

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

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As we look ahead, we're also hopeful that the worst of Missouri's winter weather is behind us. With any luck, warmer temperatures are just around the corner, bringing with them new opportunities for growth, learning, and community connection. Thank you for your continued support as we move through the school year together!

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!

Welcome back to Pleasant Hill's District newsletter!

Can you believe how quickly the month flew by? It feels like we just rang in the New Year, and yet, January has already brought us a whirlwind of exciting events and milestones! From the district spelling bee to the 100th anniversary of the Boys Basketball Tournament, and the high-energy Battle of the Bands, there's been no shortage of excitement. Of course, we can't forget another Chiefs playoff football run, which has brought an extra spark of energy to the month!

We are grateful for the incredible participation, talent, and spirit from our students and community that made these events unforgettable.



Congrats to Spelling Bee Champion, Will Henley (6th grade) and Runner-up, Olivia Saltzman (4th grade). The winning word was **groggrain**



Primary students worked on AMI packets during their time at our district daycare. Thank you to our amazing daycare staff!

PRIMARY PRIDE



Primary teachers completed learning walks in January. Teachers are learning how to incorporate higher levels of thinking and problem solving into their math lessons. Teachers listened to kids explain their thinking to one another. The kids had fun using their brains! And teachers enjoyed expanding their teacher brains, too! We are a community of learners!



Second grade made a sushi tray collage, and to finish their lesson on Chinese new year. Once their project was finished they got to make candy sushi!!



It was a fun month of learning and activities at the Primary School.

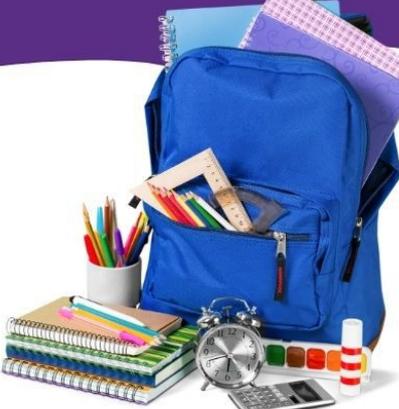


Upcoming Events

- February 14th- Valentine's Day Parties 2:30-3:30 PM
- February 15th- SRO Appreciation Day
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- March 3rd-7th- Kindergarten Screenings
- March 7th- Spring Picture Day
- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break

We celebrated our 100th day of school at the Primary in January. There was quite a bit more gray hair seen around the building than usual, lots of really cool t-shirts, and many fun activities!

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Ms. Meehan's class participated in a book tasting for their literary essay unit! Students previewed several books and rated their favorites on a tasting menu. Each student will get one of these books to work with throughout the unit!



PHES students engaged in Notes and Rests Finger Twister during Music class.



Congrats to our January Optimist winners! We are so proud of you!



Ms. Stumpff's third grade students explored Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and wrote about their ideas for creating a better world.



PHES Golden Ticket Winners enjoyed participating in Minute To Win It games.



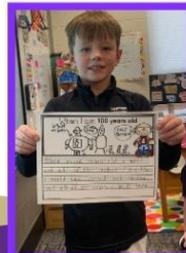
Golden Ticket Winners enjoyed decorating Chiefs cookies and receiving Super Bowl rings!



Mrs. Cook's class earned their next 100 Rooster Buck reward! They celebrated by bringing anything but a backpack!



Mrs. Culver's class celebrated the 100th day of school by brainstorming what it would be like to be 100 years old. The class wrote their own "When I am 100 years old" stories. They had so much fun with this!



Upcoming Events

- February 14th- Valentine's Day Parties
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- February 19th- Family Art Night
- February 21st- Spring Picture Day
- February 24th- Health.Moves.Minds. Event
- March 5th- Donuts and Dollars with Grownups
- March 6th- Optimist Assembly
- March 11th- 3rd Grade Music Performance

INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



Friday is a staff favorite at PHIS! Our students in the ROOST deliver homemade treats and other goodies. We sure are spoiled with amazing B&G and warm muffins!



