



Blackcat News

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“Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow”

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Dawn Warner

Letter From the Board President

Dear Dunklin R-5 Stakeholders:

I would like to start by thanking all the parents, staff and community members who have contributed in some way to our progress as a school district. We have done numerous surveys to gain your feedback over the last year and appreciate everyone’s input. As I mentioned in the last edition of Blackcat News, we hired a company to do a phone survey to voters in our district. They made calls and surveyed a percentage of our patrons. If you participated, we thank you for doing so. This information will be instrumental in Board discussions on what our next steps should be, and how to best meet the needs of educational space and essentially educating our students without the funds that would have been generated from Proposition Blackcat Pride. Once the board makes those decisions, we will communicate and share the information with our patrons.

The District is always looking for volunteers and support. I would encourage you to check out our website www.dunklin.k12.mo.us and check for updates on everything that is happening within our district. We have a new Bright Futures program that is doing some great things as well as our Blackcat Community Connection group. Both of these groups welcome volunteers and have been doing a lot of things for students and their families within our district.

We strive as a district to continually improve. We know we can do better and our Strategic Plan has goals in place that our staff works very hard on to achieve. There is always work to be done to help our students achieve, whether they are just starting school or are nearing the end of their school career with us.

Speaking of starting, we have great things going on at our Taylor Early Childhood Center, serving Pre-K students from our district and surrounding communities. In addition, we recently held our kindergarten registration for those children who are just beginning their steps in education. If you have a child that is going into

kindergarten and missed registration, please contact the office and they will get you taken care of. We look forward to serving you and your new student.

For those who are finishing at Dunklin, graduation is right around the corner. At HHS we have students taking many paths. We have those who are college bound. We have military bound students who have chosen to serve not only themselves with that next step, but to also serve our country. Additionally, we have students that will go right out into the workforce and start a career. No matter what the direction these students choose, the entire Board of Education and I want to wish the Class of 2017 the very best as they move on to this next chapter in their lives. Our goal is to have provided you with the skills you need to excel and achieve- whatever your path is. We look forward to seeing your success! Again, Best of Luck Class of 2017!!

To those who have students somewhere between Pre-K and 12th Grade, there are so many great programs and resources at each of our buildings to help enhance your student’s education. Please reach out to our teachers and staff to see what we can do to better serve your family’s needs. Our goal is to serve all our patrons and help every child succeed!

To learn more about what is happening at Dunklin R-5, please visit our website at www.dunklin.k12.mo.us. Our Board of Education meets the third Tuesday each month at 7:00pm in the central office building and the public is always welcome to attend. Thank you for helping us achieve our mission of “Educating today for a better tomorrow”.

Sincerely,

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

Ways To Stay Informed and Connected to Dunklin R-5:

- ✓ Visit our website at: www.dunklin.k12.mo.us
- ✓ Sign up for Parent Portal: talk to your school’s secretary

- ✓ Follow Asst. Supt. Dr. Mike Golden on Twitter: [@DrMikeGolden](https://twitter.com/DrMikeGolden)

- ✓ Like and follow us on Facebook:
 - Pevely Elementary School
 - Dunklin Bright Futures



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Dunklin R-5 School District is an equal opportunity employer

Superintendent's Letter

Recently I did a series of budget presentations for the Board of Education and staff. I would like to share some of that information with you in this Superintendent Letter. The school district has three sources of revenue.

1. Local revenue, which includes local taxes, fines, and earnings on investment
2. State revenue, which includes foundation formula, classroom trust fund, transportation, early childhood education and Parents as Teachers
3. Federal revenue includes Title I, Title II, IDEA and school lunches

Here is a table showing the percentage of revenue from each of these sources and the state averages.

Source	Dunklin R-5	State Average
Local	48.63%	55.91%
State	43.69%	34.93%
Federal	7.68%	9.16%

As you can see from the table local revenue accounts for 48.63% of the revenue but this is below the state average of 55.91% and state revenue accounts for 43.69% compared to the state average of 34.93%. What this means is that the district is more dependent on state revenue than other school districts in the state. That is important for you to be aware of because when the state is discussing cuts to education, it affects Dunklin R-5 School District more than other districts that are less dependent on state revenue.

