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Superintendent's Corner

THANK YOU VOTERS! The Board of Education wishes to thank the patrons for your positive response at the polls April 2nd. This no tax increase Bond Issue passed overwhelmingly with 81.6% voting "YES". This will allow the district to do some much needed repairs and additions to infrastructure. Again, thank you for your assistance.

Things are starting to move on the bond issue items. Companies are beginning to order rooftop units (RTU) and engineers are preparing the diagrams. We should start to see some onsite work soon.

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 2013-14. The first day of school for students in the fall is August 14, 2013, with the year scheduled to conclude on May 15, 2014. There are 6 make-up days scheduled for the school year. The school calendar includes 168 student days and 179 teacher work days.

We have either just completed or are in the middle of MAP / EOC assessments. Our students continue to do extremely well on these assessments. Because of last year's assessments and some other factors, again our district was recognized as Accredited with Distinction in Performance at a banquet at Northwest Missouri State University. Again we thank you for all your assistance.

As I am retiring, this is my last newsletter. I want to thank the Buchanan County R-IV School District and its patrons for the opportunity to learn and grow as an administrator. I hope I have been a valuable asset to the district. We have come a long way; please continue our efforts to improve. It has been my pleasure to serve our district for

the past 15 years. I wish the district the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Lane Novinger, Superintendent

ATTENTION: STUDENT-ATHLETES AND PARENTS

Sports Physicals are on Thursday, June 6 @ the High School. The cost is \$20 cash or check made payable to Health Express. Sign up outside office door. Call Nurse Bessie with any questions.

ImPACT testing will be performed at the high school on Tuesday, May 21, during school hours. It is encouraged for all student-athletes who intend to participate in any sport during the 2013-2014 school year. ImPACT is a national computer-based program from the University of Pittsburgh Sports Medicine Department. We are fortunate at DeKalb MS/HS to be able to participate in this program. It is offered through the Human Motion Institute from Heartland Health. Through the Human Motion Institute, "this program is used to determine the severity of a concussion, track the recovery rate, provide rehab and recovery and determine when it is safe for the athlete to participate in sports again." Students may sign up outside the office or you may call Nurse Bessie to sign up or if you have questions. Parental permission is required. Parental letters and permission forms will be mailed to parents prior to testing. They must be returned to Nurse Bessie (or the office) NO LATER than May 14, 2013.

FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

The 2012-2013 school year is drawing to a close at a rapid pace! With the constant changes in the weather we seem to find ourselves not being sure if it is still winter or spring.

The difficult winter has pushed our last day of school until May 22. The senior class will have their last day on May 10th with graduation set for Sunday, May 12 at 2 PM. Finals will be taking place for all other classes the week of May 13th.

The MAP Testing for our Middle School Testing has been completed and the High School EOC Testing is ongoing. The hard work that most all of our students have exhibited this year has been evident to our teachers in the work that the students are producing.

The High School Academic Team had a very solid year finishing 2nd in PVC competition. Danielle Bailey and Jack Faris were honored with All-Conference recognition.

Our Middle School Academic Team finished 3rd in the Platte Valley Conference Tournament after another great year of competition.

Danielle Bailey received a one rating recently at the State Band competition. She has had another outstanding year in competition with the bass clarinet.

Track season is drawing to a close for both the middle school and high school squads. The High school teams have district competition on May 4th at St. Joe Christian followed by Sectional and State Competition, for those that qualify, on following weekends. The middle school teams will wrap things up on May 3rd after a very competitive season in each of their meets.

Many of our middle school and high school students entertained more than 120 people with the Musical 'Wipeout' on April 27th. Mrs. King and Mrs. Taylor worked very hard in bringing things together once again this year around the hectic schedules that so many of our kids keep with all of their activities!

Please feel welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have as the school year comes to a close. We want to assist you in any way that we can with attendance, grade, credit, and scheduling concerns. Have a

great Spring!

Remember, you may follow school schedules, student progress, activities, etc. at www.bcr4.k12.mo.us.

Sincerely,

Travis Dittmore

Calendar Dates

May 6-9	Elementary Softball Camp 3:30-5:00 p.m. daily
May 6	NHS Induction 6:30 p.m.
May 7	National Guard Situational Awareness for Seniors 9:00 a.m.
May 8	Baccalaureate at Rushville Christian Church 6:30 p.m.
May 9	Grade Checks Mailed
May 9	MS/HS Spring Music Concert 6:30 p.m.
May 10	Seniors Last Day
May 11	Sectional Track
May 12	DHS Graduation 2:00 p.m.
May 13	Rushville Elementary Spring Music Concert @ DHS 6:30 p.m.
May 14	Extended Learning HS Athletic Banquet 6:00 p.m. in the HS Commons
May 16	Extended Learning
May 17-18	State Track Meet
May 22	Last Day of School



A Word from the Elementary Principal

Our current enrollment is 20 in each preschool program and 155 K-6 students. Our average daily attendance for grades K-6 is 95.80%.

