



Blackcat News

Mission Statement:
“Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow”

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Dawn Warner

Letter From the Board President

Dear Dunklin R-5 Stakeholders:

I imagine that everyone has been hoping that Spring is near with all the cold weather we have had since the start of 2015. I personally am looking forward to warmer weather. I am also looking toward the finish line for the 2014-15 school year. March 13th marks the end of the third quarter with Parent-Teacher Conferences March 19th from 1-8 PM. I encourage everyone to attend these conferences, which give you the opportunity to see not only how your child is doing, but also allow you to talk 1-on-1 one with their teacher, get your questions answered or give feedback. We encourage two-way communication and Parent-Teacher conferences are a perfect way to do that. If you are unable to make the conference, contact your child's teacher to set up a time to go over their progress. I cannot adequately stress how crucial parental involvement is to a child's education.

There are lots of things developing at Dunklin R-5. We have been working on our new Strategic Plan. A draft of this plan was presented to the board in February for review. This plan's foundation is based upon input from surveys and focus groups done with students, staff, parents and community stakeholders. The committee working on this developed goals and objectives that resonate from our stakeholder's feedback. Once the plan is complete, we will share it with all our stakeholders so that you can see our focus and the direction we have planned for our district.

Last year our board started something new by adding a student representative to the Board of Education. This high school student sits in on the board meetings and then can share updates with their classmates. They can also share concerns and give input from the student body to the Board. Ms. Mackenzie Roney was our first student board member. Mackenzie did a great job and in January her term was up and she has passed the baton to Ms. Sarah Marler. At the February board meeting, I had the privilege of swearing in Sarah as our new student representative to the Board. We look forward to Sarah's input during her term with us!

We have also begun the budget process for the upcoming school year. This can be a tedious process but Mr. Stratton, the administrators and the board are mindful of our students' needs, and are working together to improve and enhance student achievement for the children of our district with the resources we currently have available.

Something I would like to remind our students and parents about is Teacher Appreciation Week- the week of May 4th-8th. Please acknowledge and thank your child's teachers. They put in a lot of time and energy to make our mission- "Educating today for a Better Tomorrow"- a reality. In addition, please remember that it takes everyone to make things happen at Dunklin R-5. Be sure to thank your bus driver, cafeteria workers, secretaries, nurses, paraprofessionals, administrators, counselors, custodians and maintenance-everyone that makes a difference in making our district successful!

Since this is my last letter before summer break and as our school year begins to wind down, our May graduation draws near. On behalf of the board I want wish the Class of 2015 the best of luck! This is the time where colleges are being chosen and career choices are being made. It is an exciting and sometimes stressful time for senior students and their parents. Enjoy it- enjoy the balance of your senior year and be excited for what lies ahead! Good luck in all your endeavors.

The Dunklin Board of Education meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at our Central Office. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is March 17th. All board meetings are open to the public and are a good way for you to know more about what is happing around the district. We hold open forum-when members of the public may sign up to speak to the board- quarterly. The next opportunity for this is at the April board meeting.

Let's continue to build on our mission- "Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow"!

Sincerely,
Dawn M. Warner
President, Dunklin R-5 School District Board of Education

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"Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow"

From the Central Office

We hope that this edition of the Blackcat News finds us in warmer weather and well on our way to Spring! We would like to take this opportunity to inform our patrons of our new Strategic Plan, how it was developed, and what this means for our district going forward. We are excited about this plan and how the strategic planning process is changing how we do “business” as a district.

We developed a CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) a few years back. This plan, while it was developed with patron and staff input and includes some good things, is very broad in scope- just as the name suggests. While we do have to address all areas of the District and improving in each one, the only true way to see continuous improvement and move our district from good to great is by prioritizing our biggest needs and bringing a laser-sharp focus to those areas when it comes to allocating our time and resources. Our CSIP does not do this for us, but our new Strategic Plan and the ongoing strategic planning and review process does.

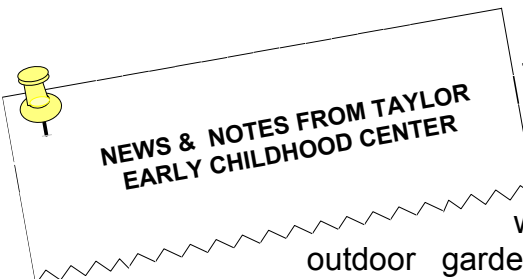
How was this plan developed? Over the last year, we have strived to give each and every stakeholder in our district a voice in its development. We started with a baseline assessment that included interviews of 267 employees, and conducted focus groups and surveys to give each stakeholder (students, parents, community members & employees) a voice in telling us what we are doing well, and what our opportunities for improvement are. This information was then compiled, analyzed, and used to develop goals, objectives, and strategies by a committee for each identified area: Student Achievement, Stakeholder Engagement, Workforce Focus, Organizational Sustainability, and Financial Sustainability. The baseline study and feedback report can be found on our website at www.dunklin.k12.mo.us. The new strategic plan will also be available on the website after the final version is approved by the Board of Education.

