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## Superintendent's Corner

Wow!!! School is almost over for another year. This year has gone extremely well. Our students have worked hard all year and have been quite successful. I have a few items I want to tell you about.

In this newsletter you will find the school calendar for 2011-12. The first day of school for students in the fall is August 17, 2011, with the year scheduled to conclude on May 16, 2012. There are 6 make-up days within the school year. The school calendar includes 175 student days and 182 teacher work days.

I am sure you have heard of the shortfall in funding for education over the course of the legislative session. It is true funding is very tight for education this year and probably for the next few years. We anticipate funding to be about the same for next year; however, there could be more reductions. We are being very frugal in our hiring and spending of our local and state funding. I will keep you informed as additional information becomes available.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> several different agencies of Buchanan County staged a docu-drama. A damaged car was placed in front of the school and several students pretended to either be injured or deceased in an alcohol related accident. The First Responders, DeKalb Fire Department, Sheriff's Officers, Heartland Paramedics, and the Heartland Rescue Helicopter all responded to this simulated event. It seemed to be a very real situation. I think it was a wonderful thing for our students to experience without actually being involved in an auto accident. We try to do this docu-drama every few years as our students work their way through middle and high school. Thank you to all the participants.

Congratulations to John Stahl. John earned the very prestigious Jack Holley/MUSIC scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. To earn this scholarship a student must perform extremely well in all areas of his/her academic life. This scholarship is sponsored by the Missouri United Schools Insurance Council (MUSIC). MUSIC is a cooperative of schools throughout the state of Missouri that self-insure themselves. Our district participates in MUSIC and has for several years. Thank you MUSIC.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring Concerts. The pie auction at the Elementary Concert was a huge success. Special thanks to the individuals who donated their time and pies. And a thank you goes to Andrew Johnson for donating his time as auctioneer. Again thank you to all who helped and donated. It's a pleasure to be involved with such great people.

Happy Retirement. Mrs. Thacker is retiring after nineteen years with our district. We all wish Mrs. Thacker a safe and happy retirement. You deserve it. We will miss you greatly. Thank You Again.

I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer.  
Lane Novinger, Superintendent



Students witness a staged accident during the docu-drama



The LifeFlight helicopter demonstrates how it responds during an accident.



Kirk Hartman presents a donation to the football team in memory of Justin Hartman.



John Stahl received the Jack Holley/MUSIC Scholarship.



Doug Hickman presents a plaque to Mrs. Thacker in recognition of 19 years of service.

## FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

With the 2010-2011 school year behind us, I hope that this newsletter finds all of you ready and able to spend time with your family and enjoying whatever it is that you may be doing with your summer.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience through the end of the school year. With winter weather forcing so many schedule changes and the prolonged calendar we appreciate you bearing with the changes and any plans that you may have changed to accommodate your students education.

Graduation ceremonies were held for the class of 2011 on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The 23 graduates had a perfect day in terms of weather. We wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors!

End of Course assessment scores from this past testing period are in and we are very pleased with the initial results. Overall scores will be released with a fall newsletter that can include the results from the MAP testing taken by the Middle School students. We appreciate all of the hard work put in by the staff and students that has made us one of the top schools in the state!

As the school year came to a close so did many of the activities. The DHS Concert Band received a state rating of 1 for the fourth time in five years. John Stahl was chosen as a future member of the Mizzou Marching Band!!!

Mr. Wilson's Science classes combined to attend the annual Chem-a-thon at MWSU and brought home 1<sup>st</sup> place in the overall competition and poster competition!

Ms Track had another solid season capped off by 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes by both the girls and boys teams at the Platte Valley Conference Meet. We look forward to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class entering high school and staying active in activities.

