



Lane Novinger-Superintendent

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## Superintendent's Corner

Hello Everyone,

We are off to another great start this year. The students and teachers are working very hard to ensure your child(ren) get(s) the best education possible. I have several things to tell you about. In the interest of time, I will try to be brief.

I am happy and proud to tell you your district earned "**Accredited with Distinction in Performance**" again this year for the fourth straight year. There are fourteen points possible and we earned the full fourteen points. The Board of Education, Administration, Faculty, and Staff want to thank all students, parents, and teachers for all your hard work and dedication.

As No Child Left Behind (NCLB) continues toward the goal of "**all**" students being proficient by the year 2014, the expectations are becoming unattainable. Your district is the only district in Buchanan County not to be in some form of school improvement. This is a true testament of the dedication of our parents, patrons, students, teachers, administration, and Board of Education toward the education of children.

As I am sure you have heard in the news, funding for education is tight, very tight. Last year we did end the year with a balanced budget. We hope to be able to do the same this year. As you know, it is hard to do more things or even the same things with less money. Everything we purchase seems to be more expensive. Thank you for your continued support of education.

I would like to take a moment to inform you of our district website. There are many links to valuable information regarding your student's school performance and education. Our website address is: <http://www.bcr4.k12.mo.us>. Please take a little time and browse the site. There are several dropdown menus to explore. I hope you enjoy the experience and if you have any

suggestions just give us a call.

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. We will be using this form of communication more often this year. It will also be used again this year for school cancellations. I will also call KQ2 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 get the messages and do not wish to receive them call and we will remove your number from the list.

Sincerely,

Lane Novinger, Superintendent



The Buchanan County R-IV Board of Education wishes to congratulate **Mr. Travis Dittmore** on being selected as the Northwest Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' Association (NWMASSP) **Principal of the Year**. The award was presented recently at the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' Fall Conference in Columbia. Mr. Dittmore will be considered for the Missouri State Principal of the Year Award that is presented at the Spring Conference.

Mr. Dittmore has been employed with the Buchanan County R-IV School District since 1991 and has served as DeKalb Middle School and High School Principal since 2003. We are very proud of his leadership and service to our school. Thank you for being a great example in our school and community!

*Buchanan County R-IV Board of  
Education*

*Michael Reagan, Christy Weigel, Pamela Browning,  
Shane Hartman, Luis Derry, Douglas Hickman, and  
Alan Crockett*

## FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

What a great stretch of weather we have had entering the fall season! With the reopening of 59 Highway I hope that life has become at least a little less hectic for those of you that travel to Kansas on a daily basis or from time to time.

The 2011-2012 is off to a great start! We are pleased to see our enrollment number pretty steady compared to the past with the flood waters forcing many of our families from their homes.

The students were once again very successful with their state-wide End-of-Course and MAP Assessments. We are pleased to report our highest rate of Advanced and Proficient scores ever. It is great to see the hard work and effort by both, students and teachers, paying off so well. We are very proud of them!

We hope to see you at the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ends on October 14<sup>th</sup> and we would like to share the grades and progress of your children with you. Please contact us if we can arrange a time that is most convenient for you.

Some fall activities for the middle school have already come to a close. The MS softball team picked up 5 wins and 3 ties in their 10 game schedule. The MS football team enjoyed some success as well. The MS basketball season is just around the corner as practices are just getting underway.

High school activities are in full swing. The cross country runners have been rewarded for their hard work with many medals at their meets. Ryleigh Reagan has consistently placed in the top 5 in varsity competition as a freshman and each of the boys have medaled in the JV races as well.

The softball team has finished the regular season with a 13-12 record and enter district play as the #2 seed. Kaley Pyles, Alyssa Jones, Tiffany Bomberger, and Rachal Crouse earned all conference honors in leading our team to a great season with a very tough schedule.

The football team is 4-2 after 6 games and is still in the hunt for a PVC championship. With 3 games remaining, the boys will play two games at home and finish out the regular season at North

Andrew on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, you may follow school schedules, student progress, activities, etc. at [www.bcr4.k12.mo.us](http://www.bcr4.k12.mo.us) . Please stop by anytime!!!

Sincerely,  
Travis Dittmore

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

10/10	No School / Platte Valley Conference Teacher In-Service
10/14	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends
10/18	Parent / Teacher Conferences 4-7 PM
10/20	Parent / Teacher Conferences 2-7 PM
10/21	No School FFA Hog Roast @ 4:30 / HS Commons Senior Night Band / FB
10/24	Picture Retakes
10/31	Teacher In-service / 12:25 Dismissal
11/7	PVC Choir @ MWSU All Day
11/9	9 AM Late Start
11/11	Grade Check
11/22	MFA/FFA Banquet
11/23	12:25 Dismissal/Thanksgiving Break
11/24 & 25	No School/Thanksgiving



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# A Word From The Elementary Principal

We are off to a great start for the 2011-2012 school year. The faculty and students are working hard as we finish up the first quarter. The fabulous fall weather has brightened the spirits of all and given daily opportunities for outdoor time to exercise, play with friends, and simply take a brain break. This allows for a more focused attitude when the students are in the classrooms attending to their academic tasks.