We want to stress that the development of this plan is only the beginning of a new path for Dunklin R-5 on our “Journey

to Excellence.” We sincerely hope that you have noticed the increased opportunities we are striving to provide our patrons to give us your input and feedback, and we want to tell you that we are listening to that feedback and using it to strive for improvement every day. We will be assessing our progress on the Strategic Plan monthly, and reporting progress to the Board and public quarterly. This plan will be a true living document that changes as the needs and priorities of our students and other stakeholders change.

We look forward to continuing our Journey to Excellence with you, and ask you to continue to support us in achieving our mission of “Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow.

Stan Stratton, Superintendent
Mike Golden, Assistant Superintendent

The Taylor Early Childhood staff along with our Food Service Director, Gail Jones will be starting an outdoor garden experience for our students. Beginning in the middle of March, students will begin planting seeds for green beans, summer squash, spinach, peas, etc. Once they sprout, students and staff will participate in transferring them to our outdoor garden. Big thanks goes to Roscoe Whitener and HHS Industrial Arts students for building our container gardens. This should be a fun, educational activity for all of our Little Blackcats!

Our Little Cats PTO is continuing to accept donations for our electronics recycling. Donations of old cell phones, computers, Christmas lights, or anything that once had an electric current can be dropped off at the Taylor Early Childhood Center. All money raised will be used within the Taylor Early Childhood Building to benefit all students we service.

Box Tops for Education is an ongoing collection. If you have any Box Tops you would like to donate, please drop them by our school.

Taylor Early Childhood will begin screening for Title One Preschool on March 25, 2015. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten during the 2016-2017 school year and are interested in this opportunity, please contact Taylor Early Childhood at 636-479-5200 option 5. Title One Preschool is FREE, but transportation must be provided by a parent/guardian.

Christa Weber, Director


Board Meetings Held on the 3rd Tuesday of Every Month

Inclement Weather Advisories

In the event of school closing or early dismissal due to ice or snow we will contact the following radio stations:

*KJFF AM 1400 *KMOX AM 1120
KTJJ FM 98.5

We will also contact the local TV stations:
Channels 2, 4 and 5.

 * Stations the school alerts first.



PEVELY ELEMENTARY NEWS

On March 19 from 1:00-8:00 PM, your child will have the opportunity to shine during STAR Night at Pevely Elementary. The primary focus of the evening is to allow your child(ren) the chance to show off what they have learned and some of what they do everyday at school. Some teachers may contact parents to schedule a specific time for a conference. If this is the case, you will be receiving a note or phone call about setting up this time to talk in a more structured environment. I am hopeful that you and your Pevely student(s) can join us for this evening of “shining”.

Sherri L. Lindquist, Principal

Pevely Elementary PBIS Annual Review Score

By: Debbie Killingsworth, Assistant Principal

YES!!!!!! Pevely Elementary scored 100% on their annual Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Review, which was conducted by the Southwest Regional Professional Development Committee. This is a huge accomplishment. This is a 4% increase from last year!

The evaluators pointed out how respectful the students were during their visit.

So proud of the staff and students at Pevely Elementary!

Blackcats Reaching Academic Goals “B.R.A.G.”

By: Mrs. Dalanía Watson

In order to meet the district’s mission of “*Educating today for a better tomorrow*,” the Dunklin R-5 Administration, in conjunction with area churches, proposed to implement an after school-tutoring program for at risk elementary students. The vision and foundation of the program were developed over the course of the 2013-2014 school year. In September 2014, the school district then hired a Program Director, who develops and maintains the program, alongside B.R.A.G board members.

On October 28, 2014, a select group of Pevely Elementary students were identified for the after school program. The focus of the tutoring program is to diminish the achievement gap and to promote reading comprehension through the use of the school wide Lexia Reading Program.

Since then, the B.R.A.G. committee has routinely met to focus energy into recruiting staff members, as the need in each grade level continues to grow. Currently, the forty-six students, consisting of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, attend the tutoring program two days a week, from 4:00-5:00, and have assistance with the reading supplemental program and homework. The B.R.A.G program is primarily run by volunteers of district staff members, community church congregations, high school A+ tutors, and community volunteers.

As the interest of participating students continues to grow, the need for volunteers will grow. If you are interested in being a part of B.R.A.G., please contact Mrs. Dalanía Watson (dwatson@dunklin.k12.mo.us) at Pevely Elementary for more information. Each volunteer, if not employed by the district, will be required to pass a thorough background check and complete a 45-minute training session with the director, prior to attending the program.

“Picture The Music” Art Contest

By: Ms. Brenna Schlader

Every year the St. Louis Symphony sponsors an art contest for St. Louis area schools, where students listen to a piece of classical music and draw a picture about it. This year students studied Beethoven and his 6th Symphony.13,820 students from 77 schools participated in the Picture the Music art contest and out of the 500 entries, three of our students from Pevely Elementary were in the top 100 finalists! 3rd grader Cory Eakins and his artwork, *The Dark Symphony*, 3rd grader Colin Smith and his artwork, *The Long Piano*, and 4th grader Shaylin Esch and her artwork titled *Symphony 6*.



