



## Superintendent's Corner

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe the first semester is almost over and it is almost time for the holidays. The school year has been going great. It is my observation this year that your child(ren) is/are being favorably challenged academically. They are responding to the challenge and are being quite successful. Our students' education is very important to us as educators. Thank you for working with us so well.

I know most of you having students in school have received an AlertNow message from the district. It will show up on your phone as a 411 message. It will also be used again this year for school cancelations. I will also call KQ2, KAIR, and KKJO. If you have not received these messages and wish to just call our office at 816-685-3160 and we will add you to the list. If you receive the messages and do not wish to receive them just call and we will remove you from the list.

It is the time of year for inclement weather. I mentioned in the paragraph above about the notification system. I also want you to know in the case of long-term ice or snow dismissals the district may need to run buses on state routes only. Roads included will be lettered or numbered state routes such as JJ, 116, HH, 59, KK, M, 138, V, and Lewis and Clark Village. These alternate routes will be updated with approximate stop times and locations then posted on our website within the next few days.

The BCR-IV family wishes you a **Very Merry Holiday Season.**

Sincerely,

Lane Novinger, Superintendent

## PLEASE NOTE:

- **If we miss any days before December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, these days will be used for makeup days.**
- **January 2, 2012 is also a makeup day.**
- **School will resume after Christmas break for students on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.**

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## FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

With the holiday season less than a month away, the end of the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year quickly draws to a close as well.

Semester finals are slated to begin Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> and run through December 19<sup>th</sup>. As always, those students with perfect attendance will be exempt from counting the final exams toward their grade if they wish.

End-of-Course testing for the seniors in American Government will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup> as the class of 2012 take one step closer to graduation. The entire senior class will have pictures taken for the graduation composite on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We were pleased with the number of parents and guardians that were able to attend. We had nearly 90% of the middle school parents with us and just over 75% of the high school parents present.

Danielle Bailey was selected for the Northwest District Honor Band and qualified for an audition for the All-State Band in Columbia. This honor comes after playing the bass clarinet for only four weeks! Fall activities have concluded with many of our high school softball and football players earning post-season honors including Kaley Pyles being named to the All-State HS Girls Softball Team as a shortstop!

Ryleigh Reagan hit her stride as the Cross Country season peaked with district and state competition. She finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the district meet in Liberty and concluded her freshman season with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the state meet in Jefferson City! Congratulations to all of the students that earned recognition for their teamwork and individual efforts!

We are still waiting for the completion of All-State honors in football with the state championships just taking place. I will update those results in the February newsletter.

Middle school basketball is more than halfway through. The MS girls are a combined 10-1 so far while the boys are 6-5 with only 2 losses coming with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade games. Both teams won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Mid-Buchanan Tournament last month.

The high school basketball season is just

underway with the girls record at 1-1 after two games. The boys are 2-0 and preparing to play for the Platte Valley Conference Tournament championship at the time of the newsletter. Remember, you may follow school schedules, student progress, activities, etc. at [www.bcr4.k12.mo.us](http://www.bcr4.k12.mo.us) . HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Sincerely,

Travis Dittmore

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/5	12:25 Dismissal / Teacher In-Service
12/8	EOC Testing for American Government students.
12/9	Class of 2012 Senior Pictures
12/12	High School Christmas Concert
12/14-20	MS / HS Final exams
12/15	Elementary Christmas Concert
12/20	12:25 Dismissal / Christmas Break
12/21-1/2	No School
1/3	Classes resume
1/13	Grade Check
1/16	No School / MLK Holiday
1/25	Late Start 9 AM.
1/27	Grade Check
1/28	Platte Valley Conference MS Academic Meet @ DeKalb
2/6	12:25 Dismissal / Teacher In-Service
2/8	ASVAB Testing
2/10	Grade Check

*DeKalb*  
*Middle School and High*  
*School*  
*Christmas Concert*

Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.  
High School Gymnasium

## A Word From The Elementary Principal

Congratulations to our fifth and sixth grade academic team and their sponsor, Mrs. Bailey. They won first place in their meets overall this year. We are proud of you!

Thank you, parents, for taking your time to attend our fall parent/teacher conferences. We had 97% of our families attend this year. Students cannot reach their full potential without your involvement in their education.

October brought about many activities at the elementary including Ag Day, Red Ribbon Week, and the University of Missouri Extension Nutrition Program. We also celebrated American Education Week in November and students enjoyed dressing for daily education themes as well as an ice cream treat to end the week.

We were pleased to have 26 guests join us for lunch and a small assembly on Veteran's Day. Mrs. King and the high school choir led patriotic songs as we celebrated our service men and women. Thanksgiving also brought in 63 guests as they enjoyed a wonderful feast prepared by our cooks, Mrs. Pepper, Mrs. Zabel, and Mrs. Nichols.

Congratulations to all of our students on a great first semester. They have been working hard and their attendance and performance reflect this. To date, our attendance rate is 96.42%. In addition, 77% of our fifth and sixth graders earned honor roll status. Forty-four percent of our students achieved their personal Tiger Pride Goal for the first quarter. Most of them chose a "Quick Trip" to the Dairy Queen in Atchison as their reward. Thank you, parents, for providing the money for their cold treat.

Basketball season has arrived and I would like to take a moment to remind our parents that students attending games need to be supervised at all times. We appreciate your help in keeping our environment safe and we hope our students enjoy cheering our Tiger teams to victory!

May the spirit of the season be with you as you celebrate with your families and friends. I hope 2012 brings many blessings your way. Feel free to visit our building anytime.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dittmore

## Dates to Remember

### December

- 2 Grade Checks
- 5 12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice
- 15 Christmas Concert at DHS 6:30
- 19 Tiger Pride K-2 2:40. 3-6 2:45, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> to Missouri Western for A Christmas Carol
- 20 Parties 11:45, 12:25 Dismissal, Teacher Work Day, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

### January

- 3 Students Return
- 13,27 Grade Checks 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- 16 No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Possible Make-up Day)
- 25 9:00 Late Start
- 27 Tiger Pride K-2 2:50

### February

- 6 12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice
- 10,24 Grade Checks
- 20 No School-Presidents' Day (Possible Make-up Day)

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## Elementary Music News

As a reminder, our Christmas program is Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the middle/high school in the gym. We are performing a mini musical called A Prehistoric Christmas!

I would like everyone to dress nicely and look their best. Boys could wear a suit, or a nice dress shirt like a polo or button-up shirt with khakis or slacks, and dress shoes. Girls do not have to wear dresses. If girls choose not to wear a dress, they could wear nice dress pants or a skirt with a blouse, and dress shoes. No t-shirts please, and no jeans or athletic shoes/sneakers.

4<sup>th</sup> graders need to bring in money for recorders before Christmas break starts. This also applies to 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> graders that do not have a recorder or lost theirs.

We will be seeing two musicals at the Missouri Theatre after Christmas. K-3<sup>rd</sup> will be seeing Junie B. Jones April 27<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will be seeing Chitty Chitty Bang Bang February 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$3.00 per student and per adult chaperone. More details will come in January and we will also start collecting money then.

Thank you so much!  
Ms. Bailey

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