



## Superintendent's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Welcome everyone to the New Year—2012! This too will be another challenging and exciting year for all of us at Buchanan County R-IV. It seems there is always something going on. I know it certainly keeps us busy most of the time. I do want to share some information with you.

The weather has been wonderful so far this winter. I know we need the moisture but it is nice not to have to worry about the snow and ice. As the old saying goes, "enjoy the weather now, but we will pay for it later." Let us hope the moisture does come in the form of rain in the spring, gradually though, we do not want any disasters. With that said I want to remind you of the school closing procedures:

Again this year we are using an electronic notification system to notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of emergency information or school closings. When there is an emergency situation or school is closed for some reason you will receive a call and/or email to your phone numbers and/or email addresses with the information.

Additionally, when school is dismissed or canceled for inclement weather, such as heat, ice, snow, etc. the following radio and television stations will also be notified and asked to announce the information:

KFEQ	680	AM
KAIR	1470	AM
KKJO	1050	FM
KESJ	1550	AM
KSJQ	92.7	FM
KQ	2	TV

Our district would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Ryan Hanway. Mr. Hanway is a Boy Scout with Troop 13 and is an eighth grade student at DeKalb Middle/High School. Each home basketball game Ryan dressed in full Boy Scout uniform, with badges displayed, presents and displays the Flag of the United States of America while the National Anthem is played by our Band. Ryan is one step away from becoming an Eagle Scout. He only has his final project to complete. We are proud to have Ryan as a student in our district and wish him well as he continues his pursuit of Eagle Scout. Many great leaders in our past and present started their lives as an Eagle Scout. Thank you, Ryan for being a dedicated American and student.

I want to report to you we are constantly working to ensure your student(s) is/are being challenged daily to perform well educationally. On a periodic basis we have professionals from an outside educational agency come in and do a spot check on how different educational elements are being taught and how well our students are receiving the information. These spot checks are unknown to the district. We contract with the Northwest Missouri Regional Professional Development Center (RPDC) out of Northwest Missouri State University to do these spot visits. I am happy to tell you our teachers and your child(ren) are performing extremely well.

As always, if you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me.

Lane Novinger,  
Superintendent

## FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

The 2011-2012 school year continues to move along at a rapid pace. The mild winter to date has been great to us in terms of our schedule and activities that require travel. With February and March still in our future we will keep our fingers crossed!

The first semester drew to a close prior to the Christmas Break and had nine students with zero days missed. There were 24 middle school students and 36 high school students that earned Honor Roll recognition. With our attendance rate up to nearly 95% for the school year it is great to see our students make the commitment to being at school and understanding the importance of their opportunity at an education.

As the new semester moves into February we see many of our students continuing activities that have carried over. These include Band, FFA, Basketball, Student Council, FBLA, and National Honor Society.

One last piece of business from the 2011 football season saw Timmy Leroy and Kolby Reagan named to the All-State 8-Man Football team. Congratulations to both boys on a nice accomplishment!

New activities to this semester are Middle School and High School Academic Competition. The middle school season has come and gone with success for our group of MS boys. They finished the regular season with a record of 8-1 and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Platte Valley Conference Academic Meet held at DHS on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Mrs. Taylor and the boys on a nice season! The High School Academic season is just getting underway with our first contest set for February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Middle School Basketball season has come to a close. The girls had a very solid season and finished the year with 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division at the West Platte Tournament while the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls were 7-1 and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at West Platte. The MS Boys stayed competitive all season and closed out the season with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place victory at Weston.

The High School Basketball season is just past the halfway point. The girls are 10-9 overall and currently tied atop the PVC. The boys are an incredible 18-1 and have claimed titles in each of

the PVC, Osborn, and King City Tournaments and also sit atop the conference standings. The boys team currently is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state in Class 2A! Courtwarming will be held February 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Northeast Nodaway with the coronation following the games.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up in March when the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter comes to a close. We look forward to seeing you then, if not before. 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](http://www.bcr4.k12.mo.us).

Sincerely,  
Travis Dittmore

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

2/6	12:25 Dismissal / Teacher In-Service
2/8	ASVAB Testing for Juniors.
2/9	HS Academic Meet at DHS – 4:30 PM.
2/10	Grade Check Courtwarming BB vs. NEN – 6 PM with Coronation to follow games.
2/14	Home BB vs. North Andrew – 5 PM.
2/20	No School OR Weather Make up day/ President's Day Holiday
2/21	Home BB vs. Craig 6 PM. Seniors & Parents Night.
2/24	Grade Check
2/29	Late Start 9 AM.
3/8	HS Writing Day @ MWSU.
3/9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends.
3/13	Parent / Teacher Conferences 4-7 PM.
3/14	Class of 2012 Graduation Announcements delivered.
3/15	P/T Conferences 2-7 PM
3/16	No School
3/23	Grade Check
3/26	12:25 Dismissal / Teacher In-Service

# A Word From The Elementary Principal

Wow, we have been truly blessed with the atypical weather pattern. This has allowed us to stay on track with our curriculum as we prepare for our annual assessments. In addition, the students have enjoyed a great deal of fresh air and exercise during our outdoor recesses.

Our students had a great first semester and we are proud of their hard work. We had 52% of fifth graders and 83% of sixth graders earn honor roll status. Our year to date attendance remains high at 96.7% with 156 students enrolled in grades K-6. Our two preschools remain full with 20 in the full time program and 10 in the part-time program.

