



Superintendent's Corner

Hello Everyone, it is hard to believe we are in the fourth quarter already. The year is flying by like it always seems to. Hopefully, we have survived the winter. Though, those of us with a few years on us know it can, and sometimes does, snow in April. But, it sure is nice to enjoy these warmer temperatures. I just have a few things to share with you.

We have made some calendar changes for the next school year. We have eliminated all late starts and almost all early-outs. Basically we will use one Monday per month for teacher in-services. The only early-outs will be before holidays, end of the quarters, parent/teacher conferences, and homecoming. These changes make scheduling for you easier and allows for greater continuity in our teacher trainings. This is new for us we hope it assists you and us as we move forward.

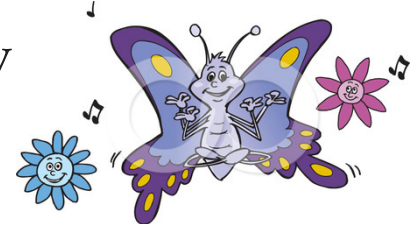
Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) and End-of-Course (EOC) testing will begin soon. We have done well on these assessments in the past few years. To continue our progress we need your help again this year. During MAP/EOC testing, please ensure your child(ren) get a good night's sleep. Also please make sure he/she gets a nutritious breakfast either at home or at school. Thank you for helping us with this very important matter.

As evidence of our success on prior MAP/EOC assessments and some other factors, again our district will be recognized as Accredited with Distinction in Performance at a banquet at Northwest Missouri State University. Again we thank you for all your assistance.

If you ever have any questions always feel free to contact me.

Lane Novinger

Elementary Music News



Mark your calendars for our K-6 spring music program! It will be Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. in DeKalb at the middle/high school. We are doing Annie!

Also, grades K-3 will be taking a trip to the Missouri Theatre in St. Joe to see Junie B. Jones! This performance is Friday, April 27th at 9:30 a.m. It is \$3.00 per student. Please have your child's \$3.00 paid to the front desk no later than Friday, April 20th. Parents and guardians, you are more than welcome to join us! If you want to join, you must bring \$3.00 per parent/guardian as well as a note to the front desk by stating you are doing so by Monday, April 16th because the theatre needs an accurate head count. Also keep in mind that you will need to provide your own transportation to the theatre in St. Joe. If you are following the buses, you will need to be at Rushville Elementary no later than 8:15 so we may leave at 8:30. The show starts at 9:30 and lasts approximately an hour.

Permisson slips for the Missouri Theatre trip will be sent home for you to sign, as well as reminder notes with info. Thanks everyone!

Ms. Bailey
Elementary Music Teacher

Early Childhood Night

Wednesday, April 25th
6:00 p.m.

All incoming Kindergarten
and Preschool Parents
need to plan to attend!!!!



FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

With six full weeks and counting remaining in the 2011-2012 school year we find ourselves having missed only one day of school to date. With that day having been made up the students and staff found themselves in the unfamiliar position of having the full compliment of their Spring Break to spend with family and friends. !

It was nice to see such a large number of our parents, grandparents and others make it to our Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences. Our Honor Roll numbers for both middle and high school were slightly higher than those of the first semester which is encouraging to our staff in terms of student progress.

The High School Academic Team enters the conference tournament as the #3 seed and will hosts the District Academic Tournament on Saturday, April 14th.

High school basketball season came to a close in March for both the girls and boys teams. The high school girls finished the season with a 15-11 record and more than double their win total from a season ago.

Meanwhile, the boys rolled through another strong season in route to setting a school record with 26 wins and only 3 losses. The boys team shared a Platte Valley Conference championship with Jefferson and North Andrew and repeated as District and Sectional Champions before falling in the state quarterfinals to the final four team from Osceola.

Three girls and boys earned post season honors at the conference level; Kaley Pyles, Alyssa Jones, and Tiffany Bomberger were named to the girls All-PVC team while Derek Brock, Brent Bush, and Kolby Reagan made the boys squad. The same three boys were named to the All-District Team while Kaley Pyles earned the same honor for the girls team. Brent Bush was selected to the Boys All-State Basketball 1st Team for Class 2. Congratulations to all of our players on a very nice 2011-2012 basketball campaign!

New activities to this quarter are Middle School and High School Track & Field as well as District Vocal and Band competitions. Track season is just getting underway as this letter is being printed.

Garrett Skrbina has earned a trip to State

Music Competition in Vocal Solo Performance by receiving a rating of 1 during District Competition. Congratulations, Garrett!

As always, please feel free to visit our school anytime. Remember, you may follow school schedules, student progress, activities, etc. at www.bcr4.k12.mo.us .

