



Rooster Review

Pleasant Hill R-III District Newsletter May 2023

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Introduction:

Welcome back to Pleasant Hill's monthly newsletter! As always, we thank everyone who has helped contribute to this publication and look forward to continuing to serve our community and showcase some of the great things our students are doing!

The 22-23 school year was marked with some incredible victories, inspiring art, and invaluable memories. As we say goodbye to the class of 2023, we can't wait to greet all the new faces in the upcoming school year!

Our next newsletter will come out on August 1, recapping all the fun things happening this summer. We look forward to sharing even more news with you next year!

It was a great year to be a Rooster and Chick!



The PS had 117 students with perfect attendance for the month of April!



Hillsound shows off their keen fashion sense!



Primary Pride

Ms. Abbott's preschoolers took a fun field trip to the aquarium!



Mrs. Ullah's kindergartners performed "vowel surgery."



Preschoolers (below) picked up trash from the Primary School grounds in recognition of Earth Day!



Mrs. Shanley's class (above) was very excited to watch their eggs hatch!

Upcoming Events

- Summer School: May 30-June 23
- Residency Night: Aug 3
- First Day of School: August 22



Kindergartners (above) were all smiles as they headed out to their field trip at the Kemper Outdoor Education Center!



Field Day is always so much fun at the PS!



Teddy bears on parade! Kindergartners built floats for their favorite stuffed animals and paraded them down the halls for their classmates and friends.



Mrs. Diederich's first graders won the APEX Challenge and got to Silly String Mrs. Helus! They sure thought that was fun!

Elementary Enrichment



Congratulations to Katie Meuschke for being awarded the Pleasant Hill R-III ABC (Above the Call) Award at the district's annual Sweet Rewards Banquet.

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ES students continued their countdown the last day of school with their A-Z celebration! Each remaining day of the last 26 days of school will include a fun letter-themed activity. Pictured above is H day (hoola hoops) and O day (pictured right, obstacle course)!



ES Girls on the Run & their coaches ended their season with a 5k!



Field Trip Fun

Pleasant Hill Elementary spent a day learning about community businesses on a field trip to downtown Pleasant Hill (pictured above and left)!





Intermediate Ingenuity



Students in 6B participated in a gallery walk of their floats that they made to show off their knowledge and the history of Ancient Rome.



Congratulations to Mr. Jacob VanSlyke for being awarded Pleasant Hill R-III Teacher of the Year at the district's annual Sweet Rewards Banquet!

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The APEX Fundraising Kick Off Pep Rally was very exciting at the IS!



Ms. Goforth's 6th grade home room (left) went outside to write poems to add to their anthologies.



The APEX Fun Run was a success!



Ms. Barry and her students put on a great PHIS Spring Music concert!





Middle School Magic



Thank you to StuCo and Mrs. Lally for the PHMS Spring Black Light Dance!



MS students were recognized with awards on the last day of school.



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Students enjoyed "Take a Selfie with a Staff Member" day, in celebration of staff appreciation week!



The MS band performed their final concert of the year and did a wonderful job!



Middle schoolers enjoyed watching their friends and classmates compete in a talent show on the last day of school.



The middle school weight room underwent a major facelift!



High School Highlights

Senior Sunset



The Class of 2023 gathered on the football field for Senior Sunset. This was an evening of making new memories and reminiscing about the good old days. Music, games, food, and fun was provided by Project Grad.



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Seniors celebrated in their Connections classes on their last day before graduation!

Senior Parade

The seniors paraded around town in style before graduation!



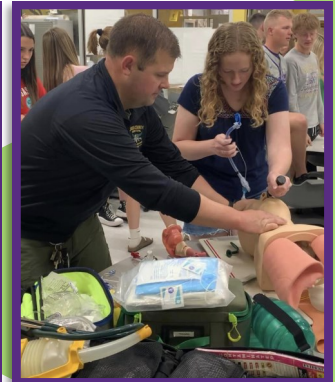
More High School Highlights



Congratulations to the Rooster BBQ team (below) for winning the Missouri HSBBQ State Championship!

