



Rooster Review

Pleasant Hill R-III District Newsletter October 2023

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Introduction:

Welcome back to Pleasant Hill's monthly newsletter!

Fall sports are coming to a close, the district celebrated Homecoming, and the first quarter of the 23-24 school year has wrapped up! The year has been off to a great start, and our staff cannot wait to see what our students will accomplish in the rest of the semester!

We encourage any and all staff, parents and students to send pictures and stories to Jessica Miller (jmiller@phr3.org) or Cathy Jobe (cjobe@phr3.org) to be featured in the newsletter, on Facebook, or our new and improved district website!

As always, thank you for your support! It's a great year to be a Rooster and Chick!



The HS FFA hosted a fun outdoor movie night on October 19th!



Ms. McCollum's class at the IS did a unit on Mesopotamia, so they created their own irrigation systems to try to keep their crops from flooding!



Primary Pride

Mrs. Duncan had lunch with these kindergartners since they did a wonderful job displaying respect during the month of September!

The PHFD visited the PS on October 12th to teach the importance of smoke alarms, calling 911, and having a home evacuation plan!



Second graders were excited to show off their class shirts!



Mrs. Brewer's second graders led an all-school assembly!



Mrs. Helus enjoyed a picnic lunch with these amazing second graders! Top Notch kids do the right thing even when no one is watching!



Upcoming Events

- Optimist Assembly: November 1
- 1st Grade DARE: November 3, 10, 17
- 2nd Grade Field Trips: November 6-7
- McTeacher Night: November 7
- Late Start: November 8th
- Thanksgiving Break: November 22-27
- Pre-K Field Trip: November 30



Mrs. Shanley was recognized as a Top Notch Librarian who goes above and beyond to help students be successful!



The PS had a great time dressing up for Homecoming Week!



It's so fun practicing writing stories!

Elementary Enrichment



Mrs. Boley's class celebrated their 500 Rooster Bucks with a movie & popcorn party (which is even better on PJ day)!



Above: Mrs. Albin's monthly Family Art night was a spooky success!
Below: Even when it's chilly, recess is the best!



Senior Rooster football players came to read with the students at the ES!

Upcoming Events

- Optimist Assembly: November 3
- 4th Grade Field Trip: November 7
- Late Start: November 8
- 4th Grade Music Program: November 14
- 3rd Grade Field Trip: November 21
- Thanksgiving Break: November 22-27



The ES had a great time dressing up for Homecoming Week!



Intermediate Ingenuity



Mrs. Glazner's class did an experiment to find out what a chemical change was. They mixed solids and liquids together and discovered that they created a gas when there was a chemical change!



Upcoming Events

- PTO Meeting: November 2
- Late Start: November 8
- Thanksgiving Break: November 22-27



PHIS Choirs and Exploring Music students rocked the house!

Sixth graders (right) used Chalk Talk reading to analyze story characters, settings and motifs.



5th and 6th grade students at PHIS completed a 13 foot-long collaborative mural over the span of three art club meetings. 5th grade students Brody Todd, Brayton Todd, and Hailee McCulloch were the driving force behind the completion of the mural. We are proud of their dedication and commitment, and celebrate this addition to the building!



Fifth and sixth graders had a great Homecoming Week!



The Optimist Club recognized three Super Citizens (right) this month at the IS!





Middle School Magic



The MS offers a variety of fun clubs for its students! Pictured above: History, Engineering, and Art!



The Fall Dance was a big success!



MS Football rode in the Homecoming Parade on October 6th.



Upcoming Events

- Boys' Basketball Tryouts: November 1
- Red Ribbon Week: October 30-November 3
- Late Start: November 8
- Thanksgiving Break: November 22-27

The MS Choir (below) performed on October 16th and did a wonderful job!



Mr. Ditty's computer science class (above) created a randomizer with an input sensor that could play rock, paper, scissors with symbols.



Middle schoolers now have more PE classes available to them, including Light Weights (left), thanks to Mr. Cummins!



2023 Homecoming Highlights

Spirit Week

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 and Gold



The Parade



The Game

PH Football faced off against the Warrensburg Tigers; the final score was 31-38 Tigers.



The Royal Court



Congratulations to Tyler Wise and Westyn Jensen for being voted Homecoming King and Queen!

Sophomore Attendants Rowen Hays and Jack Duensing; Senior Candidates Westyn Jensen and Owen Avery; Freshmen Attendants Maely Miller and Hayden Barrett; Senior Candidates Payton Moore and Bo Daniel; Senior Candidates Aby Widhalm and Tyler Wise, and Junior Attendants Brooke Beck and Garrison Hartsell

High School Highlights



Students in Exploratory FCS classes worked with PH admin to practice their interview skills.



PHHS students enrolled in a photography class spent a day learning about aperture settings, along with shallow and deep depth of field techniques in downtown Kansas City.



Child development students have been testing their knowledge with the age appropriate games they made in class.