Sincerely,
Travis Dittmore

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| 4/13 | Grade Check |
| 4/14 | District Academic Competition @ DeKalb. |
| 4/17 | MS MAP Testing begins. |
| 4/19 | State FFA Contests |
| 4/21 | 2012 DHS Prom |
| 4/23 | 9 AM Late Start 2012-2013 FFA Officer Interviews |
| 4/24 | HS EOC Testing begins. |
| 4/27 | Grade Check |
| 5/3 | FFA Banquet @ 6 PM. |
| 5/4 | School Play @ 7:30 PM / DHS Gymnasium. |
| 5/5 | District Track & Field @ St. Joseph Christian. School Play Encore @ 7:30 / DHS Gymnasium. |
| 5/7 | 12:25 Dismissal / Teacher In-Service. |
| 5/8 | Elementary Spring Music Contest @ DHS. |
| 5/9 | Baccalaureate @ DeKalb Christian Church 6:30 PM. |
| 5/10 | MS & HS Spring Music Concert. |
| 5/11 | Seniors last day / Graduation Rehearsal. Grade Check. |
| 5/12 | Sectional Track Meet @ St. Joseph Christian DHS Alumni Banquet / DHS Commons @ 5:30 PM. |
| 5/13 | 2012 Graduation @ 2PM. |
| 5/15 | HS Winter / Spring Sports Banquet @ 6 PM. |
| 5/16 | Last Day of School |
| 5/18-19 | State Track Meet @ Jefferson City. |

A Word From The Elementary Principal

Thank you parents for supporting our students as you attended our bi-annual parent/teacher conferences. We again had over 96% of our families in attendance.

Seventy percent of our fifth and sixth graders earned honor roll status for the third quarter. We are proud of their hard work. In addition, our attendance rate year to date is 96.22%..

We currently have 24 kindergarten students enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year. If you know of an eligible student that is not signed up please contact the office. Thanks for your help as we prepare for next year!

Congratulations to our fifth and sixth graders on their science fair projects. The students spend a great deal of time investigating through the scientific process on an experiment of their choice. They present their experimental findings to volunteer judges through data boards and an oral interview. It's always amazing to see what they are capable of, particularly the research paper. Top honors this year went to:

| | Fifth Grade | Sixth Grade |
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| 1 st Place | Monty Mydland | Morgan Parsons |
| 2 nd Place | Averyl Crouse | Shelbi Koehler |
| 3 rd Place | Abby Hanway | Matthew Sharp |
| Hon. Mention | Brennan Matthews | Kailey Ashpaugh |
| | Kylie Gardner | Zinnia Roach |
| | Brian Mackley | Hannah Bretz |
| | Spencer Tylicki | Tressa Iske |
| | | Cole Wildhagen |

It's that time of year again; the students will be taking annual assessments April 16-20. Individual schedules have been sent home. Our Accredited With Distinction in Performance award has become a tradition as a result of dedication and hard work. Parents, you can help our students by providing a home environment conducive to learning. Students need plenty of rest and a good breakfast each day. It's also important to alleviate other stress in their lives so students are able to do their job at school. These are good practices for us every day, not just during testing. The expectations placed on our young people by the Department of Education are extremely

challenging. Being a student is no easy task these days!

We hope you are able to join us for our spring musical on May 8 at the DHS gymnasium. "Annie" will begin at 6:30. Students auditioned for parts and all are now busy rehearsing for the show. The fifth and sixth grade bands will be performing as well. Students only have 60 minutes of music and band each week which does make preparations a challenge.

As always, feel free to visit our building anytime.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dittmore

Dates to Remember

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| April | |
| 12 | School Pictures |
| 13, 27 | Grade Checks |
| 13 | MAP Field Trip |
| 16 | 4 th Grade Assembly Sponsored by United Electric, Preschool Registration |
| 16-20 | CTB and MAP Testing |
| 20 | First Grade to Kaleidoscope |
| 23 | 9:00 Late Start |
| 25 | Early Childhood Night, Zink the Zebra Assembly for 1 st & 4 th Grades |
| 26 | Tiger Pride K-2 2:50 |
| 27 | Grades K-3 to Junie B. Jones Musical at Missouri Theater |
| May | |
| 1 | Preschool to Moon Marble Factory |
| 2,3 | Career Day |
| 3 | Cultural Kaleidoscope Assembly |
| 4 | 2 nd to One Room School, 6 th to Heartland Regional Medical Center, Kindergarten to Deanna Rose Farm |
| 7 | 12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice |
| 8 | Elementary Concert-6:30 @ DHS |
| 9 | 5 th & 6 th Internet Safety Program with Missouri State Highway Patrol |
| 10 | Grade Checks, Book-It Pizza Party |
| 11 | 4 th to Wings Over Weston, Field Day, Market Day |
| 14 | Field Day Rain Date |
| 15 | Sixth Grade Promotion 6:30 |
| 16 | Last Student Day-Award Assemblies |
| | 9:00-9:30 Kindergarten, First Grade |
| | 9:30-10:00 Second, Third Grade |
| | 10:00-10:30 Fourth, Fifth Grade |
| | 10:30-11:00 Bike-A-Thon-Rushville Lions' Club |



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Middle School/High School Play



The students will be presenting Crumpled Classics on May 4th and 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. With first year teacher Ms. Collins out sick, a quirky cadre of students take it upon themselves to pull together the school's annual "Classics on Parade," acting out famous stories that they studied in their literature class. The students, however, decide to make the stories relevant to today's audiences, with hilarious results! The authors are surely rolling over in their graves and Ms. Collins is

terrified of losing her job, especially when the principal calls the superintendent in the middle of the show! You'll love the hysterics of these plays-within-a-play. Romeo and Juliet set in a fast food place! Frankie Stein trying to assemble the perfect prom date! A second rate theatrical agent becoming the Phantom of the Opera so he can force a good deal! A desperate Shirley Holmes and Joni Watson jump-starting a new detective agency! And teenage slacker Artie surprising his unimpressed mother with a sword he pulled from a stone! It's a comedy treat sprinkled with outrageous takes on some very familiar characters. Admission is \$3.50

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