Ms. McQuillan, the fifth and sixth grade science teacher, was awarded two grants from the Missouri Department of Conservation, Discover Nature Schools Program. Each grant is for \$1,000 and has helped fund the supplies needed to complete the units of study. The curricula is designed with activities to meet Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) state and common core standards as well as Grade Level Expectations (GLEs). The sixth grade science class learned about *Conserving Missouri's Aquatic Ecosystems* and fifth grade is completing the *Nature Unleashed* unit. Each includes classroom studies, inside and outside investigations, hands-on activities, and an outdoor field trip.

Our state assessments were completed in April. Grades K-2 took the CTB McGraw-Hill Terra Nova while the third through sixth graders took the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) tests. In addition, our third through sixth graders were randomly selected to take the Scientific Pilot Tests for the new SMARTER Balanced Assessments that will be put in place for the 2014-2015 school year. These assessments will replace the MAP tests, reflect the new Common Core Standards, and will be taken on computers. While we will not receive feedback on how our students scored, overall they indicated they did like taking a computerized test rather than the traditional pencil/paper ones. A sign of a new generation I assume.

We have completed kindergarten roundup and preschool screenings for the 2013-2014 school year. We currently have 28 students enrolled for our fall kindergarten classes and our five day preschool program is full with 20 students while our three day program has 12 enrolled.

Mr. Medsker and the ag students from DeKalb are making 5 outdoor tables to be used as a type of outdoor classroom in the future. You will see these placed between the building and the mobile unit. We are looking forward to the opportunity of working outside at times and even eating a special lunch now and then.

I truly do not know where this year has gone. It seems like just a bit ago we were struggling to get into a routine due to early dismissals from extreme heat. How ironic that the end of the year has found us desperate for sunshine and warm weather. Nonetheless, our students have grown, matured, and made terrific academic gains. Thank you for being their biggest cheerleaders and most important teachers. Your support ensures they will reach their full potential. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy this time with your family! Don't forget to keep reading and working on those basic math facts!

Mrs. Dittmore
Elementary Principal

Upcoming Activities

May

- 2 Science Day at the K for 4th-6th
- 3 2nd Grade to One Room School, 1st Grade to Sea Life and Lego Land
- 7 6th Grade to Heartland
- 6-9 Elementary Softball Camp
- 9 Title I and 3rd Grade to Coterie Theater, Grade Checks
- 10 Field Day 3-6 9:00, K-2 12:00, Book It Pizza Party 2:00
- 13 Elementary Spring Concert at DHS-6:30
- 15 Preschool Celebration 6:30
- 17 Field Day Rain Date
- 20 5th & 6th Honor Roll Trip
- 21 6th Grade Promotion 6:30, Preschool to Kansas City Zoo
- 22 Last Day of School Award Ceremonies
9:00 K, 1
9:30 2, 3
10:00 4, 5
10:30 Lion's Club Bike- A- Thon



Library News

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the community for the support of the elementary spring book fair. We were able to raise \$2,241.08 during the fair and an additional \$340.01 during our change drive class competitions. Each class brought in change reflecting the day's theme and the class with the greatest participation received an ice cream party. Our first graders were the winners of this competition, but all the classes did a fantastic job helping bring in change. The funds we receive from this book fair will help our library purchase books that will coincide with the new Common Core standards we will be transitioning to next year. These books will get students quality non-fiction resources and increase the rigor in each grade level text they check out from our library.

We finished off our book fair celebration with Mrs. Dittmore and I receiving pies in the face from a student from each class. The students really enjoyed the stunt and worked hard to surpass our goal of \$2,000. Once again, I would like to extend our thanks from all the students and staff at Rushville for your great support of literacy!

Mrs. Heckman

Thank You and GOOD LUCK to all

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for taking me in and making me part of TIGER NATION. The students, faculty, support staff, administration, and parents are committed to very high standards and quality education for all. It has been my pleasure working for this school district. After having worked for numerous organizations and for several school districts, I can honestly say this has been the best job that I've ever had. It was very difficult to come to the decision about returning next year. My wife and I spent most of our Christmas Break discussing the topic. Since she is not able to relocate we decided that I should move closer to St. Louis. I'm not sure what lies ahead for me in the future, but I shall cherish memories from this past year working, striving, growing, and learning along with my new friends here in DeKalb. I hope to return sometime next year to see all the wonderful improvements as result of the No-Tax Initiative. So long, fare well and Good Luck.

Bob Steele
High School Math Teacher

6th Annual Tiger Booster Club Golf Tournament

June 15th 2013

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

Prizes and awards will be given out immediately following the tournament.

Added Attractions

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

100% of Proceeds Benefit DeKalb Athletics

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