

# ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL  
R3 DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER

\*SEPTEMBER 2025\*

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Welcome Back, Roosters and Chicks!

As the summer days wind down and we trade in our beach towels for backpacks, we're thrilled to welcome everyone—both familiar faces and new—to the start of another exciting school year!

Fall marks the beginning of a fresh chapter, full of opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. To our returning students and staff: welcome back! We've missed the energy, laughter, and spirit you bring to our school community. And to all the new members of our Rooster and Chick family: we're so excited to have you join us. You're already an important part of what makes our school so special.

This year, we look forward to nurturing both academic excellence and personal development in every classroom, hallway, and playground. Whether it's reaching new milestones, making lasting friendships, or discovering new passions, there's something here for everyone.

Here's to a school year filled with curiosity, courage, kindness, and plenty of unforgettable moments. Let's make it our best year yet!

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!



PH Staff could hardly contain their excitement for the 25-26 school year!



# PRIMARY PRIDE

PHPS Staff was busy in August preparing for a great start to the 25-26 school year!



August at PHPS was filled with learning and SMILES! We love seeing our little friends fill our classrooms again!



PHSD Daycare Staff was excited to welcome back all their existing families as well as new families!



First graders hard at work on their writings!



Underground Spirit Day at the Primary School... Looks like a royal wedding in the future for the Red Kingdom!



These kindergartners had fun stretching sounds to make words!



1st Grade has been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. They added a tracker on a Monarch Butterfly and then let it go. The tracker will show the butterfly's migratory journey.



## Upcoming Events

- October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Early Release @ 12:40 PM
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Parade & Parties 8:45 AM = 10:00 AM

# ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



Football Friday at PHES! Go Roosters!



Morning Meetings are so important to us at the ES! A time to connect and build strong classroom families!



All smiles and ready to go...the ES Staff is excited to get to know their new friends!



4th graders are studying Nonfiction Text Features



Mrs. Culver's 3rd graders are working on reading stamina!



PHES had so much fun at Family Literacy Night!



PHES artists are showing their creativity!



Miss O'Shaughnessy's fourth grade class are working in partners to edit and revise their writings!



Ms. Stumpff's Third Grade Squad is celebrating finishing their first reading unit by making book Glyphs!

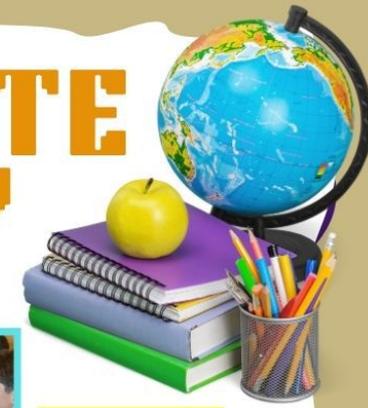


Building Thinking Classroom at work at the ES!

**Upcoming Events**

- October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Early Release @ 12:30 PM
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Fall Parties (3<sup>rd</sup>: 12:50-2 PM; 4<sup>th</sup>: 2:10-3:20 PM)
- November 18<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Performance (Team 4B 6:00 PM/ Team 4A 7:17 PM)

# INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



It was a great first day for students at PHIS!! Mr. Matt rolled out the red carpet to welcome all the smiling faces!



We've started making noise...I mean music, in 6th grade Band at PHIS



5th graders learned how scientists think! They practiced writing hypotheses and put them to the test by flying paper airplanes. Then, changed just one variable to see how it affected the flight – just like real scientists!



6th graders at PHIS are working together to answer questions about how reading habits can make us better readers.



6th graders brought maps to life with 3D foam topographic islands in science!



PHIS kicked off Portrait of a Learner in September. Students learned about Responsibility for the month of September. They learned what it means to be responsible in various areas of their lives.

PHIS Clubs & Intramurals have begun! Art Club started with working on our cleaning skills and deconstructing the previous mural to create space for this year's work. Great artwork to come....



Rockin' Roosters were singing away after school! Clubs & Intramurals at PHIS are where it's at!!



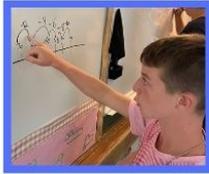
PHIS 6th graders loved competing against each other on "We Will Write" to practice descriptive writing!

## Upcoming Events

- October 21<sup>st</sup> - McTeacher Night
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Early Release @ 12:22 PM
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL
- November 14<sup>th</sup> - Dental Screenings



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



Mrs. Davis's 7th grade science class did a team building exercise. Build a puzzle blindfolded while your partner verbally guides you.

