



# Rooster Review

## Pleasant Hill R-III District Newsletter September 2023

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- Fall Sports
- BOE Meeting

### *Introduction:*

Welcome back to Pleasant Hill's monthly newsletter!

The new school year is off to a great start. Students are getting settled into their classrooms, fall sports are taking off, and we have a million things to celebrate!

Homecoming is October 6th; the parade, game, and dance information can all be found on Page 8. As always, we thank you for your contributions toward this publication. We encourage any and all staff, parents and students to send pictures and stories to Jessica Miller ([jmiller@phr3.org](mailto:jmiller@phr3.org)) or Cathy Jobe ([cjobe@phr3.org](mailto:cjobe@phr3.org)) to be featured in the newsletter, on Facebook, or our new and improved district website!

It's a great year to be a Rooster and Chick!



Dr. Burke and Dr. Brennaman helped serve the middle school football team's first pre-game meal to kick off the season!



Mrs. Boley's fourth grade class is all smiles!



# Primary Pride



The PS recognized Top Notch students (left) for going above and beyond!

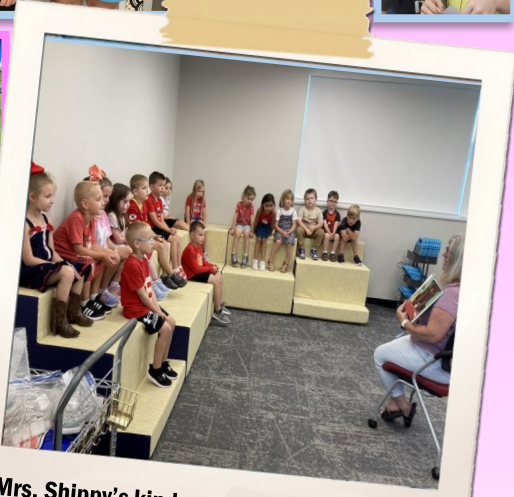


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First graders soaking up the sunshine during snacks and recess.



Mrs. Shippy's kindergarten class enjoying a book with Mrs. Shanley in the new library!



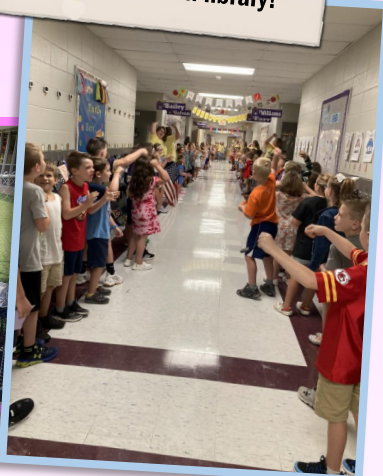
Ms. Wansing brought in her aloe plant to help her students decode and investigate the word "sap."



Mrs. Farr's class celebrated the end of their writing unit by inviting family members to come in and listen to their personal narratives.



Mrs. Helus had lunch with some of the PS's Top Notch students!



Second graders (above) showed their school spirit by performing The Pleasant Hill Fight Song!



Ms. Jackson and first grader Ziva Lees celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a fun Freida Kahlo display!



Mrs. Diederich's and Mrs. Kimminau's first graders learned about organizing and analyzing data.



2nd grade finished their first unit in writing, "Small Moments." To celebrate, Mrs. Blundell invited parents to come in and listen to the class share their first published story as a second grade author (left)!

# Elementary Enrichment



Mrs. Boley's class (above) and Mrs. Cook's class (below) were recognized as Golden Trash Can Award Winners for helping keep PHES clean and tidy!



Mrs. Burbee sure is a fun principal!



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The ES has a whole bunch of Chiefs fans!



Did You Know? Students can share unwanted and unopened food in the new Share Bin in the cafeteria!



Mrs. Albin's monthly Family Art Night was a success!



PHES students enjoying their new library with Miss Lefholz.



You're always welcomed with a smile at PHES thanks to Mrs. Beecher in the front office!



# Intermediate Ingenuity



This amazing artwork above was created by the 3D/2D Art class. The theme of their piece is "Linked Together by a Strong Bond."

Everyone loves playing Castle Ball at Intramurals!



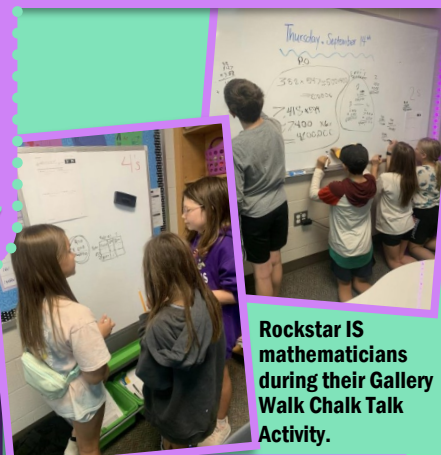
5th graders took a field trip to the WWI Museum and Federal Reserve Money Museum!

