehensive fire safety training from the Pleasant Hill Fire Department, resulting in a fun and educational experience for all involved.



Step up walk for Downs Syndrome! ES raised almost \$300!!



Golden Ticket Winners at the Elementary School experienced the delightful explosion of Pop Rocks while spreading kindness through rock painting!



PHHS Rooster football players came over to read with the students at Pleasant Hill Elementary!



PHES students were honored to participate in the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new city park!



Fall party fun at PHES!! Thank you so much to our parents for all the donations and for volunteering your time to make it a success!!



Elementary School students gathered for their first assembly, where they celebrated their accomplishments and recognized those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to meeting PHES expectations, achieving perfect attendance, and earning the coveted Golden Trash Can Award.



Mrs. Cook's third-grade mathematicians estimated the weight of classroom objects in grams, then tested their guesses using a platform scale.



Elementary students celebrated big with pizza and ice cream parties!



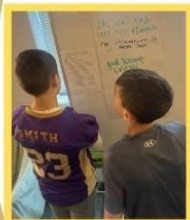
Upcoming Events

- Nov. 22nd- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Science City
- Nov. 27th-29th- NO SCHOOL / Thanksgiving Break
- December 5th- All School Assembly
- December 20th- End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
- December 23rd-January 7th- NO SCHOOL/Winter Break

INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



6th graders at PHIS had the opportunity to explore several different leads/introductions during a chalk talk activity. Once completed, the students wrote several different leads for their personal narratives and chose their best work!



The IS celebrated big in October! Students received Optimist Super Citizen awards, Positive Principal awards, certificates and candy for Perfect Attendance, and PBIS drawings!!



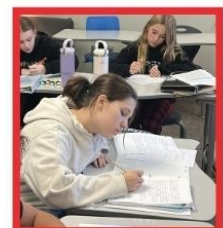
5th graders traveled to Powell Gardens. A great time was had by all!!



6th graders are having a blast exploring rocks and minerals! They learned about their properties and how to distinguish between them.



There's a full house for 5th grade Math Club an our Rockin' Roosters are singing about falling snow in preparation for their concert later this year.



6th grade students at PHIS created artwork centered around their identity, using the game "Tetris" to inspire and guide their works. Students filled out a personal inventory form to determine what Tetris pieces they would need, and then created a structure of their choice using their pieces. Student designs dictated their difficulty level. Early finishers created the visual "book ends" enclosing the artworks. When the display was complete, classes went to the hallway to complete a critique of the display.

6th graders at PHIS are writing literary essays. They're doing phenomenal work already!!!!



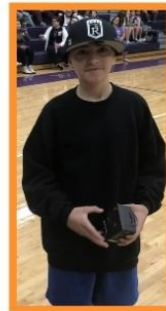
Student Council Costume Contest was a big hit! Congrats to the top 3 winners of each grade! Students also enjoyed creative costumes, trick or treating at lunch, fun science labs, and Halloween activities during electives. Thanks to PTO and all of our gracious parents for the snacks and candy!!

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 27th-29th- NO SCHOOL/ Thanksgiving Break!
- December 5th- Music Concert @ HS 6:00 PM
- December 20th- End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
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MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



PHMS choir performed at the HS this month. The students showed the results of their hard work and talents this quarter.



Congratulations to our three PBIS winners at PHMS for October! Miss Becki drew for three sets of Beats Pro Fit Air Pods. We will do it again in second quarter, so keep the good behavior coming, Students!



MS FACS students researched a career using key factors: strengths, salary, and preparation needs.



MS students and staff brought their fall spirit in full force! It is fun to see so many creative costumes!



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 22nd- Wrestling Tournament @ Oak Grove 5:00 PM
- Nov. 26th- MS Triangular Wrestling @ PHMS 5:30 PM
- Nov. 27th-29th- NO SCHOOL/ Thanksgiving Break!
- Dec. 2nd- MS Girls Basketball @ Odessa 5:00 PM/ MS Boys Basketball @ PHMS 5:00 PM/ MS Wrestling Tournament @ Ray-Pec South
- Dec. 4th- MS Girls Basketball @ Oak Grove 5:00 PM/ MS Boys Basketball @ PHMS 5:00 PM
- Dec. 5th- MS Quad Wrestling @ Cameron 5:00 PM



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



PHHS teachers participated in "Anything But a Cup" day!