PHMS was rocking with day two! Students are thinking while learning the routines and procedures of middle school.



Congratulations to Mr. Jonathan Brink, seventh-grade math teacher. He is PHMS's inaugural winner of the MSVP (Middle School Valued Person). Mr. Brink earned it for creating a CULTURE where students could collaborate!



PHMS 7th grade science students worked in labs to practice group expectations.



PHMS had its first foray into student interest clubs in September. Students were crocheting, planning to travel, signing, learning the origins of Uno, nature crafting, unscrambling poetry, developing vocabulary through word games, among other activities.



Congratulations to PHMS's 8th grade math teacher Mrs. Tabitha Hayes for being awarded the MSVP. She demonstrated flexibility working with a new team and adaptability in response to challenges.



Congratulations to the PHMS Chicks Volleyball Team for taking first place in the Pleasant Hill Tournament!



PHMS Rooster Football teams hosted Odessa in September. The result...two wins for the Purple and Gold!



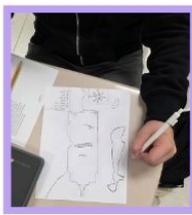
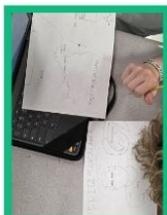
Mrs. Baker's FACS is doing career exploration. Check out PHMS's future professionals!

## Upcoming Events

- October 22<sup>nd</sup>- Cross Country @ Richmond 3 PM
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>- Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>- Early Release @ 11:45 PM
- October 24<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL



# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Students in Ms. Smith's World History/Geography class finished their Introduction to Geography Unit by creating a map of a state of their own design showing map reading skills and the Five Themes of Geography.



Students in Ms. Smith's class worked in groups to develop comparative charts of the world's five major religions Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.



PHHS Homecoming Pride was loud and proud during spirit week! Class Colors, Neon Day, PJ Day, Western Wear, and of course, Purple and Gold for our Roosters and Chicks!



## Upcoming Events

- October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Early Release @ 11:38 PM
- October 24<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL
- November 12<sup>th</sup> - FASFA Frenzy @ PHHS Library 4:30-6:30

# PURPLE & GOLD NIGHT 2025



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# HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## PRIDE OF THE HILL MARCHING BAND



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## FFA



FFA Members had a blast today at the September meeting playing capture the flag and eating ice cream sundaes



Congrats to our three BBQ teams who competed against 87 other teams in the National Competition over the summer! Each team came home with several awards!

Congratulations to Tyler Endicott, Rebecca Goble, Michael Maasen, Alyssa Math, Evan Miller, Nicole South and Ashlynn Keilholz for being selected to receive the State FFA Degree. This is the highest number of students PH FFA has ever had earning the state degree in one year.

## IMPACT CLUB



PHHS Community Impact Club was working hard making the donation bins for "21 for the Flock" October Drive.

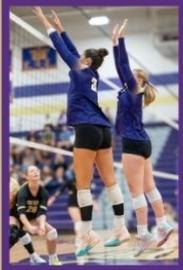
# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



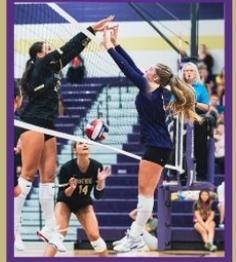
## CHICKS Volleyball



Varsity crushed it at the Lone Jack Tournament and claimed 1st Place!



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C-Team dominated the Archie Tournament and brought home 1st place!



C-Team, JV, AND Varsity all took down St. Joseph Benton with amazing play across the board!

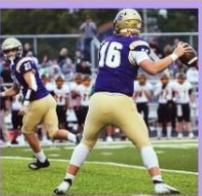
## FOOTBALL



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# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



## PHMS CHEER



Congrats to our Senior Cheerleaders! You will be missed!



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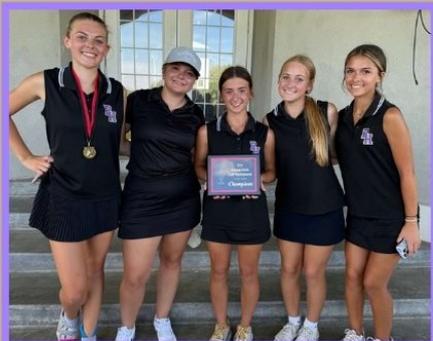
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## Chicks GOLF



## Chicks softball



Congratulations to our Chick Golfers who won the Odessa Trophy!