The students will be recognized at the 25th Annual Picture the Music Awards Ceremony at Powell Hall on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. Their artwork will also be exhibited at various locations throughout St. Louis until the end of April.

Read, Right, Run at Pevely Elementary

By: Mrs. Dawn Cappozzo

Read, Right, Run is underway at Pevely Elementary with a total of 28 students on our team. The students are excelling in all three areas of the program thanks to their hard work, the support of their parents, and the help of our volunteers Lindsay Watson, Ashley Unger, Lesa Cruzado and Bernadette Walker. They have just completed week 16 of the program with 7 weeks left to go until race day on April 11th.



post it notes secretly placed on their teachers desks, they have helped empty the recycle bins around our school, given hats, scarves, and gloves to those in need, made new friends, and many more with their parents at home and around the community. They complete various running activities totaling one mile each week as a group and share the books that they are reading at home as well. We are very excited and proud of their hard work and look forward to sharing their progress in the months to come.



Their Rights to the community have entailed making letters to veterans, Christmas cards to be delivered to a retirement facility, nice messages on

Thanks First Grade!



Thanks to the first graders for having a PJ day and raising \$80.05 to help the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The money was donated to the foundation on behalf of Trevor’s Troop to help find a cure.

Trevor Forshee is a Herculeaneum High School student fighting Cystic Fibrosis.

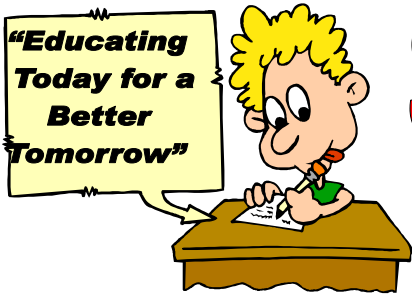
Taking It to the Next Level

By: Mrs. Teresa Svoboda

Select students in the fifth grade have been taking part in high-level book club. Each day, students take part in a Socratic Slam-style discussion over the book The Cage. The book was selected by the students and was authored by Holocaust survivor, Ruth Minsky Sender. Students accrue points by not only creating thoughtful questions, but by responding to a peer’s questions with answers supported by text-based evidence. At the end of the club, the student with the most points will win a Dell Latitude Notebook donated by The Miller Group!



Students participating in the group:
Mia Watson, Tristan Watson, Sami Renth, Kyle Smith, Rebeka Garrett, Kinsey Miller, Lily Malugen and Paige Drinen.



STMS News

Honor Roll

First Semester

STMS Staff Member Inducted into Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame

By: Mrs. Kim Donnelly

Mr. Pat Bone is a 1977 graduate of Crystal City High School. He continued his athletic career at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, where he played baseball and basketball. He was inducted into the Waldorf College Hall of Fame in 2009. After Waldorf, he played baseball at Florida International University in Miami Florida, where he set an NCAA record with 7 hits in 7 at-bats in a game. He was a 17th round draft pick by the New York Yankees in 1981, and played in the Yankees minor league organization, winning the New York-Penn League Championship in 1981.

He began coaching the Festus American Legion team in 1991 as an assistant coach, and took over the program beginning in 1992. From 1991-2011, his teams captured 5 Missouri State Championships, including 3 in a row from 2009-2011. His 2009 team captured the American Legion Central Plains Regional Championship en route to a 5th place finish at the American Legion World Series in Fargo, North Dakota. Over 100 of his former players went on to play at the college level, with a half dozen more signing professional contracts.

Pat will be inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame on April 16, 2015. He will join his father Ron, a 1995 inductee in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Bone joined the Senn-Thomas family this school year as a Para-Educator. He has proven to be an incredible asset to our students and our district.

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Don't forget:

The 2014-2015 & the new 2015-16 School Calendars can be found on the District Web Site: www.dunklin.k12.mo.us under the Calendars tab.

SIXTH GRADE

Bethany Ahrens
Maya Avila
Gavin Barnaby
Persepheni Berry
Haley Berry
Kylee Bohler
Breanna Boone
Kamille Browning
Gabriel Conklin
Christopher Courtwright
Paige Cox
Sara Dobbs
Alexis Dunning
Emmasue Eberhardt
Mekynzi Endermuhle
Andrew Evans
Paige Ferguson
Paige Fowler
Elijah Garrett
Haley Gilson
Hunter Gross
Ashlie Hartsell
D'Anna Harvey
Brooke Heberer
Kylee Hersinger
Alexis Jenkins
Morgan Johnston
Alyssa Johnson
Jase Jourdain
David Kriete
Kyle Kroeck
Aidan Lemond
Rylee Lipp
Austin Ly
Laura Maddox
Grant McCullough
Brianna McDonnell
Austin Meyers
Douglas Moloney
Jessica Montgomery
Cole Myers
Justice Nickens
Stephen Novak
Dakota Patterson
Kobe Percy
Hannah Perry
Hailey Pilliard
Jessica Pinson
Mya Price-Hewitt
Bradley Reece
Kaylee Reed
Kylie Romaine
Kayleigh Scott
Kenneth Seibert
Shelby Simpson
Madison Slaton
Riley Stokley
Cadence Stricklin
David Teague
Samantha Tinsley
Samuel Tucker
Mackenzie Turvey
Kalei White
Emily Wiese
Kyle Wooley
Kurtis Zaiger