Recently, Ag 1 students practiced their livestock terminology by playing a game against their table mates. Students won by collecting the most correct terms that match the descriptions.



A group of Biomedical innovations senior capstone students toured the Advent health campus including the Emergency department, Cancer Center, and Outpatient facilities. Students had the opportunity to speak to a variety of healthcare professionals about their educational and career pathways in healthcare.



Students in Ms. Wingard's Construction class worked to build sawhorses that can be used later in class on their next project.



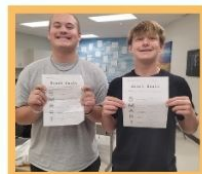
HS seniors attended a college fair hosted by Harrisonville High School. They were able to talk to technical schools, community colleges, and universities about different programs and interests.



Twenty-seven 11th graders attended a recent college fair at UCM. They were able to visit with several colleges of their choice.



Mrs. Case's Honors Geometry class is working together to prove triangles are congruent. They are working individually, in partners, and as a class to work through these difficult problems.



Students learned about Goal Setting in their Connections class, and wrote SMART Goals for the remainder of the semester.



Students team up to work on a presentation in Spanish Seminar class.

Food science students have been experimenting with some food processing, including making fruit leather and applesauce.



Pictures of students presenting the annual Me Box project in Mrs. Fifer's class. You couldn't imagine the diverse things that are important to our students.



PHHS students in the Interior Design class met with their teacher clients to apply their learning to real world situations; redesigning classrooms, nurseries, sun rooms, special resources rooms, and media centers.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 22nd- Annual Show @ 7:00 PM
- Nov. 23rd- ACT Prep Class
- Nov. 25th- Academic Letter Assembly @ 6:00 PM/NHS Inductions @ 7:15 PM
- Dec. 2nd- NWEA Testing Window
- Dec. 3rd- Hillside Performance @ Crown Center
- Dec. 6th- Tuba Christmas @ KC Symphony
- Dec. 7th- FFA BBQ Contest @ PHIS
- Dec. 10th- Senior Pictures
- Dec. 14th- ACT Test Date
- Dec. 19th- Senior Picture Retakes

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FFA



First project of the year out the door in October! Thank you Carter's Construction for letting us build your new skid steer platform!



Impossible leadership dinner is on! We challenged our officer team to pair off for our monthly officer meal and prep a full dinner on a \$30 limit- home cooked. Reed and Coop with the smoked mac n cheese and smoked chicken sliders before we get to planning.



Pride of the Hill completed their competitive season on October 19th at the Carthage Maple Leaf Festival. The band placed 2nd in Class C and went on to earn a 7th place finish in Open Class Finals. Congrats to all members, parents, and staff of the Pride of the Hill on a great season!



Recently, Powerhouse had the opportunity to perform at RenFest!



FFA BBQ trailer serving up food at the Cass County Fairgrounds! They've added a new item to go with the tacos that have been a hit! Pork loin and Swiss smoked sliders!



DTEK GRANT Recipients

Pleasant Hill FFA
Naylor FFA
West Platte FFA
Grandview FFA

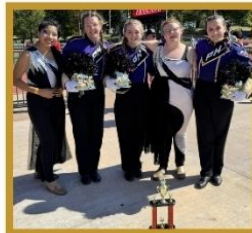
Congratulations to our FFA Chapter for receiving a Drive To Feed Kids grant!



PRIDE OF THE HILL MARCHING BAND



On October 5th at the University of Central Missouri Festival of Champions, the band placed second in Class AA and received 6th place in open class finals.



HS band students engaged in peer tutoring last week to prepare for their upcoming concert band auditions.

POWERHOUSE

Roosters & Chicks Athletics



Chicks



Congrats to our Chicks Softball Team on a great season! Thank you seniors for all your hard work and dedication!



Golden Girls



Chicks GOLF

The Chicks Golf season came to an end with the team finishing in 12th place at the class 2, district 4 tournament at Lawson. These 4 girls played in their first district tournament and performed well under the pressure. Valerie Taylor led P Hill scorers with a 111!