This is a change for Dunklin R-5 School District over the past 10 years. During the 2007-08 school year 63.93% of revenue came from local sources while the state only provided 30.69%. The reason why this has happened is because of the new foundation formula, increased enrollment and decreased assessed valuation of the district.

For the 2007-08 school year the assessed valuation of the district was \$150,523,362 and for the 2016-17 school year the assessed valuation if \$151,194,313 which is only a 0.45% increase. During this same time period the state average increase is 4% and the Jefferson County school district average is over 5%. So while school districts across the state have seen assessed valuation grow by 4% the Dunklin R-5 School District has only grown by less than 1%. This leads to less local revenue.

During this time the district has also seen a change in enrollment and demographics. In the 2007-08 school year the district had 1345 students. This year the district has1571 students or a 16.8% increase in students. In 2007-08 school year the district only had 37.7% of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch and last year the district had 55.9% (The official percentage for this year has not been calculated by DESE yet but district calculation puts it over 53%). So while assessed valuation of the district has not grown at the same rate as the state average the district has undergone a dramatic increase in enrollment and students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. This has decreased the percentage of funds coming from local revenue.

During this time you have seen the tax rate increase but hopefully now you see a bigger picture in that while the tax rate has increased it has not kept the percentage of local revenue at the same level it was 10 years ago. During this time local revenue has decreased as a percentage of revenue while state revenue has increased. The Board of Education and I truly appreciate the commitment the local patrons have made to the district and local revenue is still our number 1 source of revenue. The district is in sound shape financially. The Board and I strive to be great stewards of the funds provided to the district and work to maintain the strong fiscal condition of the district.

I hope this has provided you with some information about the district that you were not aware of. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the Central Office at 636-479-5200.

Stan Stratton
Superintendent

Bright Futures Making a Difference for Our Families

Bright Futures Dunklin R-5 is making great strides to help meet the needs of our students and families. Since August of 2016:

- 32 student and family needs have been met
- Over 200 items have been distributed from the Blackcat Closet
- 40 families in the district were adopted for Christmas
- We have received over \$1,800 in donations

The response and support from our community has been amazing and we are off to a great start, but the work has just begun. We are currently in need of people to serve on the site councils and conduct ambassador visits. There will be a training held for all Site Council members in April. If you would like more information on how to get involved contact Joycie Gonzalez-Meyer, jgonzalezmeyer@dunklin.k12.mo.us or 636-479-5200

Dunklin R-5 Attends Bright Futures Community Engagement Conference

Three staff members and an advisory board member attended the 2017 Bright Futures Conference in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The theme for the conference this year was “The Power of One.” The Power of One focuses on the profound impact that one individual can make in the life of a child. Any person can be that “One.” Keynote speaker and author of *Three Little Words*, Ashley Rhodes- Courter, shared her experience of growing up in foster care, moving from house to house and finally being adopted at the age of 12. For Ashley, the “One” person who made a difference in her life was her court appointed Guardian Ad Litem.

Other Keynote speakers included Bright Futures USA founder, Dr. C.J. Huff and Dr. Ruby Payne, author of *Framework for Understanding Poverty*.

The conference included a movie screening of *A Girl Like Her* and a Q&A session with the director.

On behalf of the four of us that were able to go, this conference was an incredible experience and we would like to thank our administrative team and school board for allowing us to attend. You know it is going to be a powerful week when you start it out with an ugly cry. We learned a



lot of great things and got affirmation that we are on the right path to helping our kids and community. In the words of John F. Kennedy, “One person can make a difference and everyone should try.”



Taylor Early Childhood Giving Back to the Community

It is hard to believe, but our 2016-2017 school year is flying by! The students at Taylor Early Childhood have participated in a ton of fun activities



Friends from Ms. Kim’s class on career day.

already this spring! Miss Melanie’s class is hard at work on a Worm Farm in her classroom. Many classrooms had a silly leprechaun visit their classrooms and make a mess (and also leave fun treasures)!

We also celebrated Cerebral Palsy/Epilepsy Awareness during the week of March 20-24 by having a coin war! Each day, students brought in donations of pennies, nickels, dimes, and dollars.

All money raised will go towards future improvements to our playground. Along with the coin war, Taylor Early Childhood students dressed up each day. One of their favorite dress up days was on Wednesday, March 22, where children dressed up like the career they want to pursue when they grow up! See pictures below. We also had our annual balloon release on Friday, March 24 which is always a big hit with our preschoolers.