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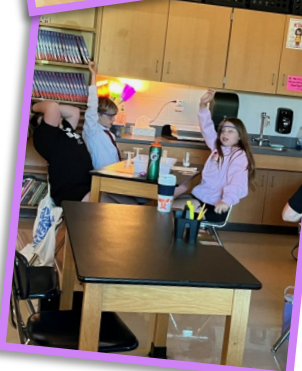
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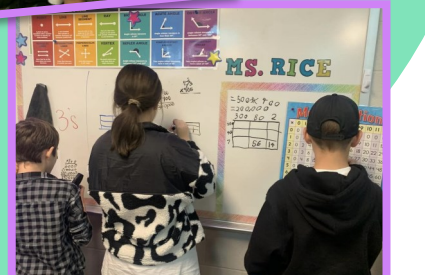
The IS celebrates Red Friday in style!



Rockstar IS mathematicians during their Gallery Walk Chalk Talk Activity.



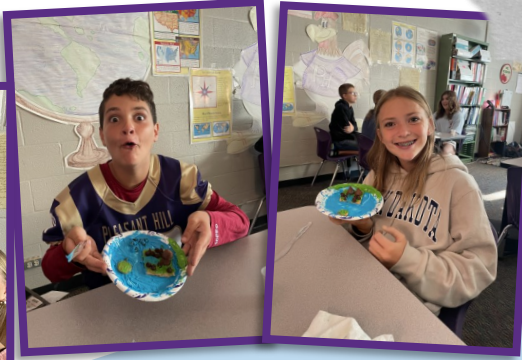
Mrs. Castle's scientists investigating substances!





# Middle School Magic

## MS Academics



Ms. Wisdom's class used graham crackers, icing and candy to create landforms in Social Studies (above, left).



Mr. Ditty's PLTW class building, experimenting and creating!



8th graders utilize some quiet study time (left).

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B Teufel, Layla Palmer and Bella Dawe were all smiles after earning their first medals of the season in Cross Country!

MS Football has started their season 2-2!



## MS Sports



MS Volleyball Chicks defeated Harrisonville in their home opener!



# High School Highlights



PHHS students in the Multimedia class are gearing up for the first episode of the season of Claw TV by collaboratively brainstorming their video segments.

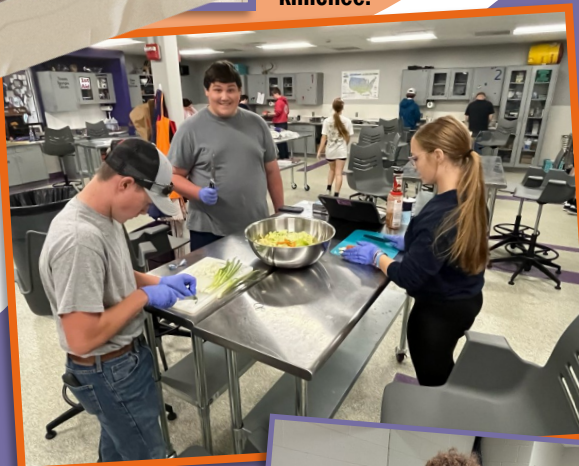


Above: Principles of Biomedical Science students are learning how to take vital signs.

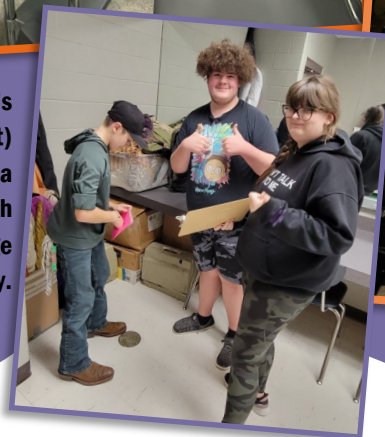
Left: PHHS ceramics students are learning how to work the pottery wheel.

Below: Ag Food Science & Technology students are learning about Food Preservation methods. Fermentation was being utilized as they made kimchee.

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- FFA Jacket Orders Due: October 3
  - Homecoming/ Early Release: October 6
  - Homecoming Dance: October 7
  - Late Start: October 11
  - Picture Retake Day: October 17
  - Early Release: October 20
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences: October 25-26
  - Early Release: October 26
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Students in Mrs. Keith's theater class (right) participated in a scavenger hunt to teach them all about stage management and safety.



The Pride of the Hill marching band preparing to take to the field during a football game

# More High School Highlights



Rooster BBQ traveled to Tipton for competition this month! They took first and second in apps and got to practice for the new chili category for this year!



