

# ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL  
R3 DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER

\*OCTOBER 2025\*

## IN THIS EDITION:

- Fall Party Fun!
- Learning & Engagement
- Fall Sports Wrap Up
- FFA National Convention
- Bright Futures
- BOE Meeting

Welcome Back, Roosters and Chicks!

It's hard to believe we've already completed the first quarter of the school year. The past few weeks have been full of energy, learning, and connection, and we're proud of the great things happening across all our buildings. From classrooms buzzing with creativity to hallways filled with collaboration, our students and staff have set a positive tone for the months ahead. It has also been exciting to see so many groups and organizations throughout the district actively engaging in their buildings and supporting the community in meaningful ways. Their involvement strengthens our schools and enriches the experiences of our students.

This time of year naturally brings a sense of gratitude and reflection. We are always thankful for our community and the many ways you support our staff and students. PHR3 is able to continue serving our buildings and families thanks to the generosity of local businesses and organizations who partner with us throughout the year.

We look forward to making the rest of the fall just as memorable and successful. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

We encourage any and all staff, parents and students to send pictures and stories to Nicole Barbour ([nbarbour@phr3.org](mailto:nbarbour@phr3.org)) or Cathy Jobe ([cjobe@phr3.org](mailto: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 PH  
Fire Department  
for visiting our  
buildings during  
Fire Safety Week!





# PRIMARY PRIDE



Mrs. Noland's kindergartners enjoyed participating in literacy centers! It's fun to read and write!



These little Roosters were recognized by the Optimist Club for displaying **HEALTHY HABITS!** Way to go, Primary kids!



The Pleasant Hill Optimists recognized these Primary Super Citizens for showing **RESPECT!** We are proud of these respectful little Roosters!



**PH Daycare Students of the Month!** Students are chosen according to how well they demonstrate the portrait of a learner traits.



Daycare enjoyed a Fun Friday on their day off of school! They had a pizza party for lunch, enjoyed making crafts and a movie with popcorn!



Halloween was a great day at the Primary School! It was a spook-tacular day filled with sugar, fun, and yes, even learning!

**Upcoming Events**

- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>- Izzy B. Author Visit
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Break/NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- Jingle Mingle
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>- K Field Trip to Union Station
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Performance 7PM @ PHHS
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Winter Break/NO SCHOOL
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# ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Ms. Stumpff's class celebrated the end of the writing unit with a compliment party!



Golden Ticket Winners! Bubbles Snacks and good fun Hanging with Burbee!



Third Grade classes had an absolutely amazing time at School of Economics! Students were in charge of opening up their shops, taking orders, counting money, advertising, and closing shops. They had bankers that cashed checks and loan officers that took deposits. It was a fabulous day!



PHES had a wonderful Halloween celebration! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help make it such a special day!



Art students have been creating some great projects in class and with Art Club!

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>- Spelling Bee
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Break/NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>- Family Art Night 4:30-6:30 PM
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
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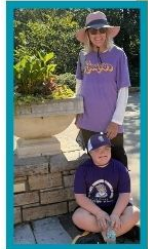
# INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



October's Portrait of a Learner focus was communication. PHIS kicked off the month by learning about communication, including how to actively listen and how to share ideas effectively.



STEAM Club at PHIS had fun and learned a lot through scientific inquiry. Who knew you could mummify apples?!?

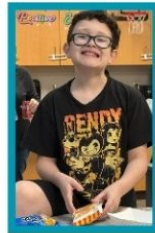


Students in 6th grade science at PHIS journaled their experiences with the weather and clouds over the past couple of days and discussed high-pressure systems and the movement of air masses.

Tons of students from PHIS spent a hot and steamy day at Powell Gardens in October. They learned about pollinators, seed dispersal, plant life and more!



McTeacher Night for PHIS was a huge success!! Thanks to all our families for dining with us or cruising through the drive thru!!



Students in Mrs Shoemaker's PHIS class provided a hot dog with a pretzel or nacho side, a cookie and a drink to staff today. Service learning is fun, educational and tasty!



PHIS celebrated big with the 1st Quarter PBIS No Majors celebration. Students with no major discipline enjoyed a fun-filled morning of fall activities.



Congrats to these IS Costume Contest Winners!

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 24th-28th- Thanksgiving Break/NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>- DARE Graduation 6:00 PM
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>- Choir Concert PHHS 6:30 PM
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band PHHS 6:00 PM
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



Thank you to Mrs. Baker for decorating PHMS lockers for fall sports.