Future teacher or CEO from Ms. Sam’s room.



Future building principal at Taylor EC.



Two future teachers from Ms. Sharon’s room



The worm farm in Ms. Mel’s Room.



Ms. Sam’s room on Career Day



With the end of the year fast approaching, there are many fun events that are approaching quickly! Please see below the upcoming fun events!

Spring Parties/ Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 12
(10 a.m./2 p.m.)

3rd Annual Water Day

Friday, May 5 (9 am / 1:30 p.m.)



Preschool Promotion
(6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 9

TITLE ONE PRESCHOOL

Are you a Dunklin R-5 School District resident?

Are you interested in **FREE** preschool for your child?

Children who will be 4 years old by July 31, 2017 may be eligible for our free preschool program.



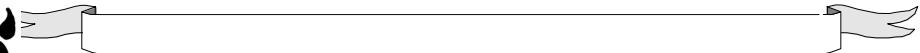
To schedule an appointment please contact our office at **636-479-5200, ext. 5103.**

Appointments are necessary.



Register Now For Summer School

- ✓ Registration NOW OPEN for students entering grades K-8.
- ✓ High School Registration available soon.
- ✓ Visit our website at: www.dunklin.k12.mo.us Enrollment forms can be found online.
- ✓ Pick up a packet from your school office.
- ☺ Students in grades 1-8 can earn up to \$100 for good attendance. (Gift cards provided by Catapult Learning)
- ☺ Register by April 20th for a chance to win a Walmart Gift Card (provided by Catapult Learning)



Pevely Elementary News

Positive Blackcat Week

Dunklin R-5 held a district-wide Positive Blackcat Week the week of March 20th through March 24th. In promoting kindness and respect, Pevely Elementary held the following events:

Monday: Pevely Blackcat School Photo to celebrate being “One Blackcat”. All of the staff and student body gathered to take a group photo in the gymnasium.

Tuesday: Celebrating 100 reasons why we love Pevely Elementary. Students wrote their reason on a heart and created a building wide bulletin board.

Wednesday: Celebrating kindness and respect for each other. Student reviewed scenarios with their teacher in relation to if it is joking teasing, or bullying. Students and staff talked about ways to be an upstander for their classmates.

Thursday: Celebrating kindness in our community. Classrooms collected pennies that will be donated to Bright Futures. Bright Futures is a program that gives back to our own students in our community. The classroom with the most pennies at the end of the day won a Taco Party for their classroom.

Friday: Celebrating kindness to our classmates. Teachers and students completed a “High Five” activity. Students were given the chance to tell a classmate what is unique, kind, and great about them.



photo booth fun for the students and teachers as well.

Students had such a wonderful time, and continue to talk about Seuseville. They were also able to bring their families in during STAR night to show what they experienced during their Seussville visit.

2nd Graders Visit HealthWorks! Kids' Museum

1st & 2nd students went on a field trip thanks to a grant from the HealthWorks Museum in St. Louis, Missouri. The HealthWorks! Kids' Museum officially opened in May 2016, and is the only children's museum in the region that focuses specifically on health.

The field trip included a class called, “Scrubbadubba Vegge Thinker Cising,” which followed a boy through a typical day. The students were able to help him make healthy choices throughout his day. The students also got to see a video called, “Mouth Movie,” which gave them an interactive look through the digestive system. Additionally, they were able to explore the exhibit floor.



The students had a great time on this free trip! Thanks to everyone at HealthWorks! Kids' Museum for contacting Pevely Elementary about this opportunity.

The HealthWorks Museum is open to the public Tuesday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. General Admission pricing is \$7 for visitors age 3 and above.

Seussville at Pevely Elementary



Students at Pevely Elementary were treated to a trip to Seussville the week of March 7-13 in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The back of the library was “under construction” for several days while Mrs. Teague and Mrs. Dove transformed it into Seussville. The Cat in the Hat, Horton, and the Lorax were there as well as lot of Truffala Trees and other colorful decorations.