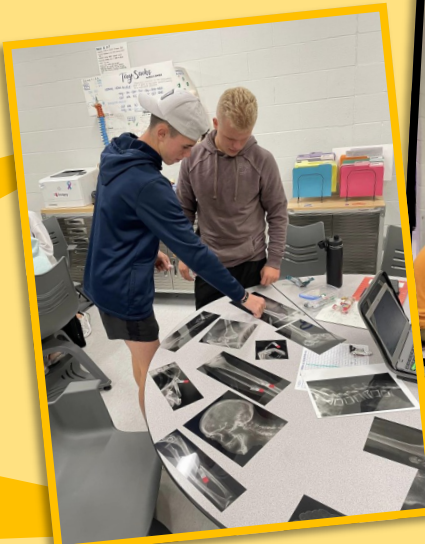
FFA students had a great time attending the Area 7 Barnwarming Dance in Holden!



## New Team Alert!



Pleasant Hill is thrilled to announce that a new competitive team has been formed for the 23-24 school year: Esports! The Fall Team will compete in Overwatch 2 and Super Smash Brothers.



FFA members (above) had a great September meeting with Minute2Win it style games and a pasta bar! BioMed students (above left) were kept busy this month. PBS analyzed trace evidence from a mysterious death scene, HBS read X-Rays for their orthopedic case studies, and MI tested samples investigating an outbreak of meningitis on a college campus.

In Mr. Hamilton's Personal Finance class (left), students were paired up to practice their interview skills.



**PLEASANT HILL  
HOMECOMING**

**THROUGH  
THE  
DECADES**

**OCTOBER 6  
VS  
WARRENSBURG**

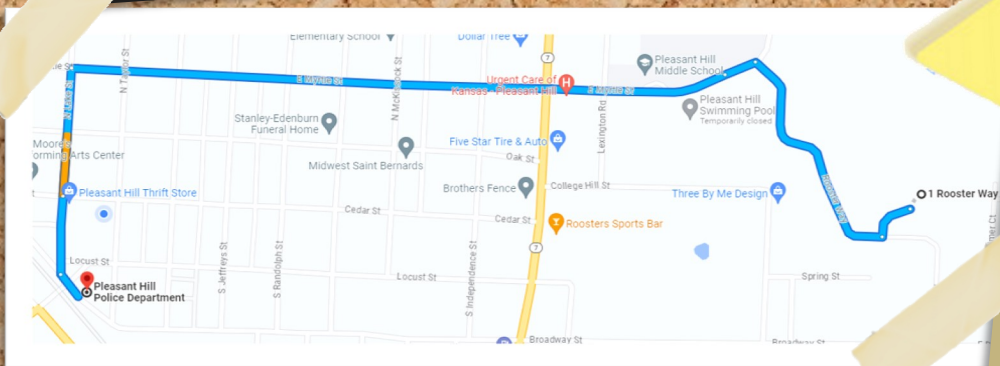
**Homecoming  
Theme Days**

- Monday: Surfers vs. Bikers (50's Style)
- Tuesday: Hippies vs. Disco (60's & 70's Style)
- Wednesday: Valley vs. Punk (80's Style)
- Thursday: Class Colors
- Friday: Purple & Gold

**2023**

**HOMECOMING  
PARADE  
OCTOBER 6**

**1:30 PM**



*Parade Route*

*HS Dance*

*Pleasant Hill*

*Through the Decades*

**OCT 7**

**HOMECOMING DANCE**  
8 PM - 11 PM  
SEMI-FORMAL | \$5 ENTRY



# Sports Highlights



Volleyball is undefeated in MRVC games!



Softball ended the regular season 10-6 and is on to post-season competition!



The coaches from the UCM Softball Tournament voted Addie Tippie and Devyn Younce (above) to the All-Star Tournament Team!



Football has started the season off 5-0!

The Chicks Golf team (right) sent 2 teams to the Odessa International Tournament in Richmond. The "A" Team finished 2nd and the "B" Team finished 7th out of 10 schools. Medalists were Rogers 3rd, Gregory 4th, McCommon 6th!



The Cheer and Dance teams are slaying this season!



A huge congratulations to Aby Widhalm for reaching 1,000 career kills and Ela Hanes for reaching 1,000 career assists in volleyball!



Our winter wrestlers have begun pre-season training!



Boys' Soccer has been putting in the work for a great season!