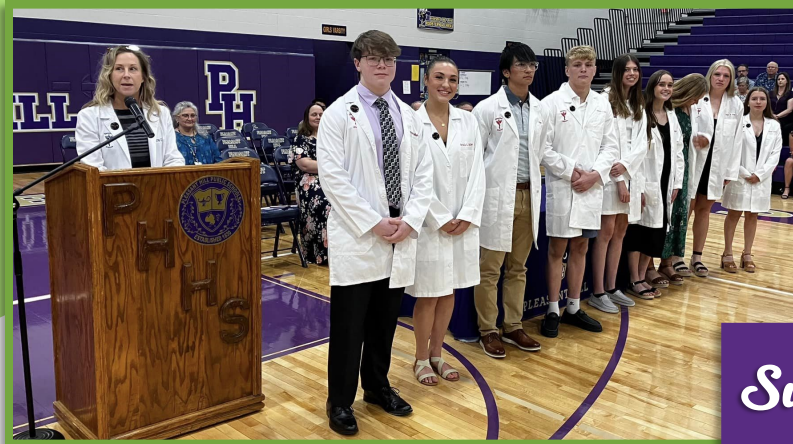


"The Hill Has Thighs" (above) took 7th place at State and is headed to National High School BBQ Association in June!



CPL Doherty from the Cass County Sheriff's office treated the biomedical science students to an in-house field trip. He introduced the students to emergency response and tactical medicine as well as let them try their hand at inserting emergency airways.

The FFA Plant Sale was a huge success!



At the annual Senior Awards Ceremony (left), nearly 200 scholarships were awarded to members of the class of 2023 totaling over \$970,000!

Super Students



Students in Mrs. Case's calculus class spent some time calculating the volume of a donut. They are practicing mathematical modeling using integration.



PHHS senior Zoe Davis was recognized as an Outstanding Sending School Student from PHHS at Cass Career Center!



PHHS senior Anna Morrison was named as a Missouri Scholars 100 recipient! On April 30th, Anna was recognized by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals as one of the top 100 scholars in the state of Missouri out of the class of 2023.



PHHS junior Delanee Gilsdorf was recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society! She attends the Cass Career Center in their EMT program.

More High School Highlights



The ClawTV media students (below) took a field trip to KSHB 41 News Station and Audacy Radio that hosts stations such as 99.7 The Point, 98.9 The Rock, 610 Sports, among several others in the Kansas City area.



Congratulations to the HS choir students who performed at State!

Gold: Gary Manda, Ayden Jackson, Anna Morrison, Katherine Hamilton

Senior Women's Ensemble: Jolyn Blake, Taliya Guenther, Katherine Hamilton, Anna Morrison, Keely Crownover, Carissa Ginther, Chloe More, and Brielle Quilter

Hillside Senior Quartet: Anna Morrison, Carissa Ginther, Ayden Jackson, and Gary Manda

Markham Women's Ensemble: Ellie Beck, Bethany Markham, Wrigley Anderson, Brooke Beck, Ella Shaffer, Kennady Thornsberry, Katelyn Langdon, and Izzy Keil

Silver: Alexis Jones, Bentli Wheeler, Bethany Markham, Brooke Schror, Brielle Quilter, Addison Meeks, and Carter Szajnuik

Hillside Men's Trio: Ayden Jackson, Jonah Anderson, and Gary Manda

Jr Women's Ensemble: Caroline Ocheskey, Bentli Wheeler, Ella Betts, Carter Szajnuik, Reagan Donovan, Addison Meeks, Brooke Schror, and Alexis Jones

