



FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

The first quarter of the school year has come and gone in a flash. It has been great to see yet another nice turnout for our parent-teacher conferences. I hope that each and every one of you will take the opportunity to visit our schools often.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to date with what is going on in our school district this year.

Both of our schools are implementing Visible Learning Leadership Practices. We researched Visible last year and believe it will allow us to best implement effective learning for our children without setting aside the investment that we have in our professional development in the past. In short, Visible Learning isn't just about making the teachers better teachers, but an avenue for them to identify and improve student learning.

We recently learned that we have been awarded a state grant through the Missouri Preschool Program that will allow us to open a second preschool. We are very excited about the opportunity to provide a learning environment for even more of our youth that will assist in preparing them for kindergarten and beyond. Plans are in place to open the second preschool in January.

Many of you have asked questions in regard to the building improvement projects that were made possible through the passing of the bond issue last spring. As you know we were able to attend school each and every day this fall for the entire day thanks to the new air conditioning in each of the buildings. We believe this is very valuable to the education process for our children and staff. New windows were installed in portions of each of our schools along with new lintels support the brick above the new windows in the vintage portion of the DeKalb building. New caps to protect the roof

edges for the south portion of the DeKalb building are being manufactured in hopes of having them on before winter arrives.

Work continues on the gym floor and bleacher installation. A new sub floor was required before the new floor could be installed which set our desired time frame back about three weeks. The bleachers should be done by this week and the floor complete with paint, finish and trim by November barring further setbacks.

After months of meetings and work we are able to advertise for Request for Proposals for the new Vocational Agriculture Building. Research into making the new structure adequate to serve as a FEMA Shelter proved to be cost prohibitive. Bids are due for the new building on November 5th and we are hopeful that they will fall within the price range anticipated last Spring. Plans to transform the existing shop into a new area for our Music classes and Band are still in place pending the timeline for the construction of the Vo-Ag Building.

Lastly, many of us remain confused by the potential of a government shutdown. To date our school district has not experienced any loss of our Federal funding although the possibility does exist should these recent circumstances revisit us in January. Feel free to stop by and see me any time with questions you may have in regard to anything going on in our school district.

Please follow our calendar, activities, and district updates on our website at www.bcr4.k12.mo.us . HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Sincerely,

Travis Dittmore

FROM THE DESK OF MR. HANSEN

Our school year is well underway, and we're off to a great start! There is a great energy in the building, students are working hard, and having fun while doing so.

Early in the school year, we established characteristics for us to focus on as a school. We will be maintaining a standard of positive climate, high expectations, collaboration, and effective communication. All students and staff members will be held to these standards. So far, we have been very successful with raising this bar.

The gym is nearing completion. The subfloor and floor have been laid, and the bleachers are currently being installed. Next week, the floor will be painted and sealed. The goal is to be able to play our first middle school game against Stewartville on October 28th. In the event that the floor is not dry enough, the game will be moved to Stewartville.

Deputy Josh Rudisill has been a wonderful addition to our building. He is doing well in making our kids feel safe here at school. We held an assembly about bullying where Deputy Rudisill educated the students about the different types and effects it has on other people. We received a lot of positive feedback from it, and we were also able to take care of some things as a result. Deputy Rudisill has also been working with the students on seat belt safety, and has entered our school in a statewide contest. Currently he is assessing our safety plan, and consulting with me on necessary changes.

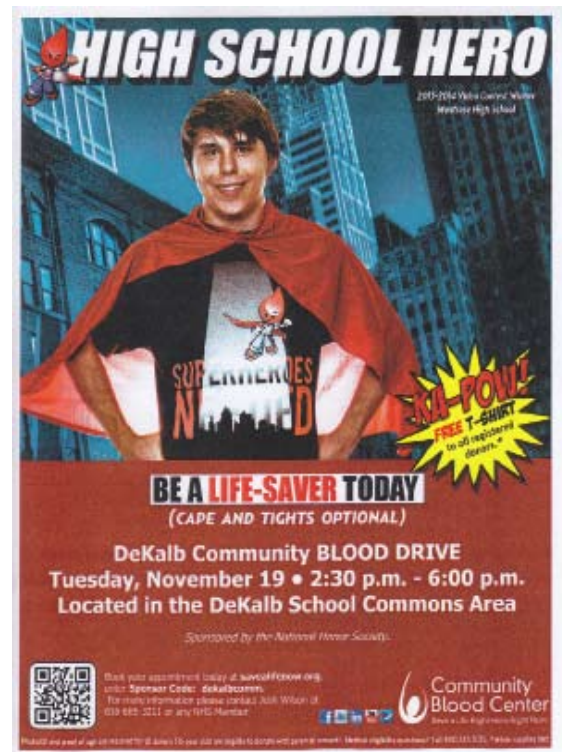
Our sports and activities are also well underway, and are excited about the future! The varsity football team started out strong, but has hit a rough stretch lately. They will look to get back on track against St. Joseph Christian. The softball team just finished their season finishing 2nd in the conference. We had four girls make the All-Conference Team: Madison Reagan, Katie Christgen, Haley Donaldson, and Patti Lawson. We also had four girls make the All-District Team: Madison Reagan, Katie Christgen, Haley Donaldson, and Lynden Matthews. Our Cross Country team has been running very well. The team of Ryleigh Reagan, Jaqueline Janorschke, Mallory Dittmore, Riley Crockett, and Hunter Henderson placed 2nd at the Savannah Invite beating strong teams like Benton and Lafayette! The middle school football season is over finishing with an 0-6 record. Despite their record, they showed incredible resolve and passion leading to much improvement by the end of the season. Middle school softball completed their season with big wins over North Andrew and Stewartville. We have 43 students in FFA, and they have been busy attending

workshops and serving food at Culver's for the Thank a Farmer Campaign. The band placed 3rd at the Central Methodist University Band Competition. They compete in Trenton, MO this weekend.