SEVENTH GRADE

Jordan Allen
Tyler Armbruster
Novalee Bach
Matthew Bartosch
Anzlie Bearden
Haley Benthall
Aliyah Blackwood
Sara Boyd
Aleccea Britton
Jonathon Coffman
Ethan Coy
Ashley Croom
Jordan Duncan
Emma Eckles
Jared Fuller
Makaela Garrett
Madaline Gerdel
Anthony Hahne
Chloe Halterman
Hannah Hedrick
Samuel Heidland
Jonathan Hiatt
Caitlyn Huber
Austin Huson
Victoria Hutt
Chancellor Jenkins
Justin Johnston
Skylar Johnston
Margaret Key
Thomas Kostecki
Gabriella Kurrus
Amaya Logan
Grace McCutchen
Taylor Metcalf
Kayla Miller
Laiken Mock
Dustin Moore
Ethan Pace
Anna Pfaff
Justin Placher
Christian Ray
Heidi Richardson
Chloe Richardson
Gregory Rose
Haley Scroggins
Clara Shadowens
Cullen Shanahan
Faith Smith
Caitlin Snell
Lilian Stauder
Luke Teague
Jayme Uhlmann
Fischer Valleroy
Emma Vaughn
Kyle Vinyard
Aylissa White
Kayla Zaiger

EIGHTH GRADE

Alexus Ahner
Anna Anderson
Jacob Arnold
Zackary Barnaby
Aaron Barrett
Dylan Beranek
Cierrah Boone
Jacob Brown
Jonathan Caby
Adalaide Cortner
Spencer Daly
Brianna Eakins
Zachary Ellis
Emily Enghauser
Jullia Fox
Paizlee Furtado
Thomas Gagan
Maelina Gerdel
Drew Gibson
Rafael Gil Diaz
Tori Gonzalez
Olivia Harris
Athena Harvey
Ashleay Haun
Andrew Johnston
Thomas Johnston
Jack Jourdain
Ryan Kattengell
Kyla King
Kailey Kramlich
Kasey Kroeck
Alexander Landrum
Blake Leathers
Alexis Lodikey
Brooke Mason
Cayden McGuire
Dylan Meese
Justin Montgomery
Matthew Moran
Noah Northcutt
Steven O'Neal
Morgan Oberkramer
Drew Owens
Shiloh Partney
Jared Politte
Marino Ragan
Riley Rohan
Devan Schanz
Emily Schultz
Tyler Scurlock
Travis Sims
Trevor Smith
Andrew Storz
Nautica Stricklin
Ashley Thebeau
Danielle Thieme
Riley Thurman
Kaitlyn Walker
Dannielle Walter
Jayden Watson
Colby Wilfong
Gabrielle Wilson
Angelica Wooten
Ashley Zimmerly



Dunklin R-5 Staff Recognition

By: Dr. Mike Golden

At Dunklin R-5, we have been focusing on our mission statement: “Educating today for a better tomorrow”. If we are going to meet this mission for our students, we know that we must keep educating ourselves and becoming better at our craft. This is true for ALL staff, not just teachers and administrators. We also believe that we should celebrate staff achievements and recognize our staff that has earned advanced degrees or certifications that enables them to better perform their job and role in achieving our mission statement.

In the Blackcat News last March, we recognized all teaching and administrative staff that had earned advanced degrees at some point in their careers. This year, we would like to do two things: recognize teachers and administrators who have earned advanced degrees in the last year, and also recognize all staff from all departments who have earned advanced degrees and certifications. Our plan is to acknowledge all staff each year who put in their time, effort and money to advance their education and set an example for our students of how important being a life-long learner truly is. Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for doing your part in meeting our mission of “Educating today for a better tomorrow”.