Students were able to participate in a variety of activities while they were in Seussville like making Lorax suncatchers, coloring their own Dr. Seuss bookmarks, as well as making the Cat in the Hat a



new hat. Creations were then either displayed in the windows or taken home with the student to show their families what they did. Students also watched a Dr. Seuss video and explored two Dr. Seuss websites. There was some



Pevely Elementary Meets Greenbrier Elementary

Fifth graders in Mrs. Svoboda's class were eager as they participated in their first Mystery Skype last month with Greenbrier Elementary in Arkansas. During the Mystery Skype, class representatives started a video call and introduced the class, but strategically left out the name of our school. Throughout the Skype, students from each school took turns asking “yes” or “no” questions such as, “Are you East of the Mississippi River?” in attempt to determine each other's location. The room was a flurry of activity as students moved about carrying out various jobs such as historians, researchers and recorders. To watch a video of this Skype, visit www.teresateaches.com.



STMS News



Helping Out our Neighbors in Perryville

After a tornado ripped through Perryville on February 28, 2017, Jefferson County schools came together and collected items for those affected. In less than a week's time, all of the buildings in Dunklin R-5 came together and collected water and personal items for those in need. On Friday, March 3, 2017, students and staff from the Windsor School district brought a bus to STMS and stuffed the bus! Windsor had a total of three buses and a truck with a trailer full of items. Thank you to all of the families that donated.

Positive Blackcat Week

This week the entire Dunklin R-5 School District concentrated on spreading kindness throughout each building and within our community. Each building had various activities and challenges throughout the week that will hopefully last all year. At STMS, student clubs each came up with a way to spread the kindness from putting positive notes on lockers to picking up trash in and around our school. The students enjoyed "Challenge Day," in which the HHS Leadership class came and did various activities and team building challenges with the students along with an awareness of bullying and friendship. A Penny War took place in which the profits will go toward our own Blackcat Closet. Finally, everyone student and staff member in the building memorized their own personal positive quote. Ask anyone and they should be able to restate it!

Destination Imagination Regional Competition

It was a great day at the Destination Imagination Competition on March 4th! The 5 teams did a great job, and 4 of them moved on to the State Competition in Joplin, Missouri on April 1st. 6th grade, 7/8th grade, and High School earned 1st place, and 8th grade earned 2nd place,

All 4 teams earned the Highest Instant Challenge scores in their division.

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Character Athlete Award

This month Kylee Bohler, an 8th grader at STMS, was recognized by the Perry County School District #32 for her positive sportsmanship and character. Throughout the year, Perry County athletic teams choose an athlete from an opposing team for games played on their home court/field. A Character Athlete Brunch was held on March 21, 2017 in Perryville for all athletes chosen around the county and their coaches. Congratulations Kylee! We are very proud of you!

Clara Shadowens Attended Summer Challenge in 2016



Clara Shadowens (9th grade) attended the Washington University Middle School Summer Challenge in July 2016. Clara spent two weeks at the Washington University Campus taking classes. She took Theory and Reality and Writers workshop. In order to be accepted to go to this program you have to have above a 3.5 GPA and have multiple teacher recommendations. Clara heard about the program through her school counselor Dawn Vaughn. There are programs available for Middle

and High School students for Summer 2017. Anyone interested can apply at summerexperiences.wustl.edu.

Board Meetings Open to the Public

The Dunklin R-5 Board of Education meets on a regular basis on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Dunklin R-5 Central Office beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Patrons may view agendas and items from the meetings by going to our website www.dunklin.k12.mo.us, clicking on the District tab and clicking on "Paperless Board Meetings".

High School Events

Letter from the High School Administration

The school year is passing quickly as we are now in the 4th quarter. This year was our first year using Chromebooks and their use has been very productive for both students and staff. When you walk into a classroom today you see students using their Chromebooks to research information. The Chromebooks offer our students a variety of avenues in education that were not available in the past.

So far this year school was closed for inclement weather for two days. We will be making up the two days. School will be in session on Wednesday, March 12 and Friday, May 19. May 19, which is now the last day of the year, will be an early dismissal as school will end at 12:10.

The spring activity/sports season is underway. The band, choir, and musical performers as well as the baseball, golf, and track teams have been working hard preparing this time of year. I encourage you to attend one of the events to see our students on the stage and playing field. Schedules for all events can be found on the district website at www.dunklin.k12.mo.us.

Commencement is one of the most special events in a person's 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.

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 instruction that is delivered to students in these core area subjects. Following is the EOC schedule along with some tips for parents that can help prepare their children for the 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.