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,

Brian Hansen



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A Word From The Elementary Principal

The air conditioning has gained us instructional time in the classroom leading to a smooth transition into the school year and a very productive first quarter. At this time we have 20 students enrolled in our full-time preschool, 12 in the part-time program, and 155 students in grades K-6. Our attendance rate for K-6 is 96.44%.

We are proud to announce our district has been awarded a second Missouri Preschool Project Grant in the amount of \$95,000. The grant is renewable four additional years with funds decreasing 20% during years three through five. This will allow the district the funding to expand our second program to accommodate 20 students, provide a certified teacher and professional development, licensing, accreditation, and additional materials and supplies. I would like to thank our advisory committee for working with me providing input. Fifteen community agencies were utilized. Volunteers were: Claudia Black, Yvonne Black, Bob Day, Larry McElfresh, Rene' Cassity, Terri Matthews, Marlene Koehler, Lanny Leroy, Kellie Miller, Dana Taylor, Pam Dexter, Heather Hall, George Baugh, Diane Chamberlin, Erica Crockett, Chastity Kelley, Pam Browning, Debi Jones, Andrew Johnson, Estella Ferguson, Josh Rudisill, Mary Stahl, Travis Dittmore, and Keith Hoover. A special thank you to Nicole Kneib for her assistance in gathering information and serving on the committee. She will be the teacher assistant with Mary Cobb serving as the lead teacher. If you are interested in enrolling your preschool child ages 3-5 please contact the school. If we do not fill this with residents in our district we will open it up to outside families.

Congratulations to the 2013 Rushville Academic Team on a good season. They placed fourth overall. Way to go.

Wyatt Ashpaugh	Elizabeth Generaux
Corbin Jarrett	Wyatt Gardner
Carley Christgen	Beretta Boldridge

The Rushville Tiger Pride Peer Mentoring program continues through our guidance counselor, Mrs. Arambula. Students in grades 4-6 that are interested in being a mentor fill out an application and are selected based on their character traits, behaviors, and academic standing. We are extremely proud of these young citizens and the community this has built within our school. You will find these older students tutoring and reading with others, assessing, practicing basic math facts, and assisting in just about any way needed. They are able to make friendships and truly serve as role models as they meet and work with others. Our peer mentors this year are: McKenzie Black, Regann Punzo, CJ Donaldson, Madison Dittmore, Breanna White, Carely Christgen, Elizabeth Generaux, Cierra Pitts, Katelyn Koehler, Soncea Kneib, Ashtyn Griffin, Breanna Koehler, Rebecca Reagan, Carissa Martin, Macy Dittmore, Hayden Generaux, Caden Weinmann, Beretta Boldridge, Ariana Geoffroy, Bryan Chatman, Savannah Baugh, Dylan Park, Tyler Matson, and Paige Morey.

We would like to thank the grandparents that have joined us for lunch throughout the month of September in honor of Grandparents Day. We hope it has worked well to allow

each family to schedule the day the works best for them. In addition, if you were not able to join us in September feel free to pick another day. All we ask is that you give us a one day notice so our cooks can prepare adequately.

PTO will be having a fall carnival from 5:00-7:00 on Saturday, November 2nd. This will be a fundraiser for the elementary students. There will be lots of games, food, a haunted house, bingo, a cake walk, and much more for fun people of all ages. We hope to see you there! If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation please contact the school. PTO officers for the year are: President-Heather Hall, Vice President-Nicole Steiner, Secretary-Jackie Vogan, Treasurer-Nikki Henderson

Veterans Day will be celebrated at the elementary on November 11. If you are a veteran please join us for a free lunch. Or, if you know of a veteran in the community that may not read our newsletter please help us in spreading the word. We do ask that you call ahead and make a reservation. If transportation is an issue just phone the school and we will make sure you are able to attend. Also, our annual Thanksgiving celebration is Wednesday, November 13. We hope you can join us for a delicious meal; we are so fortunate to have wonderful cooks!

As always, feel free to stop in and visit anytime.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dittmore

Calendar of Events

November

2 PTO Fall Carnival 5:00-7:00
4-18 Canned Food Drive for Rushville Christian Church Food Pantry
7 Picture Retakes
8,22 Grade Checks
18 No School Teacher Inservice
27-12/1 No School Thanksgiving Break

December

2 Nursing Home Supply Drive
5 PreK-1st Grade Christmas Concert
6 5th & 6th to Squaw Creek Eagle Days, PTO Movie Night
9 No School Teacher Inservice
13 Grade Checks
19 Tiger Pride Assembly 2:40
20 11:50 Christmas Parties, 12:33 Dismissal End of Quarter Work Day
23 Christmas Vacation Begins

January

6 Students Return
13 No School-PVC Inservice
17, 31 Grade Checks
20 No School



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