Students in Miss McCollum's class earned an ice cream sandwich party during the PBIS drawing. Following expectations can be quite tasty!



PHIS 6th graders in Mr. VanSlyke's classroom engaged in a Building Thinking Classroom structure as they practiced using Order of Operations. Learning was visible for all to see!



PHIS celebrated BIG during their January Assembly! Positive Principal Awards were given out. Students were recognized for 1st Semester Perfect Attendance, 95% Club, and the Read for 15 Mahomes Challenge. We drew Rooster Bucks for PBIS rewards, and played a riveting game of rock/paper/scissors football!



The DARE Graduation Ceremony at PHIS was a great success. Congrats to all fifth graders who received this special recognition.

Upcoming Events

- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- February 25th & 26th- 6th Grade Field Trip to School of Economics
- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break



MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



MS Rooster Basketball has had a busy season on the court!



At the final PHMS Chicks basketball game, several students volunteered to sing the National Anthem a cappella.



PHMS awarded a Nintendo Switch for second quarter grades, discipline, and attendance at an assembly this morning. Eligible students had to have A, B, C's; 90% attendance; AND no major referrals. 176 students qualified for the wheel of names.

Upcoming Events

- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- February 21st & 22nd- Musical @ PHHS
- March 14th- End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17th-21st- Spring Break



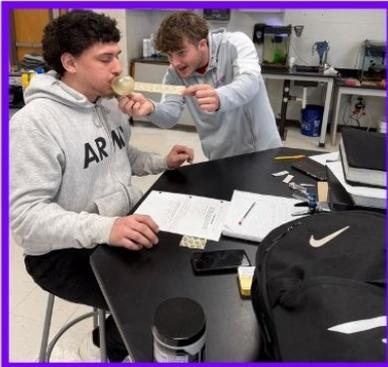
HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Human body systems students role the dice in "Game of Hormones" to determine their fate in the homeostatic feedback loop of blood sugar regulation. One bad roll and it's too many candy bars and a diabetes diagnosis.



Mrs. Fifer and Mrs. Halfmann collaborated on a "book tasting" lesson recently, where seniors experienced different genres and book titles prior to selecting a book for their independent reading project.



Psychology students in Mr. Schoenherr's class spent time having collaborative discussion of psychological statements to determine whether they are fact or fiction and why/why not.



Students in Mr. Thompson's Environmental Science class worked their problem solving skills in determining which gum was best at blowing bubbles.



Mrs. Geist's Anatomy students were observed teaching each other about blood flow through the heart. "Watch it, do it, teach it."



Upcoming Events

- February 13th- Winterwarming Candidate Assembly
- February 14th- Winterwarming Pep Assembly/ Winter Dance
- February 17th- NO SCHOOL
- February 18th- Holocaust Presentation (10th Grade)
- February 19th- Government Field Trip to White House Decision Center
- February 25th- Teen Self-Defense Class
- March 3rd-7th- NWEA Testing Window
- March 7th- Jostens Senior Delivery Day
- March 12th- Advisory Night

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PPHS Chiors



Pleasant Hill Show Choirs hosted Battle of the Best back in January. Even though they didn't compete, they put on some great performances for the audience.



The High School show choirs had their first competition at Blue Valley on January 18th. Senior Brooke Beck and Junior Delaney Duncan both received "Best Performer" medals during their performances.

FFA



The Pleasant Hill FFA Trades Fair was a tremendous success. Thank you to all of the vendors and attendees!



FCCLA students recently hosted a line dancing event to benefit Meals on Wheels as part of a district and state competition. They would like to thank everyone for attending and their support of the food pantry and meals on wheels.

FCCLA



FCCLA competed in regional STAR event competition at UCM.

- Natalie Creach - Bronze
 - Taylor Crane and Payton Michael - Silver
 - Madison Paulson - Silver
 - Rowen Hansen - Gold and will be advancing to State!
- Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and dedication to their projects!