Upcoming Events

- No Cass Career Center Classes: November 1-3
- Volleyball State Semi-Finals: November 2 & 3
- Football Playoff Game: November 3
- Cross Country State Meet: November 3
- HOSA Blood Drive: November 7
- Fall Sports Athletic Banquet: November 7
- Late Start: November 8
- BIG: The Musical: November 9, 10, 11, 12
- Anatomy Class Field Trip: November 15
- Choir Annual Show: November 17
- ACT Prep Course: November 18
- Academic Letter Assembly: November 20
- NHS Inductions: November 20



Congrats to Delanee Gilsdorf for receiving the Senior Young Professional of the Month for October, at Cass Career Center! Delanee is an active member of the Fire Science Program and EMT Program. This award is sponsored by the Cass County Elks 2791 Public Activities.



Mr. Thompson's Environmental Science students built and created miniature biomes to study life cycles of various organisms and observe the various stages of development within an ecosystem.



Top Left: Seniors Brayden Klotz, Makaylah Taylor and Sophomore Preston Little are counting how many earthworms are found in the system after starting with just one. (Up to 4 now).

Bottom Left: Junior Leann Adkins inspects her mealworm as it maneuvers under an orange peel.



HS students had a ball at the Homecoming Dance!



Yearbook Staffers attended the Walsworth Artist Session to work with a graphic designer to design the next yearbook cover.

More High School Highlights

FFA

Congratulations to Tyne Wilson on Tyne placing reserve grand at the American Royal Ag Sales contest and bringing home grand champion in the educational photography contest!



Before the Homecoming Parade, the FFA cooked and served tacos to the PHHS staff in appreciation for all they do. Then they rode in the parade (pictured above)!

The Arts

Members of Hillsound and Powerhouse performed at the Renaissance Festival on Monday, October 9th.



Advanced Animal Science has been learning methods for livestock identification. Through hands-on experience with some animal substitutes they were able to practice tagging cattle and notching pig ears (right).



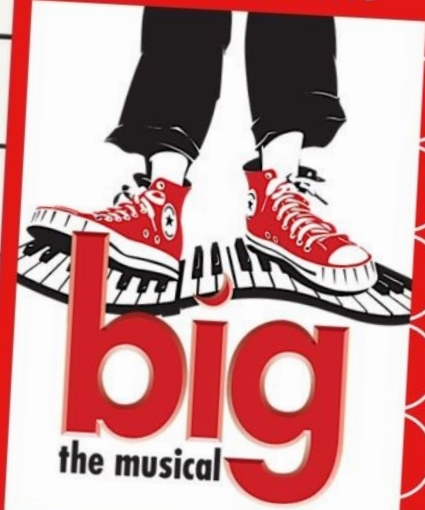
Congrats to Carter Szajnik and Bentli Wheeler for making the Missouri All State Choir, and to Addison Meeks for being selected as an alternate!



Pride of the Hill Marching Band earned 1st place in Black Class, Outstanding General Effects, and Outstanding Visual at the Odessa Band Competition!



Pleasant Hill High School Presents



Tickets are on sale today!

\$9 adults/\$7 students & seniors - in advance
\$10 adults/\$8 students & seniors - at the door



<https://our.show/phhs/big23>

November 9, 10, 11 @ 7pm/and 12 @ 2pm

Produced in arrangement with Music Theatre International, Inc.

Sports Highlights

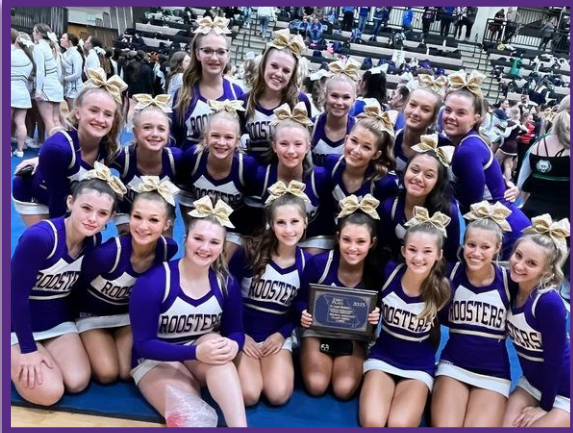


The Chicks Golf Team (right) finished 2nd behind Warrensburg at the MRVC Tournament held at Blue Springs Country Club. 3 earned All-Conference honors: Ava Rogers 2nd, Campbell Gregory 4th, Grace McCommon 10th.



PH Chicks Volleyball earned the title of District Champions and are headed to the Final Four in State!

At the Class 2 District Tournament, the team finished 3rd out of 15 schools and shot a team record score of 389!



Our HS Cheerleaders were crowned 3A Large-Regional Champs!

Ava Rogers, Campbell Gregory, and Grace McCommon then went on to the State Tournament, where Rogers placed 27th, Gregory placed 50th, and McCommon placed 56th out of 89 schools. Congratulations Chicks!



Varsity Football finished their regular season at 8-1 and will continue on to Districts in November!



Varsity Softball finished their season 17-11 after winning the Raytown South Tournament!



Our 23-24 wrestlers are ready to hit the mats!