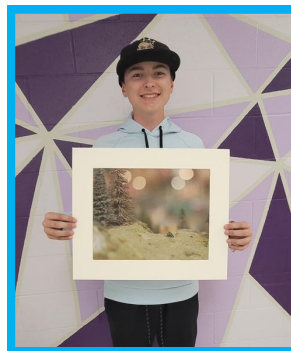
Hillside Cox 6: Wrigley Anderson, Brooke Beck, Ella Shaffer, Kennady Thornsberry, Cody Cox, and Carter Hammond

Hillside Senior MX 8: Caroline Ocheskey, Jolyn Blake, Madison Wilson, Alicia Quinn, Dustin Hudson, Devin McClenahan, Brock Zimmerschied, Keaten O'Neal, Ella Betts, Adam Rice, and Jolyn Blake

Bronze: Carissa Ginther and Caroline Ocheskey



Exploratory FACS students show off their sewing projects.



Junior Casey Carey (above) received a runner-up award in the Congressional Art Contest. Casey's photo will be on display in Washington D.C. in congressman Mark Alford's office for a year!



Ella Kurtz, Emma Kleyh, & Chloe More were presented with Drum Major awards!



Senior Quincy Payne (above) was awarded our 2023 PHHS Principal's Art Award for his Water Droplet photo!



The annual Rita Run was a great success!



Congratulations to our 2023 choir award winners (above)!

Jolyn Blake: National Choral Award

Cheyenne Maasen: Hilltop Show Diva Award

Carissa Ginther: Karl Huffman Award

Gary Manda: Hillside Outstanding Male Vocalist Award

Ayden Jackson: Hillside Outstanding Performer

Ryan Gladieux: Powerhouse Powa Award

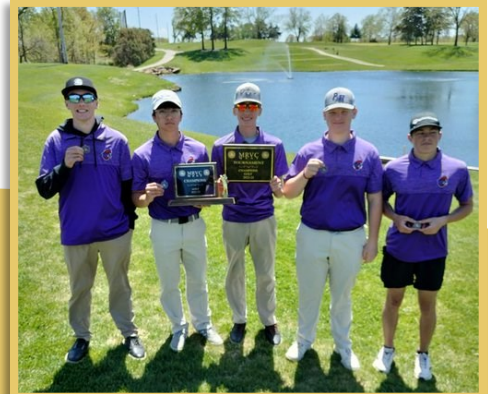
Douglass Crawford: All Cool Band Award

Anna Morrison: Hillside Outstanding Female Soloist Award

Sports Highlights



The Chicks Track & Field Team (right) were crowned MRVC West Conference Champions, District Champions, and won second in State!



The Rooster golf team won the Conference Tournament in Warrensburg!



The Varsity Chicks Soccer team was Conference Champs, and went on to compete in the Final Four at State!



Jack Ervin finished his sophomore season with a t69th at Class 3 State Golf Tournament played at Meadow Lake Acres!



Reagan Kimrey won the State Championship in both Discus & Shot Put!

Superb Signings

Pleasant Hill is thrilled to announce that three more seniors have been athletically signed to colleges and universities this year!



Sam Slaughter, Rockhurst



Makyna Foust, Pitt State



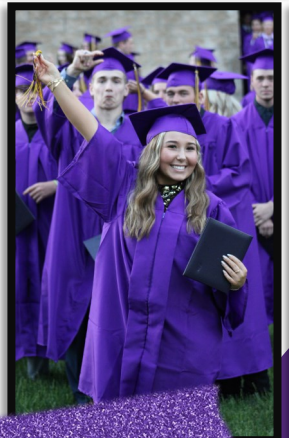
Avery Lawrence, SBU



Brooke Beck won the State Championship in the 400m!

Graduation

May 11, 2023



Congratulations to all 157 of our seniors!



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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

Retiree Recognitions

Pleasant Hill wishes to congratulate all of our retirees from the 22-23 school year.
Thank you for your service to our district!



Dr. Steven Meyers | Superintendent

Dr. Meyers retires from Pleasant Hill after six years in the district. He has been in education for twenty-three years, working as a teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent.