DUNKLIN R-5 STAFF WITH ADVANCED DEGREE/CERTIFICATION

NAME	POSITION	ADVANCED DEGREE/CERTIFICATION EARNED	INSTITUTION
<u>HERCULANEUM HIGH SCHOOL</u>			
Marti Walker	Teacher	Master of Arts Educational Administration	Missouri Baptist University
Jil Kleffner	Teacher	Master's in Elementary Education/Reading Specialist K-12	University of Missouri, St. Louis
<u>SENN-THOMAS MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>			
Cheryl McWade	Head Cook	Culinary Arts Skills Certificate	DHHS
Kimberly House	Teacher	Specialist in Education Administration	Missouri Baptist University
<u>PEVELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</u>			
Roi-Ann Black	Head Cook	Culinary Arts Skills Certificate	DHHS
Rebecca Gregg	Teacher	Specialist in Education	Missouri Baptist University
Michelle Schade	Teacher	Master's in Education-Curriculum & Instruction	University of Missouri-Columbia
Sheila Erb	Teacher	Master of Arts in Teaching	Missouri Baptist University
Tonya Baremore	Paraprofessional	Bachelor of Science-Special Education	Fontbonne University
<u>TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD</u>			
Charissa Kappler	Process Coordinator	Master of Arts Educational Administration	Missouri Baptist University
Aja Ritrovato	Paraprofessional	Bachelor of Science-Elementary & Early Childhood Ed.	Missouri Baptist University
Lindsay Herzog	Speech-Language Pathologist	Master of Arts in Communication Disorders	Southeast MO State University
Kristin Nottelmann	Speech-Language Pathologist	Master's of Health Science	University of Missouri-Columbia
Jenny Patterson	Speech-Language Pathologist	Master's of Health Science	University of Missouri-Columbia
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>			
Russel Waugh	Maintenance Director	Associate Degree-Secondary Education	Jefferson College
Russel Waugh	Maintenance Director	Assoc. Degree in Tech., EPA Cert., Stationary Engineer License	Ranken Technical College
Matt McKinstry	Maintenance Supervisor	Certified HVAC Tech., EPA Cert., Cert. of HVAC Proficiency	Jefferson College
Graham Schoonover	Maintenance	Certified HVAC Tec., EPA Cert., Cert. of HVAC Proficiency	Jefferson College
Mike Barczewski	Maintenance	Certified HVAC Tec., EPA Cert., Cert. of HVAC Proficiency	Jefferson College
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Bill Thomas	Bus Driver	Certified School Bus Driver Trainer	MO Dept. of Elem. & Secondary Ed.
Charles Partney	Bus Driver	Certified School Bus Driver Trainer	MO Dept. of Elem. & Secondary Ed.

**WE WANT
YOUR FEEDBACK
ON THE
BLACKCAT NEWS!!!**

The Blackcat News is a quarterly communication tool that we use as one way to keep you informed about Dunklin R-V School District. We want this publication to be useful to you as a patron of our schools- **“Must-Read Material”!**

Is there...

Something you've read that you don't understand? Information that you would like to see included that is not?

Something you want to see more often or less frequently? We value your input! Please email your feedback to our Assistant Superintendent, Mike Golden, at mgolden@dunklin.k12.mo.us

Don't use email? Call Dr. Golden at 636-479-5200 ext. 1.



High School News & Notes

Letter from the High School Administration

It is hard to believe the end of the third quarter is approaching and we will soon conduct parent/teacher conferences. This year we are doing a student-led conference with parents. The purpose of this type of conference is to allow the students to lead the conversations and discuss their coursework with their parents. Students will set up times to meet with their parents. They will present their tests, homework assignments, and projects for each class to their parents. The students will discuss these artifacts as well as how they are doing in their classes. The student-led conference is an excellent opportunity for students to really discuss their classes and how they are performing in them.

We have already missed several days this school year due to inclement weather. Because of the days we have missed the school calendar for this year has changed. All changes to the schedule can be found on the Dunklin R-V School District website.

There are several important dates that will be coming up as the year closes.

- March 13 - End of the 3rd quarter
- March 19 - No school for students
- Student-led conferences 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- March 20 - No school
- April 3 - No school
- April 6 - No school
- May 1 - No school for students/Professional Development for teachers
- May 26 - Commencement Exercise, 7:00 pm (Tuesday) Jefferson College Field House

This year every 11th grade student in all public schools in the state of Missouri will take the American College Test (ACT). This test is used to determine a student's academic readiness for college. This test will be given to all juniors, at no cost to the student, the morning of April 28. It is important students give their best effort on the ACT as it can be beneficial for them when looking at attending college in the future.

Another important time for the end of the year is End of Course (EOC) testing. EOCs are mandatory state assessments in certain core area subjects. These tests are part of a student's grade as well as an indicator into the effectiveness of instruction that is delivered to students in these core area subjects.

Commencement is one of the most special events in a person life. This event is a time for families to celebrate the accomplishment of their children. There will be information for seniors concerning graduation in the coming weeks. Seniors must make sure they are aware of and attend any meetings and to contact the office if they are absent the day of a meeting.

I hope everyone has a wonderful end of the year, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact the high school at 636-479-5200. We want to do everything we can to help your children succeed.

Following is some information on how parents can help with preparing their children for the ACT and EOCs.

- ☺ If you are anxious about your child's test, it's ok but try to keep cool around your child, you don't want them to get anxious about the tests too.
- ☺ Encourage your child to do well but don't pressure him/her. You may stress him/her out. It is important for your child to stay relaxed for the test.
- ☺ Keep a positive attitude about tests.
- ☺ Mark test days on your calendar so you and your child are both aware of testing dates.
- ☺ Make sure that your child gets enough sleep the night before the test.
- ☺ Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast and avoid heavy foods that may make him/her groggy and avoid high sugar foods that may make him/her hyper.
- ☺ Make sure that your child gets up early enough so that he/she will be on time to school.
- ☺ Let your child relax for a few hours before bedtime, it can be stressful for a child to study all night.
- ☺ Talking about the test with your child can relieve stress about test-taking.
- ☺ If your child is struggling on his/her tests, talk to him/her about it and meet with the teacher to find out the best way to help your child.
- ☺ Praise/reward your child when he/she does well on a test or for hard work preparing for a test.