Roosters & Chicks Athletics



CHICKS Basketball



Congratulations to our C-Team Chicks on their 3rd place finish in the Shawnee Mission Classic Tournament!



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

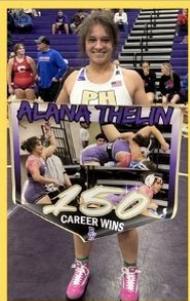


HUGE congratulations to Senior Chaney Gray, scoring her 1000th career point in January! Your family and Chicks Basketball family are so proud!

ROOSTER BASKETBALL



Roosters & Chicks WRESTLING



PHHS Girls Wrestling had a great finish at Odessa.: Alana 1st, Skylar 2nd & Ashlyn 3rd



Congratulations to Alana on win 150 in her career!

Thank you to our senior wrestlers and managers for a great four years! You have left a remarkable legacy. You will be missed. Good luck in your future endeavors!





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- Christine Blundell
(2nd Grade)



MS- Autumn Edwards (ELA Teacher)



HS- Mindy Halfmann (Library)



MS- Allison Cornell (Nurse)



District- Candice Burnett
(Accounts Payable/Receivealbe)

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



ES- Amanda Beecher (Secretary)



ES- Shandi Klusmeyer (Special Education Teacher)



HS- Jill Bruno (Secretary)



IS- Celia Davidson (Principal) & Samantha Summers (Paraprofessional)



PS- Jennifer Meiries (Secretary)



Congratulations



Nancy Ullah

Chamber of Commerce
Educator of the Year!!



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!

- Math Teachers
- ELA Teachers
- High School Principal
- Head Girls Golf Coach/Head Boys Golf Coach
- 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!

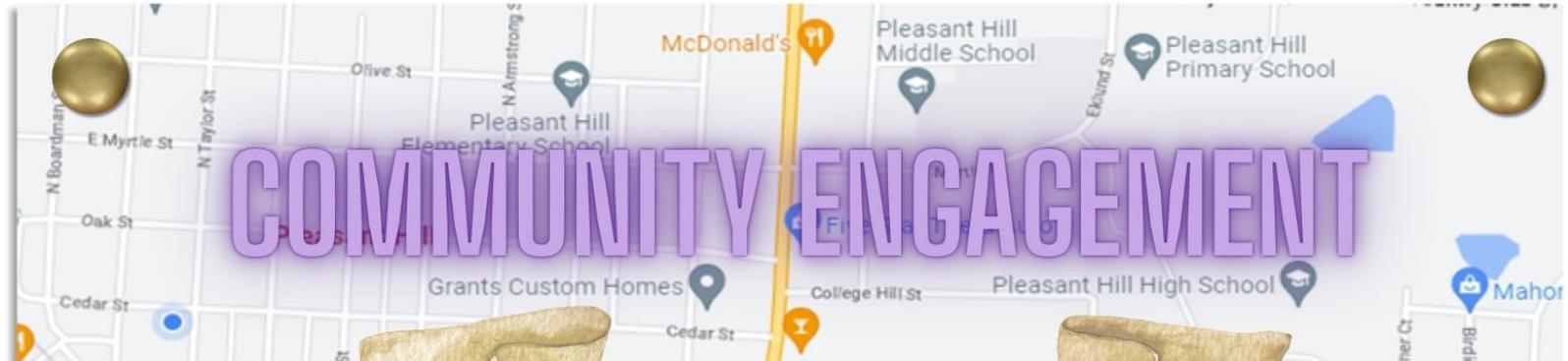
Parents as Teachers



In preparation for Preschool and Kindergarten screenings, this month, Parents as Teachers have created activities to share with families that will help children with letter recognition and matching as well as sound recognition. We love creating personalized activities for our kiddos to learn and grow with even after we leave home visits! :)

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

JANUARY 2025

Coach Justin Hamilton presented to the board several of his players that received All State Recognition for the 2024 Football season.