Chandra Arbuckle | IS Principal

Chandra retires from Pleasant Hill after twenty-four years in the district. She has been in education for twenty-five years, working as a teacher and principal.



Tricia Beaman | PS Librarian

Tricia retires from Pleasant Hill after twenty years in the district. She has been in education for twenty-eight years, working as a teacher and librarian.



Kim Plasse | PS Kindergarten Teacher

Kim retires from Pleasant Hill after twenty-three years in the district. She has been in education for twenty-eight years, working as a teacher.



Marla Jones | MS PE Teacher

Marla retires from Pleasant Hill after five years in the district. She has been in education for thirty-five years, working as a teacher and coach.



Cindy Blair | MS Math Teacher

Cindy retires from Pleasant Hill after seventeen years in the district. She has been in education for thirty-four years, working as a teacher.



Retiree Recognitions (continued)



Karen Dollins | HS Vocal Music Teacher

Karen retires from Pleasant Hill after twenty-two years in the district. She has been in education for twenty-three years, working as a teacher and choir director.



John Beaman | HS Science Teacher

John retires from Pleasant Hill after ten years in the district. He has been in education for nineteen years, working as a teacher and coach.



Lance Barrett | HS Math Teacher

Lance retires from Pleasant Hill after eleven years in the district. He has been in education for twenty-four years, working as a teacher and coach.



Gary Brooker | HS Paraprofessional

Gary retires from Pleasant Hill after four years in the district. He has been in education for fifteen years, working as a teacher and paraprofessional.



Rhonda Viney | Child Care Asst. Director

Rhonda retires from Pleasant Hill after twenty-three years in the district. She has been in education for twenty-three years, working as the assistant director of the district's child care department.



PTO, Boosters, & Bright Futures

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

Athletic Booster Club

Join Today!

Booster Club memberships are available for purchase for the 2023-2024 school year! Your membership gives you discounts in the FanZone and for Booster Club Concessions while providing support for all our athletic programs. Gold Level Memberships are \$50 and Purple Level memberships are \$25. Email pleasanthillboosterclub@gmail.com for more information or to get your membership.



Want to make a donation for the FFA BBQ Team traveling to Texas in June? Scan the QR code to send in a donation with the note of "BBQ" to help send our State Champions team on to Nationals!

FFA Booster Club

The FFA Boosters recently presented two \$750 scholarships to PHHS Seniors Hailey Gentry & Ayden Case. Congratulations! July 13th is Demo Derby night at the Cass County Fair! Make sure and stop by the FFA Boosters BBQ trailer and grab some award winning BBQ!

Best of Luck to our two BBQ teams as they compete at Nationals in Hutto, TX June 19th!

Parent Teacher Organization

Bright Futures

Did You Know?

You can now donate to Bright Futures on our website! Bright Futures helps provide food, clothing, every day necessities, and Christmas gifts to students in need. Every donation helps a child in Pleasant Hill towards being the best they can be!

Donations can be made in increments of \$5.00. To donate, scan the QR code to the right or visit phr3.org and click on Online Payments to enter our webstore. BF Donations can be found under the K-12 button.



Thank you to the PTO, Long's BBQ and our parents at PHES for providing our staff an amazing lunch in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week!





Community Engagement

Board of Education Update

At April's Meeting:

Board Recognition: Dr. Burke presented to the Board the results of the 2023 board elections. David Adamczyk, Lori Redwine and Lisa Vescovi were sworn in for their 3 year terms.

The Board reviewed miscellaneous contracts and asked for an explanation of Illuminate and its benefits for our students.

Taylor Holthaus and Molly Okuly presented their High School Art program to the Board. Several students were present to share what they have been working on this year (below right). Several art pieces have received awards at the UCM art show and are moving on to the Congressional Art Show.