Dr. John Crabtree, Principal



News from the HHS Guidance Office

By: Mrs. Renee Richardson

Rotary Students of the Month

November Student of the Month was Josiah Partney. Josiah is the son of Charles and Janece Partney of Pevely.
December Student of the Month was Lesalie Carter. Lesalie is the daughter of Franklin and Jessica Carter of Herculaneum.
January Student of the Month was Amber Huskey. Amber is the daughter Laura Huskey of Pevely and the late Robert Huskey.
February Student of the Month was Josh Brown. Josh is the son of James and Marilynn Brown of Barnhart.
March Student of the Month is Samantha Jenkins. Samantha is the daughter of John and Jennifer Jenkins.

2015-2016 Incoming Freshman Parent Night

Parents of the incoming freshman class for the 2015-2016 school year are invited to attend the Student/Parent Night on March 12, 2015 in the Theatre at Herculaneum High School at 6:00 PM.

During this event we will present information on courses available to our incoming freshmen class. There are some great academic options for your students during high school, and we are excited to present them to you! The event will last about an hour and a half. We will spend some time going over how we schedule courses, introduce you to some of our teachers and our administrators, present some information about the many sports, clubs, and activities available in high school, and you will receive a tour from Student Council members.

Transition from middle school to high school is an exciting experience for students. It marks the beginning of something new, and offers many opportunities academically and socially. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your student!
If you have any questions, please contact Dave Cook at 479-5200 ext. 4106 or by email at dcook@dunklin.k12.mo.us.

Dual Credit Information Night

Herculaneum High School has partnered with Jefferson College to offer discounted college credit hours while students are in high school. In order for students to take advantage of this opportunity, there are qualifications set by Jefferson College. These qualifications are:

- Students must be 16 years or older, with Junior or Senior status
- Students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Students must receive a qualifying score on the ACT or COMPASS

If your son/daughter will meet these qualifications for the 2015-2016 school year, please join us for a brief informational meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 PM in the High School Library. This is a great opportunity to find out more before students register for classes for the 2015-2016 school year.
If you have any questions, please contact Renee Richardson at 479-5200 or by email at rrichardson@dunklin.k12.mo.us

ACT Testing Information

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Apr. 8, 2015	Mar. 13, 2015	Mar. 14-27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9-22, 2015

Herculaneum High School is an official ACT testing center. You may register for the test at www.act.org.

Test fee per test option - ACT (No Writing) - \$38.00. This test includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register).

ACT Plus Writing - \$54.50. This test includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register). The \$16.00 Writing Test fee is refundable, on written request, if you are absent on test day or switch to the ACT (No Writing) before testing begins.

Herculaneum students who earn a composite score of 21 or higher are eligible for fee reimbursement for the \$38.00. If you score 21 or higher, please see the high school office.

Further information on the ACT can be found at www.act.org or you may visit the high school counseling office.

More High School News



JV Dance Team Competes for the First Time

By: Mrs. Courtney Stenzhorn

Over the past few years, the high school dance team has grown greatly. Last year, a JV team was started allowing more students to participate in the dance program. This year, the team included nine freshmen and one sophomore.

Members include: Makayla Zimmerly, Mariah Shores, Alyssa Bess, Haley Crump, Charlie Larkin, Abbie Bell, Michaela Green, Gaby Bockhoff, Victoria McFerrin, and Kaitlyn Casey. Due to the hard work displayed over the summer, it was decided to take the JV team to competition this year.

On January 17, 2015, the JV team competed in the 5th Annual Farmington Knightline Invitational. The team competed in the JV Pom category against other JV teams. The team placed 2nd in the category. I'm very proud of their performance, hard work, and dedication. I look forward to watching the team and the dance program grow in the future.



Varsity Dance Team is Doing Great Things

By: Mrs. Courtney Stenzhorn

Competition season for the Varsity Blackcat Dance team has been a challenge this year. The team is competing in categories, they don't typically compete in and working hard to sore

above expectations. The team consists of 1 freshman, 8 sophomores, and 3 seniors. The members are: Katlyn Ellis, Rae Andrews, Alyssa Vaughn, Alex Mallow, Lizzy Keeran, Maddie Shores, Molly Rapp, Courtney Lawson, Megan Pervansky, Ashley Lemond, Victoria Duncan, and Taylor Womack.

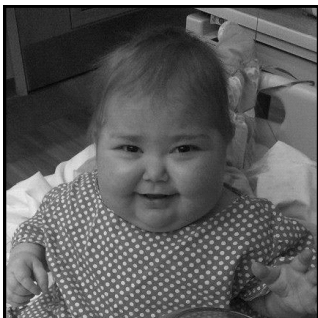
On January 17, 2015, the team competed in the 5th Annual Farmington Knightline Invitational. The team competed in the 1A Mix category against other 1A teams. The team placed 2nd in the category. A week later, the girls competed at the Annual St. Charles Classic in two categories. They competed in the Mix category that consisted of 1A – 3A teams and also the Prop category, which included schools from 1A-3A, as well. In a week's time, the team improved their scores by 50 points in each category. I am very proud of all the accomplishments their girls have strived to reach and look forward to closing the season with a bang at the MDTA State Championships on February 28, 2015.