End-of-Course Exam Schedule Herculaneum High School Spring 2017

WEEK 1

Wednesday, April 26
Language Arts I Parts 1 & 2
Algebra II

Thursday, April 27
Algebra I Parts 1 & 2

Friday, April 28
Geometry
American History

WEEK 2

Wednesday, May 3
Government
Language Arts II Parts 1 & 2

Thursday, May 4
Biology Parts 1 & 2

The 2016-2017 school calendar can be accessed on the Dunklin R-5 district website.

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

- April 12 - School in session
- April 13 - No school for students/Professional development for teachers
- April 14 - No school
- April 17 - No school
- April 19 - State ACT test for all juniors
- April 22 - Prom
- April 26 - End of Course exams begin
- May 1 - No school for students/Professional development for teachers
- May 2 - Spring Band Performance at 7:00 pm
- May 5 & 6 - Spring Musical performance of Guys and Dolls at 7:00 pm
- May 9 - Spring Choir Performance at 7:00 pm
- May 16 - Commencement Exercise at 7:00 pm
Jefferson College Field House
- May 19 - End of 2nd semester (Early Dismissal)

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.

HHS CATS Students Attend Private Showing of Dream Big



HHS CAT students attended a private showing of, Dream Big, Engineering the World at the St. Louis Science Center on February 25th.

Following the film, students attended a reception to network with engineers and engineering students.

They were invited by former CATS student, Jordan Pettibone. Pettibone is a civil engineer with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. and treasurer of the St. Louis Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).



News & Notes from the HHS Counselors

Rotary Students of the Month

September – Autumn Bess October – Haley Damkroger
November – Cameron Pace December – Danielle Prince
January – Jake Jarvis February – Austin Bearden
March – Ryan Duvall

KMOX Southeast Missouri State University Student of Achievement

Danielle Vaughn has been selected as a KMOX/Southeast Missouri State University Student of Achievement. This award is given to only thirty students throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in: academics, athletics, the arts, community service and leadership. Danielle is the daughter of Jim and Dawn Vaughn.

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

Emily Enghauser was chosen by the Twin City Rotary Club to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) this summer. RYLA is hosted by Rotary International with the purpose of encouraging students to be positive, effective leaders in their community.

Missouri Boys State

James Moloney, Loki Cortner, Jordan Mouser, and Zachary Phillips have been chosen by teachers and sponsored by the American Legion to attend Missouri Boys State this summer.

Missouri Girls State

Claire Shadowens and Danielle Vaughn have been chosen by teachers and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Missouri Girls State this summer.

Lady Blackcats Had a Great Season Submitted by Emily Fischer, HHS Junior

Herculaneum High School is one that often gets overlooked in just about everything, especially sports. Many of us, as student athletes, are tired of hearing other schools talk about what Herculaneum “doesn’t have”, or what “they’re not good at.” We, at Herculaneum High School are trying to change that, and from the looks of our 2016-2017 girls basketball season, we may have left some people speechless.

We started our season out with high hopes and three big goals: Win conference, win 20 games, and become District Champions. When head coach, Coach Blair, looked at us and told us we could accomplish all of these things, I personally thought he was crazy. I wanted to believe that it was possible, but I couldn’t help but think about how young our team was. Our previous season, we played with a total of seven seniors, and this season we only had two.

Before being able to reach our big goals, we had some small things to take care of first. In the beginning of our season we placed second losing to Principia in the championship game, who we would later play in Districts. In our Doe Run Tournament, held at our high school every year, we got second place, losing to Grandview in the championship game. The final tournament we were in for the year, was the Kingston Christmas tournament. Unfortunately, I was out for that tournament (and the month before), due to torn ligaments in both sides of my ankle from previously playing Grandview in our last tournament’s championship game, but the girls exceeded in that tournament as well, placing third and setting us up for a great rest of the season.



To achieve our first goal, we had to beat several of our rivals. Our conference consists of Jefferson R -7, Crystal, St. Vincent, St. Pius, Grandview, and we beat four out of five of them during our season, leaving us with the title of Conference Champions! Goal number one was complete.