The HS Track teams kept their domination of the conference in place as well. The girls team won the PVC title for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year while the boys team won the PVC championship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight time. The boys went on the claim the District championship a week later and sent 7 to state including a relay team. Brent Bush took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the state track meet in both the Triple Jump and Long Jump. Dylan Pierce finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Hurdles. Kolby Reagan finished 5<sup>th</sup> in both the 800 M Run and 1600 M Run while taking 6<sup>th</sup> in the 3200 M Run.

Remember, you can follow school activities, etc. at [www.bcr4.k12.mo.us](http://www.bcr4.k12.mo.us). Have a GREAT summer!!!

Sincerely,  
Travis Dittmore

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

6/2	Summer Sports Physicals
6/11	DHS Booster Club Golf Tournament @ Platte City
7/30-8/7	MSHSAA Dead Period for Athletics and Activities (Gym closed)
8/8	Fall Sports Activities and Practices may begin.
8/8-8/13	Registration for 2011-2012 school year.
8/17	Classes Begin

## A Word From the Elementary Principal

I would like to thank our parents, students, and staff for another great year at Rushville Elementary! We have all worked hard and I think it's safe to say everyone is ready for a change of pace for the summer.

We ended the year with 155 students and an average daily attendance of 96.44%. We had 4 students with perfect attendance, 13 absent 1 day or less, and 10 missing two days or less. We are proud of their dedication!

Our sixth graders were promoted on Thursday, May 26. Rylee Crockett earned the honor of salutatorian and Mallory Dittmore was the valedictorian. Fifteen percent of the class earned a 90% or above average for the year and 62% earned an 80-89%. We are proud of their accomplishments and have enjoyed being a part of their educational journey. In a small school you get to know the kids very well and do get attached to them. Even though the students are more than ready for middle school, it's always a bit sad to see them go. We wish them much success in the future and do expect to see great things from them.

Eighty-eight percent of our fifth and sixth graders earned honor roll status during the third or fourth quarter. These students enjoyed a day of fun at a Platte County park and Power Play.

We served pizza to 126 students for earning their Book It! award through Pizza Hut. Students receive a personal pan pizza for each month their goal is met, and the PTO provided pizza for those making it 5 out of the 6 months. Way to go, students!

We would like to thank the PTO, especially president Lynn Henderson, for all of their efforts for our staff and students again this year. PTO provides snacks for our standardized testing, pizza for the Book It! reading program, funds for our honor roll trips, and various other needs of the students each year.

Emily Donaldson has once again taken on the task of putting together the elementary yearbook. Billie Reagan has also assisted her this year. We are grateful for the numerous hours these ladies spend pulling this together!

We are proud to be offering an additional preschool program for the 2011-2012 school year to meet the needs of our community. This part-time program will run Tuesday through Thursday in conjunction with the normal school day. Mary Stahl will teach the 10 new preschoolers in an extra classroom at the elementary building. In addition, we will be maintaining our full-time program through the Missouri Preschool Project.

Please continue to promote reading and practicing basic math facts over the summer. Our students have come a long way and regression over the summer greatly affects their performance in the fall. The state curriculum does not allow time for a great deal of review so we will need to move on to new concepts shortly after we are back in session. Thanks for your help. Have a fantastic summer! We'll be more than ready for your children in August!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Dittmore



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## **4th Annual Tiger Booster Club Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**12:00pm Registration & 1:00pm Shotgun Start**

@ Shiloh Springs Golf Club – Platte City, MO

\$240 per 4 man team or \$60 per individual

(if you don't have a team we will place you with one)

Must be 18 years of age or older to play (no exceptions)

Lunch will be served during the tournament

Added Attractions (see detail page for descriptions)

Mulligans - \$20 per team      Bubba Watson Hole - \$10 per team

Skins - \$20 per team; 100% payback      Skill Shot - \$5 per person; \$10 payback

Poker Hand - \$5 per hand; payback to the best two hands      Prizes for Longest Drive & Closest to Pin

Hole Sponsorship - \$75.00

Sponsor a hole to advertise your company's name or your personal contribution to help support the Tigers

Proceeds benefit DeKalb Athletics

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