PHHS CHEER



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FOOTBALL



Rooster SOCCER



Roosters & Chicks Athletics



CHICKS Volleyball

Congrats to the Chicks Volleyball Varsity team for an outstanding performance at the Warrensburg High School tournament! Undeclared and taking first in both pool play and overall!



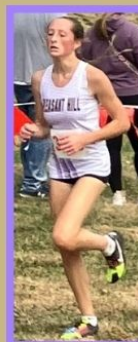
Way to go Chicks...District Champs!

Chicks Volleyball finished out a great season with a tough loss to Odessa in the Quarterfinal match up. Thanks for a great season, ladies!

CROSS COUNTRY



2024 MRVC West Cross Country Champs!! Pleasant Hill Chicks!!





Student Athletes of the month

Brady Roe & Natalie Hamilton
Thank you for your Leadership and Hard Work




Pleasant Hill High School Spotlight

Coach Of The Month

Brett Reeves
Assistant Cross Country Coach


CONGRATULATIONS!



Pleasant Hill High School Spotlight


Coach Of The Month

Tom Gasper
Assistant Coach Football
Defensive Coordinator



Co-Curricular Students of the month

Liam Elkins & Jamie Snow
Thank you for your Leadership and Hard Work




R.I.S.E Athletes of the month

Olivia Shipley & Zach Webb
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!



MS- Sara Fite (Special Education Teacher)



PS- Shannon Duncan (Kindergarten Teacher)



HS- Belen Lomeli (Spanish Teacher)



MS- Julie Elkins (Paraprofessional)



IS- Joy Heflin (Student Success Center) & Kacey McCollum (Social Studies/Writing)



HS- Jennifer Lyons (Nurse)



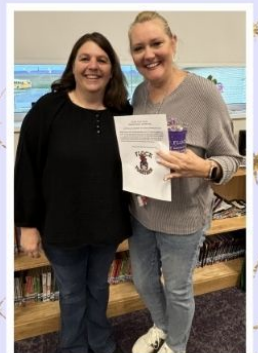
ES- Annie Culver (3rd Grade Teacher)



District- Jessica Young (Instructional Coach/Interventionist)



ES- Lyuda Smith (Paraprofessional)



PS- Jennifer Ring (Building Substitute)

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

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!

- Paraprofessionals
- Substitutes
- Part-Time Daycare
- Custodians
- IS Lunch Room Monitor
- MS 8th Grade Math/Algebra I
- MS Wrestling Coach
- HS Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher



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 October, Parents as Teachers hosted a Pumpkin Painting group connection! We had the chance to host over 20 families at our event and it was a HIT! We love every chance we have to see our families interacting together in the community! A huge thank you to The Farm (F & T Pumpkins) for the generous donation of pumpkins to this event!

Our next Parents as Teachers group connect will be on November 20th at 10 AM at the Pleasant Hill Public Library. 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 or Ashton Stark at astark@phr3.org /816-987- 9200 for the 24-25 school year!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

OCTOBER 2024

Dr. Michael Weishaar presented to the Board the Central Office Business Department. Jana Little, Candance Burnett and Angela Filorio.

Goppert Bank-Purple and Gold Accounts

Mrs. Jenny Gentry presented to the Board an overview of the Purple and Gold accounts and services that Goppert Bank offers.

Mr. Brad Steele from Westbrook and Co presented to the Board the final Audit report for the 2023-24 School year.

Dr. Michael Weishaar presented to the board an updated activity pay schedule.

Dr. Burke share the following policy, procedures, forms and regulation updates from MSBA with the board for approval-

JFCL-AP

JFCL-AF

EHBD

KN-updated

(these can be viewed on our district website under policies)

The Board approved a new Student Information System-Focus for the 2025 school year.

The District plans to begin using this system for Summer School 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Board Comments-

Next Regular Meeting- November 19- 6:15 pm



Our PHSD Daycare staff created this interactive board that has students pausing to reflect on what they're thankful for.



Our 4th-6th grade before and after school care students creating masterpieces with Model Magic!