On February 28, 2015, the girls will travel to St. Charles Family Arena and compete in the MDTA State Championships. The team would like to thank everyone for their support this year throughout the season.

Hope for Eliza Night

By: Ms. Amy Fitzgerald

The students and faculty at Herculaneum High School have been doing several fundraisers throughout the school year in order to raise funds for the family of one of the teachers. Eliza Miller has a rare disorder, so she is getting treatment in Cincinnati, OH, where a team of experts is working to heal her. The family has been traveling every chance they get, in order to see her.



On February 13th, the Leadership Class, along with the basketball teams, cheerleading squad, and dance team, teamed up with the basketball teams from Crystal City and Festus High Schools to honor the Miller family. In between games, Andrew Miller was presented with a check for \$1,000, which was raised through the selling of t-shirts that were worn at the games. Throughout the school year, around \$6,000

have been raised in support of the Millers.

If you would like to donate or know someone who would, you may visit the fundraising website at <http://www.gofundme.com/hopeforeliza>.

FBLA Takes on a New District

By: Mrs. Courtney Stenzhorn

The Herculaneum Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has always been in District 9 and competed against local area schools in various Business, Marketing, Computer Science, and Graphic Design categories. Every year, Mrs. Stenzhorn and students of HHS spend months preparing for the District Leadership Conference to compete and qualify for the state level competition. The Herculaneum chapter has never been large, but has always qualified in at least 1-2 categories for the State Leadership Conference every year.

This year brought many changes for the HHS Chapter. One of the most noticeable changes was the increase in members. The chapter grew in membership to 26 members. On average, there have never been more than 10-12 active members in previous years. With new members, new opportunities for competition were available for the group. In addition, the chapter was reassigned and placed in District 12. District 12 includes several schools and is a much larger district than HHS has ever been in.

On February 3, 2015, the FBLA members competed in the District 12 Leadership Conference at Chesterfield Mall. Students competed in categories that included: Impromptu Speaking, Public Speaking, Business Presentation, Digital Video Productions, Interview, and Management Decision Making. Prior to the competition, several FBLA members completed

online skills assessments in: Accounting, Business Law, Computer Applications, Business Math, Business Communications, FBLA Principles, and Personal Finance. Over 600 students participated in the competition. We had

8 students qualify for State Leadership Conference. Harmony Sessoms received 3rd place in Intro to Business Communications. Kayla Conway earned 4th place in FBLA Leaders. Eric Pennington, Devon Foote and Clayton Harris received 1st place in Digital Video Productions. Their entire production team also included: Nick Garrison, Garrett Kozma, and Josh Miles. Erika Hatfield and Lesalie Carter received 3rd place in Business Presentation. In addition to several students placing in the top 5 of their categories, Madeleine Myers and Kayla Conway were elected to be District 12 officers for the 2015-2016 school year. Their roles will be District 12 Secretary and Vice President of Communications. The State Leadership Conference takes place in April.



Congratulations to the 14-15 Blackcat Prince and Princess

By: Mrs. Courtney Stenzhorn



This year, the dance team hosted their annual Variety Show on December 18th. The show was holiday themed and included performances from the mini dance camp participants, as well as, students from the district. The annual Prince and Princess contest is also held at the Variety Show. Prince and Princess

candidates volunteer to participate and raise money for the dance teams and their competition season. Candidates collect votes to be crowned Blackcat Prince or Princess. A penny is one vote so each candidate collects money for his or her votes. During the show, the audience is introduced to each candidate and given the opportunity to vote during intermission. All proceeds from the evening go directly to purchasing equipment, costumes, etc. for the dance teams. The dance teams would like to thank their parents, patrons, and community for all the support this year.

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Dunklin Sports

Varsity Baseball 2014-2015

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LEVEL	HOME/AWAY	TIME(S)
Tue	03/24/15	Maplewood High School	Varsity	Away	4:00 pm
Thu	03/26/15	Hancock Place High School	Varsity	Home	4:30 pm
Mon	03/30/15	West County High School	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
Thu	04/02/15	St. Pius X	Var/J.V.	Home	4:00 pm
We	04/08/15	Aftton High School	Varsity	Home	4:00 pm
Thu	04/09/15	Crystal City High School	Var/J.V.	Home	4:00 pm
Tue	04/14/15	St. Vincent High School	Varsity	Home	4:00 pm
	04/17/15--04/18/15	Saxony Tournament	Varsity	Away	TBA
We	04/22/15	Jefferson High School	Varsity	Home	4:00 pm
Thu	04/23/15	Brentwood High School	Varsity	Away	4:15 pm
Mon	04/27/15	Grandview R-2 High School	Var/J.V.	Home	4:00 pm
Tue	04/28/15	Kingston	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
Sat	05/02/15	St. Mary's High School	Varsity	Away	12:00 pm
Mon	05/04/15	Crystal City High School	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
Tue	05/05/15	St. Clair High School	Varsity	Away	4:30 pm
Fri	05/08/15	Grandview R-2 High School	Varsity	Away	4:00 pm
Tue	05/12/15	Valley Park High School	Varsity	Home	3:30 pm
Thu	05/14/15	Bayless High School	Varsity	Home	4:00 pm
	05/15/15--05/23/15	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	Varsity	Away	TBA