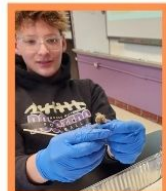


Congratulations to Mrs. Sara Fite who was recipient of the MSVP. She was chosen for creating a culture of collaboration and inclusion with both staff and students.



Congratulations to our PBIS drawing winners!

Mrs. Lally's word game club competes for dominance!.



7th grade scientists examining owl pellets in Mrs. Davis's class.



Whether it's Uno, embroidery, crocheting, nature crafting, or sign language: PHMS clubs are going strong.



Congrats to Ms. Olivia Shelton, 7th & 8th grade ELA Teacher, for earning the MSVP! She was awarded for innovation trying new strategies in classroom management and engagement.



PHMS Volleyball celebrated their final practice of the season with white lies t-shirts!



MS choir had its fall concert at the high school. It is always amazing how much the students can learn in 9 weeks.



Congratulations Mrs. Dana DeMoure-Umscheid for being a MSVP! She was nominated for creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and maintaining a supportive climate where every student feels cared for.



Mrs. Fite's and Mrs. Spruill's ELA classes wrapped up their Legend of Sleepy Hollow Project-Based Learning unit with a fun and festive culminating event — our Fall Festival!



## Upcoming Events

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Ms. Holthaus took her high school photography students to Union Station to practice taking photos with different apertures.



The PHHS Counseling Department took students to the Harrisonville College Fair. They had the opportunity to visit with representatives from many different post secondary schools.



PHHS Juniors and Seniors were invited to attend the Mid-Missouri Johnson County College Fair at UCM. The counseling department took over thirty students to learn more about different post secondary options.



Environmental Science students in Mr. Thompson's class built miniature biomes to study how limiting factors affect ecosystem growth. Students built biomes that include both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems with various populations within them.



PHHS students, parents, and staff braved the cold and rain to host a Trunk-or-Treat for the community. Thank you to everyone who came and participated.



## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 18th-Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Toy Drive
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - Annual Show
- Nov. 24th-28<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break/NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - Senior Photos with Pearce
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Day
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# HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## PRIDE OF THE HILL MARCHING BAND



The Pride of the Hill completed a historic competitive season with three class championships out of their four competitions. The band's 2025 production, "After", was well-received by judges and the home crowd at Rooster football games. Congratulations to the Pride of the Hill on this outstanding accomplishment!

October 11th at the Odessa Marching Invitational (Odessa, MO)-Outstanding Visual, Outstanding Music, Outstanding Effect, First Place in the Black Class

October 18th at the Royal Regiment Invitational (Harrisonville, MO)- Outstanding Visual, Outstanding Effect, Outstanding Music, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Guard, First Place in the Silver Class.



Thank you Seniors and Families...we thank you for contributing to the success of our program! Best of Luck in the future!



## FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA



We're proud to share that our Future Teachers of America (FTA) students recently attended an engaging and empowering seminar focused on shaping the next generation of educators! These future teachers are learning, growing, and preparing to lead classrooms of their own one day.

Mr. Twenter serving as a guest speaker at our monthly FTA meeting.



Pictures courtesy of Griff's Pix





# HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## FFA



Pleasant Hill FFA Nursery Landscape Team recently placed 6th at National Competition after being Missouri State Champions. Students competed in identification, landscape estimating, propagation, customer service practicum, grading and drainage, surveying, plant placement, zero turn mower, and customer service ticketing.

Olivia Wingard was 12th individual- Gold rating  
Davin Gilsdorf was 21st individual- Gold Rating  
Maddux Umscheid was 35th individual- Gold rating  
Anna Young was 77th individual- Silver Rating



## HOSA

FFA & HOSA partnered together in October to offer a Hunter's 1st Aid class. Offering information and hands on practice sessions the tree stand and muzzle safety practices as well as field first aid such as packing the wound, tourniquets, and rescue CPR.



FFA had some great places to stop and sight see on the way to Nationals in Indy!



FFA Members had a great time at the Area 7 Barnwarming event!



# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



## CHICKS Volleyball



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## Chicks GOLF



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# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



## FOOTBALL



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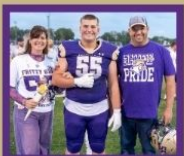
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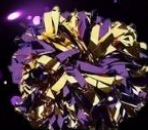
Congrats to our Senior football players, managers, and their families. We applaud your dedication to our program...Best of Luck in the future!

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# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



## Golden Girls



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## PHHS CHEER



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## Rooster SOCCER



Congrats to our Rooster Soccer team for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in districts! Way to go on a great season!



# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



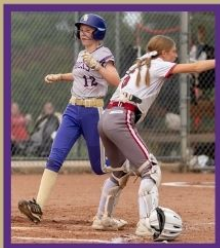
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Thanks to our PHR3 staff who make an impact on our student athletes! We appreciate you!



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Shout out to our Chicks Softball team for earning the title of MRVC West Conference Champs!



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PLEASANT HILL  
*Chicks*





# 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- Barb Warnock  
(Lunchroom/Recess  
Monitor)



IS- Amy Moore (6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Math) & Samantha  
Kagarice  
(Paraprofessional)



MS- Isaiah Ruhman (Special  
Education Teacher)



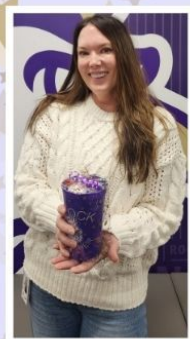
PS- Beth Gross (1<sup>st</sup>  
Grade Teacher)



ES- Kerri Kay (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Teacher)



HS- Alan Borchert  
(Lead Custodian)



MS- Kristin Allen  
(Administrative Assistant)



HS- Dana Scott (Special  
Education Teacher)



ES- Hunter Jewell  
(Custodian)



District- Ashley Gardner  
(FOCUS/Data Specialist)

**FLOCK  
TOGETHER**

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





During the month of October, the district focused on the communication competency. Communication is defined as actively listening to seek understanding. Clearly and effectively sharing thoughts through verbal, nonverbal, written, or visual means to achieve a meaningful outcome. Students at all levels are working to develop their proficiency in the area of communication. Parents can access the Portrait of a Learner documents on the district website under the Portrait of a Learner tab. The November focus is adaptability.



Pleasant Hill

# Jingle Mingle



**Saturday, December 6th**

**PH Primary School**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

**This is a community event that is designed to help support small businesses and vendors in our community as well as create a free holiday experience for the families of our local town.**

**At this event, there will be opportunities for local vendors to sell their products, children to visit with Santa, families to play holiday themed activities and fundraising opportunities for Pleasant Hill families/residents in need.**

**Additional sneak peeks and surprises will be found on Pleasant Hill Parents As Teachers Facebook Page!**

**Happy Holidays & Hope to see you there!**



# PTO, Boosters, & Parents As Teachers

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](http://phr3.org) for up-to-date and complete listings, and apply today!

- Substitutes
- ES Administrative Assistant
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher
- Part-Time Health Room Aide
- Varsity Cheer Coach
- Self Contained Special Education
- HS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach

## 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!



## PTO MEETINGS

JOIN  
US

SEPT  
**3**

NOV  
**5**

JAN  
**7**

MARCH  
**4**

MAY  
**6**

Come learn how  
you can get  
involved and help  
support our  
students and staff  
Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup>

### PTO BOARD:

PRESIDENT: KRISTI OLSON

VP: SHANNON GRAY

TREASURER: CLAIRE CANANN

## Parents as Teachers

What a fun month it has been for PAT!! Tot Time at EMPAC with Mrs. Ashton and all kinds of fine motor feather fun!

Don't forget to come to the Jingle Mingle on Saturday, December 6th from 10-2 at PHPS! There will be holiday shopping from local vendors, children's activities, food and SANTA! We hope to see you there!

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

### OCTOBER 2025

#### Board of Education Summary October 21, 2025

##### Staff Recognition:

**PHMS Roostore-** Mr. Greg Reeves presented Mclair Spruil to the board with her students from the PHMS Roostore. McClair shared the work they are doing in their classroom with her student. The students shared their homemade apple sauce with the Board.

**Mr. Brad Steele** from Westbrook and Co presented to the Board the final Audit report for the 2024-25 School year.

**Dr. Michael Weishaar** presented to the board an update on the Medical Broker interview process and the recommendation for IMA to assume contract/rates through June 30, 2026, The new rates per the IMA contract will begin on July 1, 2026.

The Board approved moving the November Board Meeting from November 18th to Thursday, November 20th at 6:15 pm.

**DLR and Newkirk Novak** provided an update on the Bond renovations for the district.

**Transitions-Building Names-**Dr. Wayne Burke presented to the Board his recommendations for Official Building Names for the 2026-27 school year. This information will be reported to DESE.

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.

**Primary School-** K-2

**Intermediate School-** 3-5

**Middle School-** 6-8

**High School-** 9-12

##### Board Comments-

**Next Regular Meeting-** Thursday, November 20- 6:15 pm



PHMS students and McClair Spruill share with the board about the MS Roostore and brought homemade applesauce to share!