Former Blackcat Finding Success on the College Diamond

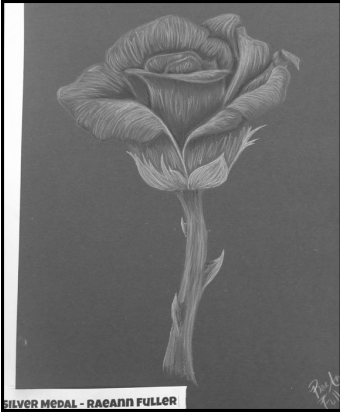
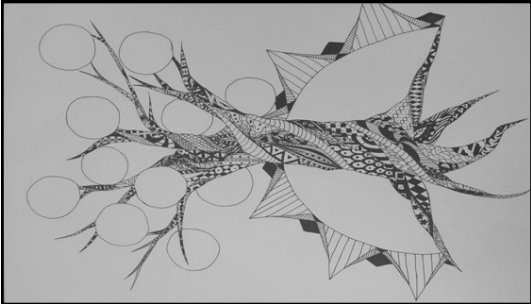
Former Herculaneum Baseball star Brady Womacks was recently named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writer’s Pre-Season Division 1 All-America Team. Womacks, a senior at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was honored following a junior season in which he made earned 14 saves en route to being named First Team All-Conference for the Summit League. He recorded a 2-2 record and a 1.22 earned run average while making a team leading 29 appearances for the Golden Eagles.

A 2013 graduate of Herculaneum High School, Brady set a Herculaneum Baseball record and led the St. Louis Metropolitan Area with 14 strikeouts per game as a senior. He also batted .439 on his way to being named First Team All Conference and All District, as well as being named to the St. Louis All Metro Team and Regional Radio Dream Team.

<http://www.oruathletics.com/sports/bsb/2016-17/releases/20170131r0dpbg>

Mastodon Art and Science Fair Winners

On April 1st five of Herculaneum High School’s Art students will accept their medals for their individual art works that competed in the Mastodon Art and Science Fair. Ten students entered works this year and half of them placed. Tori Gonzalez, Emily Schultz, Lexi Ahner, and Brittany Wilson all received honorable mentions for their entries. Anna Pfaff’s pop art piece did not medal; however, it was selected as one of the works to be displayed at the Mastodon State Park. Makayla Smith will receive her bronze medal for her expressionist piece that has also been chosen to be displayed at the



SILVER MEDAL - RAEANN FULLER

Viking Gallery at Jefferson College. Rae Ann Fuller and Ashley Thebeau will both receive silver medals for their works. Along with Makayla, Ashley’s painting will also be displayed at the Viking Gallery at Jefferson College. Lexi Baiter will accept her gold medal for her Zen doodle drawing. Lastly, Danielle Hill received a Jefferson College scholarship award for her portfolio submission.

Student art work will be displayed in the High School Library through the month of April.



SILVER MEDAL - MAKAYLA SMITH

Please join me, Johnathan Purvis -H. H.S. Art teacher, in congratulating these brave young ladies for their accomplishments.

Any questions or comments may be shared with Johnathan Purvis, HHS Art teacher at jpurvis@dunklin.k12.mo.us.

Herculaneum High School Band March Highlights

March 4, 2017 – District Solo and Ensemble Music Festival at Festus High School

The following High School Band students received a “1” Superior Rating. They will receive a blue medal and have qualified to perform at the State Music Festival on April 29, 2017 in Columbia, Missouri

Trumpet Trio – Jessica Hezel, Dylan Meese, and Andrew Storz
Brass Sextet – Jessica Hezel, Andrew Storz, Rebecca McGuire, Tyler Armbruster, Andrew Gonzales, Jordan Mouser
Tenor Saxophone Solo – Harmonye’ Sessoms; Alto Saxophone Solo – Harmonye’ Sessoms
Baritone Saxophone Solo – Joseph Widger; Alto Saxophone Solo – Joseph Widger
Tuba Solo – Andrew Gonzales; Clarinet Solo – Rafael Gil Diaz;
Trumpet Solo – Jessica Hezel;
Clarinet Trio – Rafael Gil Diaz, Ashley Zimmerly, John Maddox
Saxophone Trio – Joseph Widger, Elizabeth Warner, Nathaniel Banks

The following High School Band students received a “2” Excellent Rating. They will receive a red medal.