Varsity Boys Soccer celebrated Senior Night in style!



The PHHS Cheerleaders hosted a Youth Cheer Clinic for grades K-4. The clinic had a great turnout, with 112 girls attending! The group then cheered at the October 20th football game against Lee's Summit Christian.

Halloween Celebrations



Above: Winners of the PHIS Student Council costume contest! How fun!



Above: PHIS fifth grade teachers are the sharpest team around!



Left: Ghostly teachers taking over at PHIS!



PHMS students and staff wore costumes for Halloween with a donation to the local food pantry!



Barbies, Pac-Man, The Wizard of Oz, Superheroes and Expo Markers, Oh My! All in the hallways of PHES!



Above: Halloween parties were a big success at PHPS!





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ROOSTERS &
Chicks

PROJECT GRAD MEETINGS

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT OFFICERS BELOW:

President- Ashley Nicholas & Carrie Hull

Vice President- Don Donovan

Treasurer- Savannah Bush

Secretary- Mindy Halfmann

NOTEABLES AND PHHS MUSIC DEPT'S

HAUNTED TRAIL



201 CEDAR ST

NOV 4 | 7-9 PM



\$10 INCLUDES TRAIL, HOT DOG, DRINK & HAYRIDE



JOIN US

FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD,
FRIENDS FAMILY AND FUN!

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

Pleasant Hill Primary School

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

4:00-8:00 p.m.

COME TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MCDONALD'S ON THIS
SPECIAL NIGHT TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL.

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PTO, Boosters, & Bright Futures

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

Booster Club

Booster Club memberships are still available for the 23-24 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!

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!

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!



Parents as Teachers

At an early age, your child's brain is changing so much! They depend on you as parents/caregivers to provide a safe place for them to grow. They need you to encourage their curiosity! A warm, nurturing relationship with you is important now and in the future!



A fun family activity to strengthen your bond with your child is snuggling up to read a book together. Talk about the pictures or stories in the book. Your baby enjoys bright, simple pictures and listening to your voice. Your child also may want to read the same book over and over. Embrace this time and enjoy these moments!

This month PAT held a group connection with the Primary School on fire safety. Our friends at the Pleasant Hill Fire Department taught us not to be afraid of them and to let them know when we need help. They shared some great things and we loved seeing them!

Community Engagement

Board of Education Update

At the October Board Meeting, Mrs. Lori Burbee presented to the Board teachers Codie Lubke, Ariana Meehan, Audrey Horn and Assistant Principal Dr. Monica Pickett. These staff members presented to the Board an overview of the PBIS program at the Elementary School. Student leaders Paisley Lubke, Reid Monath, Ali Beecher, and Jase Smith joined the staff and shared the different activities they do to help promote positive behavior in their building. These student leaders led the group in their PBIS everyday pledge (pictured right with Board President Todd Wilson).

Mr. Greg Reeves presented to the Board the Middle School PE Teacher, Mr. Austen Cummins. Mr. Cummins shared with the Board some changes he has made to the PE program at the Middle School this year. The Middle School now offers three different types of PE class to students, Physical Education, Light Weights, and Lifetime Fitness. Mr. Cummins has shared that this changed has been well received by the students. Mr. Cummins expressed his appreciation for the new equipment and locker room that the Middle School has received.

Mrs. Jenny Gentry (pictured right with Board President Todd Wilson) presented to the Board an overview of the Purple and Gold accounts and services that Goppert Bank offers to our community. This is the third year that Goppert Bank has worked with the district to provide a service for students in K-6. Goppert meets with students once a week in the buildings and allows students to make deposits of real money into their Purple and Gold accounts. The Goppert employee assists students by teaching them the value of money and of saving. Once a student has deposited \$10 into their Purple and Gold account, they are invited to open a savings account where deposits can then start to earn interest.

Mr. Brad Steele from Westbrook and Co presented to the Board the final Audit report for the 2022-2023 School year.

Mr. Mike Clevenger presented to the Board an update on the Summer Bond project list and where the district is at on completion of this list.

Dr. Burke presented to the Board the following policy, forms, procedures and regulation updates from MSBA. These included IGBE, IGBE-AP1, JHC-AP1, IKE-R2, IGCD-AP1, BBB-AF2, BDDH-AF1, IGCD-AF1, IGCD-AF3, IGCD-AF4, IGCD-AF1, KC-F1, AC, BBBA, BBF, EF, ECA-AP2, EF-AP1, AC-AF1, BBB-AF2, BBE-AF1, BBBF-AF1, DJF-AF3, and EF-AF1.

The next board meeting will be held November 14 at 6:15 pm.



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

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS APRIL 2, 2024



Board Candidate Filing begins December 5, 2023
at 8:00am at District Office

Candidate Filing ends on December 26th, 2023 @
5pm (District office will be open from 3-5pm on this
day)

Election info:

- ☑ Two 3 year terms on the ballot
- ☑ Place for Filing: 318 Cedar St
- ☑ Office hours 8-4 Monday-Friday
- ☑ Central office will be closed from December 21-29



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