Congrats to Chicks Softball team for being crowned the Chillicothe Tournament Champs!



Chicks had a great time kicking off the start of the season! The laughs, stories, competitiveness, & fun was off the charts!

## CROSS COUNTRY



Congrats to our Senior Chicks Golfers!

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Congratulations to Avery for winning Gans Creek Classic



Thanks to our Cross Country Seniors!



# Roosters & Chicks Athletics



## Golden Girls



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## Rooster SOCCER



Congrats to our Senior Golden Girls and Rooster Mascot! Best of Luck in the future!



Congratulations to our Rooster Soccer team on winning the Panther Cup in September!



Thank you to our senior Boys Soccer players and managers. We greatly appreciate your dedication and commitment to the purple and gold!

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# HOMECOMING 2025





# 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- Deanna Casey  
(Computer Aide/Lunch Room Monitor)



IS- Cerine Proudfit(Special Education Teacher)



MS- Julie Elkins (ROOST Paraprofessional)



PS- Heather Miller  
(1st Grade Teacher)



ES- Ashlyn Alford  
(Student Success Center Paraprofessional)

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



HS-Aaron Marcussen  
(Biology)



MS- Beverly Jakobe (7th/8th Grade Science Teacher)



HS- Amanda Beecher  
(Administrative Assistant)



ES- Emma O'Shaughnessy (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher)



District-Angela Filorio  
(Payroll)

# 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!

- Paraprofessionals
- Substitutes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher
- Custodians
- Part-Time Desktop Technician
- 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  
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JAN  
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MARCH  
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MAY  
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### PTO BOARD:

PRESIDENT: KRISTI OLSON

VP: SHANNON GRAY

TREASURER: CLAIRE CANANN

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

## Parents as Teachers

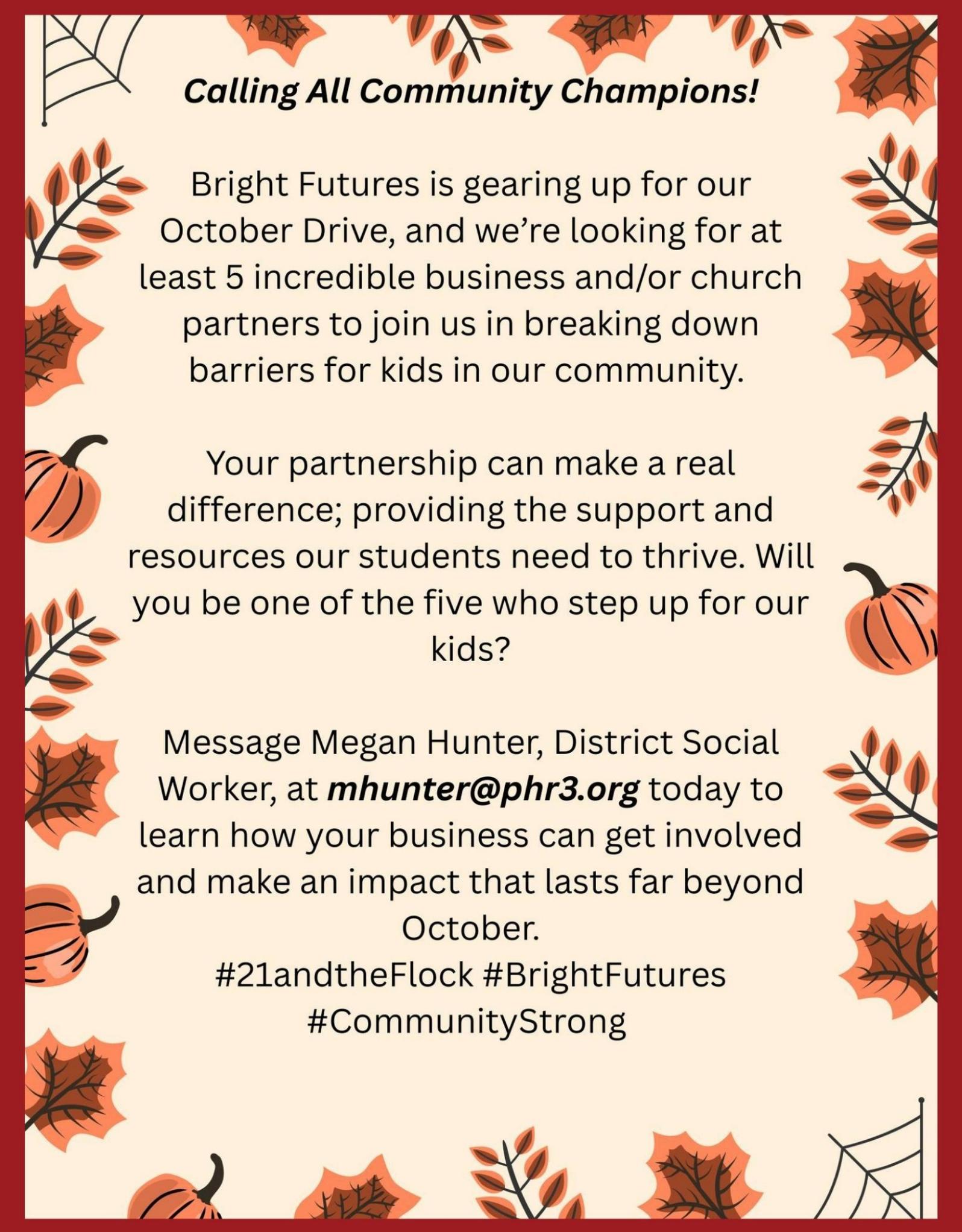
Parents as Teachers has been so busy getting to know new families to our program and connecting with familiar ones as well! We have done some great warm up activities focused on motor growth and development in addition to language skills and expansion. There are some great group connections coming up soon, for more information or enrollment check out their website here:

<https://sites.google.com/phr3.org/pleasanthill-pat/home>



Parents As Teachers





## ***Calling All Community Champions!***

Bright Futures is gearing up for our October Drive, and we're looking for at least 5 incredible business and/or church partners to join us in breaking down barriers for kids in our community.

Your partnership can make a real difference; providing the support and resources our students need to thrive. Will you be one of the five who step up for our kids?

Message Megan Hunter, District Social Worker, at ***[mhunter@phr3.org](mailto:mhunter@phr3.org)*** today to learn how your business can get involved and make an impact that lasts far beyond October.

#21andtheFlock #BrightFutures  
#CommunityStrong

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Board of Education Update



# SEPTEMBER 2025



Pleasant Hill Schools were recognized for implementation of School Wide Positive Behavior Strategies. Pleasant Hill Primary School was recognized for its Tier 3 Gold status. The Primary School continues to be the PBIS Model for Missouri Schools.

Board of Education recognized our buildings for their work on their PBIS Model from the 24-25 school year.

The Elementary School was recognized for its Tier 2 status. This recognition designates the Elementary School as an exemplary school in Missouri.



The Intermediate, Middle School and High School have earned Tier 1 recognition. This recognition designates these schools as exemplary schools in implementing Tier 1 practices.

Megan from DLR and Joe and Ben from Newkirk and Novak presented to the board an update on the Bond projects in the district. The team touched on the Middle School renovation and the update with the City ordinance regarding storm shelters. Information on the bleacher project and field house project was presented.

NWEA update-Dr. Jak Boden presented to the Board a NWEA update.

The Board of Education approved the Board Goals for the 2025-26 school year.

### 1. Support for Leadership and Governance

Goal: We will support the Superintendent in his third year of leadership in Pleasant Hill by maintaining strong communication, collaboration, and alignment with district goals. The Board will also continue its own professional development to ensure a clear understanding of governance responsibilities and best practices.

### 2. Academic Excellence and Curriculum Transparency

Goal: We will support student-centered, data-driven curriculum decisions that are Board-approved and transparent to all stakeholders. In alignment with MSIP 6 and the Annual Performance Report (APR), we will promote continuous academic growth and achievement across all grade levels.

### 3. Financial Stability and Long-Term Planning

Goal: We will ensure the financial stability of the district for future generations by maintaining a minimum 20% balance in operating funds each year and in the years to come, while making strategic decisions that reflect responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.

### 4. Bond Implementation and Facilities Enhancement

Goal: We will oversee the successful and fiscally responsible implementation of the current bond projects, ensuring all facility upgrades and construction efforts support safe, modern, and effective learning environments that meet the evolving needs of students and staff.

### 5. Inclusive Communication and Stakeholder Engagement

Goal: We will promote a cooperative and respectful environment where all stakeholders—students, families, staff, and community members—have a voice. The Board will foster open communication and transparency in all decisions to build trust and support throughout the district.

Next Regular Meeting- October 21, 2025- 6:15 pm