Ms. Greve (below, left) presented to the Board the Intermediate School Broadcasting class. The class provides weekly video announcements that are broadcasted throughout the building. Two students from Ms. Greve's class were present and explained how the process of broadcasting works. They shared information about the materials they use to produce the broadcast. Ms. Greve shared a segment of the broadcast to the Board.

The Board approved the FY23 Extra Duty Schedule Recommendation for the 2023-24 school year. The Board also approved the FY23 Classified Salary Schedule for the 2023-24 school year.

Board Comments: Deenia Hocker shared information about the MSBA website.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on June 20, 2023 at 7 pm.

The Board of Education held its election on April 4, 2023. Board Members for the 23-24 school year will be:

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



Stuff the Bus

A wonderful opportunity has been presented to all eligible students in the Pleasant Hill School District! The Community Bank of Pleasant Hill is teaming up once again with the school district and assisting families that need school supplies. If you need assistance with school supplies or the supply fees for the upcoming year, please fill out the parent request form on the following page (or found on the district's website) and return it in person at Central Office or by email at jmiller@phr3.org. You may also return the form in person or by email to Amy Anderson, head of Stuff the Bus Program, at Community Bank of Pleasant Hill or at aanderson@cbphonline.net. This form must be turned in by July 31st.

We look forward to helping your children get the assistance they need to have a successful school year. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

If you would like to donate to the school supply drive, please contact Amy Anderson at Community Bank of Pleasant Hill for information regarding the supplies that are still needed. Amy's phone number is 816-540-6479 or you can email Amy at aanderson@cbphonline.net.





STUFF THE BUS

PARENT REQUEST FORM

Child's Name	Grade Level for '23-'24	Does your child need: Circle Yes or No			
		Backpack	Over the Ear Headphones (K-2)	Trapper Keeper (5-8)	Team (7-8)
		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	

Parent(s) or guardian(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return completed form to Amy Anderson with Community Bank of Pleasant Hill or email to: aanderson@cbphonline.net

Continued Community Engagement

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!

Speech Language Pathologist
HS Counselor
HS, MS Teachers
Special Education Teachers
Paraprofessionals
Custodians

ES Librarian
MS, HS Coaches
HS, IS Accompanist
MS Building Substitute

Parents as Teachers

May's PAT activity was done with finger-painting and color mixing!

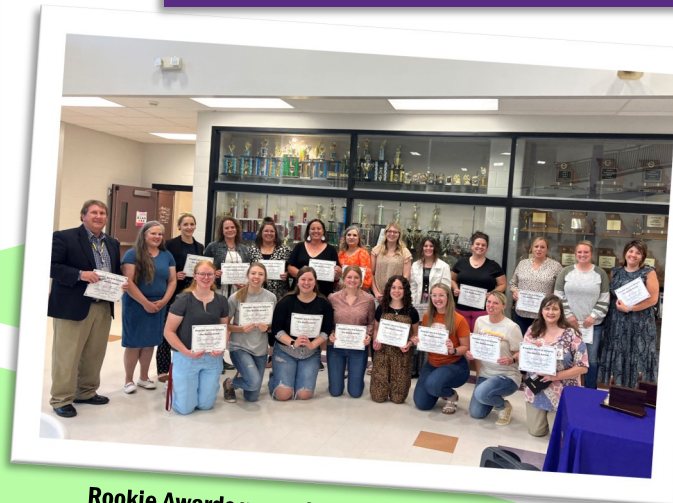
Making marks on paper encourages your child to move each finger by itself, which will help their ability to write.

Encourage your child to make a finger painting that represents a favorite toy or friend. For example, place the toy in front of them, and help them observe the colors and details they use to showcase the toy through their painting. Children also build vocabulary when they have conversations about their activities!

A few reminders: PAT follows the school calendar so our parent educators will be back the middle of August. Please continue to enroll your little ones on the district website. Have a fun and safe summer!



Staff Appreciation



Rookie Awards were given to all the staff new to the district in the 22-23 year for completing their first year with Pleasant Hill!