Woodwind Trio – Rafael Gil Diaz, Elizabeth Warner, Madison Shores
Trombone Solo – Justin Montgomery; Trumpet Solo – Andrew Storz
Trombone Quartet – Justin Montgomery, Jordan Mouser, Cayden McGuire, Dylan Reynolds
Piano Solo – Rebecca McGuire; Alto Saxophone Solo – Madison Shores
Flute Solo – Cathy Burgard; Tenor Saxophone Solo– Elizabeth Warner
Baritone Saxophone Solo – Nathaniel Banks; French Horn Solo – Matthew Bartosch
French Horn Trio – Matthew Bartosch, Rebecca McGuire, Dylan Beranek

March 11, 2017 – Windsor Middle School Music Festival

The 7th-8th Grade Concert band received a “1” Superior Rating at the Windsor Middle School Festival

March 11, 2017 Carol Moore Memorial Jazz Festival at Mineral Area College

The High School Jazz Band received 1st Place in the Class 3A Division. The following students received Outstanding Soloist Awards at the festival
Flute – Cathy Burgard; Baritone Saxophone – Joseph Widger
Clarinet – Rafael Gil Diaz; Trumpet – Jessica Hezel; Trombone – Justin Montgomery

March 18, 2017 – Jefferson County High School Honor Band at Herculaneum HS

The following students were selected to the 2017 Jefferson County High School Honor Band. Band students from all 12 high schools in the county participated. The guest conductor was Scott Rybolt, Band Director from Dexter, MO
Flute – Cathy Burgard; Clarinet Rafael Gil Diaz, John Maddox
Bass Clarinet – RaeAnn Fuller; Alto Saxophone – Joseph Widger
Tenor Saxophone – Elizabeth Warner; Baritone Saxophone – Harmonye’ Sessoms
Trumpet – Jessica Hezel, Andrew Storz; French Horn – Matthew Bartosch
Trombone – Jordan Mouser



Community and Parent Organizations Working with Our Kids



Lil' Cat Club P.T.O.

Pevely Elementary Parents:

Looking for a way to get involved
in your child's school?

Why not join the **Lil' Cat Club**,
the Parent Teacher Organization of Pevely Elementary School?

We meet regularly every 6th Wednesday at 6:00 PM at Pevely
Elementary

**Our next regular meeting will be
May 17th at 6:00 PM in the PES Library**

Blackcat Community Connection

Dunklin R-5 Patrons:

Looking for a way to get involved
in our school?

The Blackcat Community Connection has the mission to actively promote academic and all board-approved activities, to provide parents with school-related information, and to serve as a liaison between the school and community.

We meet regularly the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the HHS Library

**Our next regular meeting will be
May 2nd at 6:00 PM**

Dear Staff and Families of the Dunklin R5 School District:

On behalf of my family, I would like to take a moment and express my sincere gratefulness for all that you have done to assist my family during our difficult loss. On December 16, 2016, our world came crashing down around us. What should have been just a simple day ended up being a day that we will relive over and over again. I survived two accidents that day, one in my vehicle and one in the first ambulance I was put in, however, my husband did not survive. In the blink of an eye, my world cashed around me, leaving me the single mother of four children and a widow.

During this difficult time we have been shown compassion, consideration, sympathy, empathy and benevolence by those working and living in our school district, as well as, our community. Some of you we do not know personally and yet, you still reached out to us. The magnitude of your generosity is astounding. We thank you for your support, donations, gift cards, meals and well wishes that you have given to us. Thank you seems like such a small thing to say for everything that has been done for us. We are humbled by your continued support for us as we are doing our best to adjust, heal and move forward in such a difficult time.

Sincerely,

The Prince Family

(Tamatha, Danielle, Austin, Arielle and Brandon)



Herculaneum High School Renaissance Spring Flea Market Saturday, May 6

Herculaneum High School will be hosting the first annual Renaissance Spring Flea Market on Saturday May 6th, 2017 from 8 am to 3 pm. This fundraiser is anticipated to be the single largest fundraising effort for the Renaissance program which recognizes outstanding HHS students, teachers and staff members. The Renaissance Program also funds the Blackcat Scholarship which awards one \$1500 scholarship and additional \$500 scholarships to deserving graduates.

Declutter your home while supporting a good cause-register for a spot today! Additional information and applications can be picked-up in the HHS office or downloaded from the Dunklin R-V website.

*Remember to attach any pictures that go with the article and to submit before the deadline in this format in a Word document. Do not send a Google Doc as all items must be formatted in Word for submission for publication.

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