Students in grades 3-6 set quarterly personal goals and 54% met their second quarter Tiger Pride goal. They chose from four incentives: Snow Day Pass, Subway Take-out, \$100 in Tigerville monies, and a Quick Trip to the Dairy Queen in Atchison. Thank you, parents, for providing their funds for Subway and Dairy Queen.

We work hard on building positive character traits in school. It is refreshing when we take our youngsters out in public and they are complimented on their behaviors. When the 21 students went to the Dairy Queen, one of the workers came over to me and complimented them on being the best behaved group of students they had seen. We are very proud of our young people!

Congratulations to our spelling bee winners and all those participating. Averyl Crouse was our fifth grade winner and Cole Wildhagen took first place in the sixth grade. Both will represent us at the Buchanan County Spelling Bee. Cole also took honors as our overall champion.

	Fifth	Sixth
First	Averyl Crouse	Cole Wildhagen
Second	Cameron Christgen	Trevor Lamar
Third	Josh Bomberger	Averi Black

It's time to begin preparations for the 2012-2013 school year. With that, we have scheduled our preschool screenings and kindergarten roundup. If you have a child entering kindergarten for 2012-2013, please contact the elementary to set up a time for your child to participate in roundup on February 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition, if you have a child ages 2-4 please contact the office to set up a preschool screening time. Children should be screened even if they will not be attending preschool. This will give parents feedback on the development of their child. We look forward to

working with you as you begin your child's educational journey.

We began our part-time preschool this year to better meet the needs of our community. We have no state or federal funding for the program so it is strictly funded by parental fees. Our four year old students are our first priority in our full time setting to help them prepare for kindergarten. However, our part-time program is available for our students turning 3 before August 1 of 2012. If it is not full we do open it up to non-residents in hopes of filling the program. It takes 10 students to make this work financially. So, if you know of anyone that may be interested please have them contact us. Thanks for your help!

As always, feel free to visit our building anytime.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Dittmore

## Dates to Remember

### February

6	12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice
9	Grades 4-6 to Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at MO Theater
10	Grade Checks, Mobile Museum, Valentine Parties
20	No School-Presidents' Day (Possible Make-up Day)
22	Tiger Pride K-2-2:50
24	Kindergarten Roundup, Grade Checks
27-Mar2	Preschool Screenings

### March

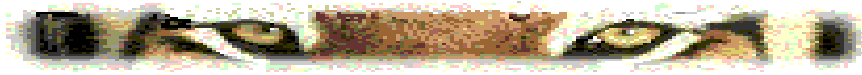
9	12:25 Work Day-End of Third Quarter
13	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
14	Tiger Pride K-2 2:40, 3-6 2:45
15	12:25 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-7:00
16	No School
23	Grade Checks
26	12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice

### April

5-9	No School Easter Break
12	School Pictures
13, 27	Grade Checks
13	MAP Field Trip
16-20	CTB and MAP Testing
20	First Grade to Kaleidoscope
23	9:00 Late Start
26	Tiger Pride K-2 2:50
27	Grades K-3 to Junie B. Jones

### May

2,3	Career Day
3	Cultural Kaleidoscope
4	2nd to One Room School, 6th to Heartland Regional Medical Center
7	12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice
10	Grade Checks
11	4th to Wings Over Weston, Field Day, Market Day
14	Field Day Rain Date
16	Last Student Day



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### Preschool and Kindergarten News

It is that time again, believe or not, to start getting ready for next year's preschool and kindergarten programs. We will have Kindergarten Round-Up on **Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>**. It is imperative that you call the school at 688-7777 to set up an appointment for your child if they are attending kindergarten next school year. If your child is enrolled in our preschool, **you will not need to make an appointment**. On this day, your child will be given a screening to check for kindergarten readiness along with a vision and hearing screening. The Round-Up will also give you an opportunity for your child to meet the teachers and discuss any questions you may have.

We are excited to offer a **Two-Year-Old Screening**, along with our preschool screening, this year, which will be **February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are interested in having your two-year-old screened, please call the school at 688-7777. The screenings will give you an idea of where your child is developmentally and what kinds of things you can be working on with your child.

Preschool Screening will be **February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. You need to call the school to schedule the preschool screening appointment. Even if you are not interested in preschool, we encourage you to make an appointment to utilize this screening. The screening will give you an idea of where your child is developmentally and what kinds of things you can be working on with your child. If you are interested in preschool, your child **MUST** be screened before coming to preschool. All aspects of the screening must be complete in order to attend preschool. **Children who are four years old by August 1<sup>st</sup> will be given the first opportunity to enroll in preschool**. If there are any spots left after all four year olds have been given the opportunity, three year olds will be given the opportunity to enroll. Due to the screening being so early this year, we will do preschool registration in April. We will have a better idea after preschool screening as to how many spots will be available. You will get more information during preschool screening. After our preschool is full with 20 children, we will start a waiting list in the exact order that the registrations are received. We will provide a part-time preschool (Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday) if the need is there and after our full-time preschool is full.

In April, we will have an Early Childhood Night for all incoming preschoolers and kindergartners. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to take a tour of the building, ask any questions that you may have, and get information regarding the classroom, buses, and health information. You will receive more information regarding the Early Childhood Night at the Round-Up and Preschool Screening.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please do not hesitate to call the school at 688-7777. We look forward to starting our long lasting relationship with your family.

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