PLEASANT HILL

2024

*Chico*  
ROOSTERS &  
*Chicks*

## PROJECT GRAD MEETINGS

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT OFFICERS BELOW:

President- Ashley Nicholas & Carrie Hull

Vice President- Don Donovan

Treasurer- Savannah Bush

Secretary- Mindy Halfmann

# 2023 YOUTH CLINIC CHEER

## Clinic & Game

@ Eklund Field  
Drop off at North East gate

**OCT 20th**

Clinic Starts at 4 PM  
Pre-Game Performance to  
follow starts at 6:10 PM

OPEN TO ANY AND ALL K-4 GRADE

\*\*REGISTRATION ENDS OCT 12TH

\$25 PER PERSON

Online Registration only

TO REGISTER VISIT  
[jpeg.ly/n9rjK](https://jpeg.ly/n9rjK)



# PTO, Boosters, & Bright Futures

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



## BOOSTER CLUB Corner

### Homecoming Fit Check....

The FanZone Pop Up will be back this year on Homecoming - Friday, October 6, 2023, at the corner of 7 Hwy and Myrtle Street. All of this year's favorites and new merch will be available from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The FanZone will be back open at the football stadium at 5:30 pm Friday night.

### Join Us...

Booster Club memberships are available for the 23/24 school year. Gold memberships are \$50.00 per family and Purple memberships are just \$25.00. The Pleasant Hill 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!*

Membership Form

**PLEASANTHILLBOOSTERCLUB@GMAIL.COM**

PHHS Booster Club Gold Member		PHHS Booster Club Purple Member	
40% OFF ONE FANZONE ITEM			
Event	Event	Event	Event
Item	Item	Item	Item
Price	Price	Price	Price
Item	Item	Item	Item
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@Theboosterclubfanzone

@PleasantHillBoosterClub

## FFA Booster Club

The FFA Boosters had their first meeting of the 23-24 school year on Tuesday, August 29th. We were so excited to see several new faces!

During the meeting we discussed upcoming FFA activities as well as some Booster fundraising options for this year. We approved the purchase of a new dishwasher for Ms. Wingard's classroom as well as some pots and pans for her food science class.

Officers were also elected:

President - Crystal Denner Vice President - Anna Betts  
Secretary - Jen Box Treasurer - Amanda Hocker

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 26th @ 6:30 in Mr. Burgin's room. The agenda for September includes a special presentation regarding some financing options for SAE projects, final review and adoption of our bylaws, fundraising options and a decision on a summer incentive for all those kiddos who helped during the Cass County Fair.

Membership registration is open for the 23-24 year. If you would like to be a Booster member, it is free; just email your name, address, phone and email to [pleasanthillffaboosters@gmail.com](mailto:pleasanthillffaboosters@gmail.com)

If you are a returning member, just simply email and tell us to reactivate you!

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Follow us on Facebook!

Pleasant Hill FFA Boosters

Pleasant Hill FFA Fundraising

## Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers have been busy diving into the new school year! They had a special guest from the Kansas City Zoo for their first group connection and had an excellent turnout! The zoo mobile brought two

different animals to learn about and set up stations for the kids to explore nature and the different habitats that animals live in. We were so thankful for their partnership in offering such a great experience for our littles. Fun Fact: You are your child's first and most important leader! They receive messages from you in your voice, your facial expressions, and your body language. Work on solving problems together with a positive attitude. They will learn from you.

For additional information on enrolling your child in

Parents as Teachers or having your child complete a developmental screening visit us at <https://sites.google.com/phr3.org/pleasanthill-pat/home>.



# Community Engagement

## Board of Education Update

In September's Meeting:  
SUI Format Changes-

Dr. Michael Weishaar presented to the Board his plan to continue to use the current financial program, SUI, in place. The finance team will expand their training with the program to be able to use the program to its full potential. This will eliminate redundancy and be more efficient.

Mike Clevenger presented to the Board an update on rekeying the buildings at Eklund Field and his plan for securing the field during down times. His plan included designated time for community usage on the weekends and posting signage sharing this information.

Board Comments- Board Building walkthroughs to view Bond Improvements- October 13th

Next Regular Meeting- October 16th- 6:00 pm

The Board asked for updates on TeacherEase, Frontline and our internet provider.

Board Members for the 23-24 school year are:

Todd Wilson, President  
Lori Redwine, Vice President  
David Adamczyk, Treasurer  
Scott George  
Deenia Hocker  
Lisa Vescovi  
Travis Ross

## 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!

HS Guidance Counselor  
Speech Language Pathologist  
HS, MS Teachers  
Special Education Teachers  
Paraprofessionals  
Custodians  
HS, MS Coaches  
Child Care Aide  
Substitutes

## Bright Futures Collection Drive: Hats & Gloves Needed!

PH Bright Futures is collecting donations of unused hats, gloves and scarves for the upcoming winter season! These donations can be dropped off at Goppert Bank or PH Central Office (318 Cedar St).

Want to donate online? Use the QR Code below to provide monetary help in increments of \$5. Thank you as always for supporting Bright Futures and our students!