Kyler Wallace Riley- All State Receiver

Lucas VanMeter-All State Punter

Brady Roe- 2 year All State Defensive Back

Coach Christy Reeves presented to the Board Laney McDaniel for receiving All State Recognition for 3rd base for the 2024 Softball Season and for receiving All State Academics.

Mr. Sam Horrell Made the recommendation to partner with GOFANS to incorporate digital ticketing options as a course of payment starting in the fall of 2025 for District Events

Dr. Jak Boden provided a math curriculum update for the Board. The update was for the Middle School and High School Math programs.

Dr. Suzanne Brennaman presented an update on the Portrait of a Learner program. The District plans to fully implement this program in the fall of 2025.

Dr. Burke presented to the Board Bond language and Bond Resolution for the proposed Bond Issue for the April Election. The name of the Bond that will appear on the Ballot is Proposition K.I.D.S.(Keep Improving District Schools).

Dr. Burke presented the Board Policy Updates from MSBA-these policies can be found on our website. BBBB-1, BDC, DFI-1, DCLA, GCBA, GCPD, IGBCA, IGBH, IGBI, IGCD, IGCD, JEA, JED, JHDF, EBBA-AP(1), EF-AP(1), GBEBB-4-AP(2), JED-AP1, JED-AP(2).

Board Comments-

Lisa Vescovi provided MSBA update for the Education Chairs

Todd Wilson gave an update for the 100th Anniversary of the Boys Basketball Tournament.

Next Board Meeting February 18, 2025 at 6:15 pm.



The Board recognized several All-State athletes from the fall sports season at tonight's Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to these students on their accomplishments!





GIRLS ON THE RUN IS RETURNING TO PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY THIS SPRING!

Grab your running shoes and join the Girls on the Run fun! This is a 8-week program for girls in 3rd through 5th grade, it educates and prepares girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Using a well-researched curriculum, volunteer coaches teach life lessons through fun interactive games combined with training for a non-competitive 5K event. Topics include: getting rid of negative self-talk, how to deal with bullying, gossip and peer pressure, nutrition, making healthy choices and much more.

Practices: Mondays and Thursdays after school until 5:00 at the ES

Dates: Starts March 10th and concludes May 10. All girls will run or walk in the celebratory, non-competitive 5K event on Saturday, May 10th at Swope Park.

With paid registration, each girl receives:

- 16 lesson conducted by trained Girls on the Run coaches**
- All program materials, lap counters, and stickers**
- An official program t-shirt**
- A healthy snack at each practice**
- An entry fee to the Girls on the Run 5K on May 10**
 - A water bottle**
 - A 5K finisher's medal**
- Friendships, fun, and lessons to last a lifetime**

*****All registration is online and spots are limited*****

Financial aid is available.

Visit www.gotrkc.org to sign up today!

CONTACT TEACHERS MRS. BOLEY, MRS. CAREY, AND MRS. KAY TO LEARN MORE.



See how

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Preschool Screening

Sign up today!
03/31/2025
04/07/2025

Please note this program is subject to availability and qualifications are based on federal guidelines.

Mini Golden Girl Clinic

February 27th 5:00-7:00 pm

Game starts at 7:00 pm and the
dancers will perform at halftime!

****Your child will stay with the dance
team until after the performance. Pick
up will happen outside of the Aux Gym
directly after they dance****

**Clinic is \$15 a dancer and you must
register by Feb 10th to ensure your
dancer gets Poms.**

****Kindergarten to 5th grade****

**VISIT REVTRAK to find the link to
register!**



DONUTS AND DOLLARS WITH GROWNUPS

When: March 5th 7:30am - 8:00am

Where :PHES Cafe

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K-6TH GRADE

where:

PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL

**\$30 PER FAMILY CASH OR VENMO
PRE PAY AND RECEIVE GLOW STICKS FOR YOUR FAMILY!**

THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT ALL KIDS MUST COME WITH AN ADULT