Varsity Golf 2014-2015

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LEVEL	HOME/AWAY	TIME(S)
	03/24/15--03/24/15	Festus/Hillsboro/Herculaneum	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
	03/25/15--03/25/15	Grandview/Crystal City/Herculaneum	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
Thu	03/26/15	Valley Park High School	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
Tue	03/31/15	Valley Park High School	Var/J.V.	Home	4:00 pm
	04/01/15--04/01/15	Festus/Windsor/Herculaneum	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
Mon	04/13/15	DeSoto High School	Var/J.V.	Home	4:00 pm
	04/14/15--04/14/15	Crystal City/St. Pius/Herculaneum	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
	04/15/15--04/15/15	Mid-East Tournament	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
Tue	04/21/15	St. Vincent High School	Var/J.V.	Home	4:00 pm
	04/22/15--04/22/15	Festus Tournament	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
	04/24/15--04/24/15	Pallos Par Three Tournament	Var/J.V.	Away	4:00 pm
Mon	04/27/15	Perryville High School	Var/J.V.	Home	TBA
	04/28/15--04/28/15	Pallos Par Three Tournament	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
	04/29/15--04/29/15	JCAA Varsity Golf Tournament	Varsity	Away	TBA
	04/30/15--04/30/15	JCAA JV Golf Tournament	J.V.	Away	TBA
	05/04/15--05/04/15	DISTRICTGOLF TOURNAMENT	Varsity	Away	TBA
	05/11/15--05/11/15	SECTIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT	Varsity	Away	TBA
	05/18/15--05/18/15	STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT	Varsity	Away	TBA

Boys & Girls Track 2014-2015

DATE	OPPONENT	LEVEL	HOME/AWAY	TIME(S)
03/25/15--03/25/15	Jefferson R-7 Meet	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
03/27/15--03/28/15	Festus Early Bird Meet	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
03/31/15--03/31/15	North County Invitational	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
04/01/15--04/01/15	Ste. Genevieve Old Settlement Meet	Var/J.V.	Home	TBA
04/01/15--04/01/15	DeSoto Freshman Meet	9th Grade	Away	TBA
04/07/15--04/07/15	Festus Tigertown Meet	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
04/11/15--04/11/15	68th Mineral Area Relays/Girls Invitational	Var/J.V.	Home	TBA
04/14/15--04/14/15	Windsor High School Invitational	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
04/17/15--04/17/15	Simpson Relays	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
04/21/15--04/21/15	Hillsboro JV Invitational	J.V.	Away	TBA
04/24/15--04/24/15	DeSoto High School Invitational	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
04/29/15--04/30/15	JCAA Conference Meet	Var/J.V.	Home	TBA
05/08/15--05/08/15	Hillsboro Invitational	Var/J.V.	Away	TBA
05/08/15--05/08/15	Ste. Genevieve JV Invitational	J.V.	Away	TBA
05/11/15--05/11/15	Potosi Freshman Invitational	9th Grade	Away	TBA
05/16/15--05/16/15	DISTRICT TRACK MEET - CLASS 3	Varsity	Away	TBA
05/23/15--05/23/15	SECTIONAL TRACK MEET - CLASS 3	Varsity	Away	TBA
05/29/15--05/30/15	MSHSAA STATE TRACK MEET - CLASS 3	Varsity	Away	TBA



Jr. High Track 2014-2015

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LEVEL	HOME/AWAY	TIME(S)
	03/27/15--03/27/15	Festus Track Meet	7th/8th	Away	4:00 pm
	04/09/15--04/09/15	DeSoto Jr High Invitational	7th/8th	Away	4:00 pm
	04/13/15--04/13/15	Senn Thomas Relays	7th/8th	Home	4:00 pm
	04/16/15--04/16/15	Windsor Track Meet	7th/8th	Away	TBA
	04/21/15--04/21/15	Grandview Track Meet	7th/8th	Away	4:00 pm
	04/28/15--04/28/15	Hillsboro Track Meet	7th/8th	Away	4:00 pm
	04/30/15--04/30/15	Ste. Genevieve Track Meet	7th/8th	Away	4:00 pm
	05/04/15--05/04/15	JCAA Junior High Conference Meet	7th/8th	Away	3:00 pm

Blackcat Wrestling Season Comes to an End

By: Mr. Roscoe Whitener & Mr. Calvin Kohler

The 2014-15 Wrestling Season has come to an end. The team had a very good year. Seven wrestlers competed at the District Tournament with four advancing to the State Tournament in Columbia.

James Todaro- 2nd place
Nico Brown- 6th place
Cole White- Qualifier
Jesse O'Dell- Qualifier

The team finished 21st out of 51- with only 4 members competing. This was a great improvement over 44th place last year, and we look forward to even better seasons ahead.

All Conference selections were made this week.
James Todaro -1st Team
Nico Brown- 1st Team
Jesse O'Dell- 2nd Team
Cole White -Honorable Mention

We would like to thank all the parents for their great support!