We are proud of our students and staff as we achieved Accredited With Distinction in Performance honors for the fourth year in a row. This has become an expectation for all of us in the educational setting and we truly appreciate the support of the community and parents. It does seem that the standards set by the Department of Education get tougher with each federal mandate. It will be crucial that we continue to work as partners in preparing our students to be successful with the future outcomes. You may have heard of the new Common Core Standards that have been adopted by the majority of states. Basically, our kids will be completing objectives one grade earlier than they are now which obviously will be a true challenge for everyone.

Two hundred backpacks and a variety of school supplies were donated to the students of Rushville Elementary by the Royal Heights United Methodist Church in Joplin, MO. These supplies were originally set up for the Joplin community but were not needed. The church decided to pay it forward and help out another area in need and contacted the Rushville Christian Church due to summer flooding in our community. The youth minister from Joplin delivered these in time for the first day of school. The students and parents were appreciative of this generous act.

Congratulations to the 2011 Rushville Academic Team members. Nichelle Bailey coached our students in four meets. Those making the team were:

## **Fifth Grade**

Cameron Christgen  
Jared McElfresh  
Alexis Pearl  
Spencer Tylicki

## **Sixth Grade**

Kailey Ashpaugh  
Tressa Iske  
Truman Gillis  
Morgan Parsons  
Caleb Smith  
Cole Wildhagen

We were pleased to have 94 grandparents join us for Grandparents' Day. The students always enjoy sharing this special lunch with their families.

We will be celebrating Veterans Day on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to join us for delicious

meals prepared by our wonderful cooks! We only ask that you contact the elementary in advance so we can prepare adequately. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dittmore

## Dates to Remember

### October

10 No School-Teacher Inservice  
14 12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Work Day, End of 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.  
18 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00  
19 Sparky The Fire Dog K-2-2:00, Tiger Pride K-2:40, 3-6 2:45  
20 12:25 Dismissal-Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-7:00  
21 No School  
28 Grade Checks 4th-6th  
31 Parties 11:45, 12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice

### November

9 9:00 Late Start  
11 Grade Checks  
22 Tiger Pride K-2-2:40  
23 12:25 Dismissal-Thanksgiving Break  
24 No School Thanksgiving Break  
30 Tiger Pride K-2 2:50

### December

2 Grade Checks  
5 12:25 Dismissal-Teacher Inservice  
15 Elementary Christmas Program 6:30 p.m. at DeKalb High School Gymnasium  
19 Tiger Pride K-2 2:40. 3-6 2:45  
20 Parties 11:45, 12:25 Dismissal, Teacher Work Day, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



"When attending school activities, please be considerate of homeowners who live near the schools as you park your vehicles. We ask that you practice a "good neighbor" policy by not parking in the yards or blocking driveways of those homes. Thank you."

# Library News

Extra books lying around? Please consider donating to our libraries. Donation requirements:

- Please check copyright dates to be from the year 2000 to present
- Content is age and school appropriate
- Condition of the book is good
- Appeals to the interest of students

Please note that you can now look up your student's items checked out and due date status by logging into Parent Portal through the school's webpage.

You may also look each school's collection in our online card catalog by going to:

**High School-** [https://websis.bcr4.k12.mo.us/applications/libms/lms\\_card\\_catalog\\_web.php?vourefid=5](https://websis.bcr4.k12.mo.us/applications/libms/lms_card_catalog_web.php?vourefid=5)

## Elementary School-

[https://websis.bcr4.k12.mo.us/applications/libms/lms\\_card\\_catalog\\_web.php?vourefid=3](https://websis.bcr4.k12.mo.us/applications/libms/lms_card_catalog_web.php?vourefid=3)

Upcoming book fairs will be December 13-20, and March 9-16. If you would like to volunteer to help out with either book fair please let me know

Thank you,  
Mrs. Heckman, Librarian.



The fall sports season is now in full swing. We are lucky to be in this supportive community where so many attend school functions. Parents,

please remember that elementary students attending games need to be supervised at all times. Elementary students should never be dropped off at activities without adult supervision. We appreciate your help in keeping our environment safe and we hope our students enjoy cheering for our Tiger teams. See you at the games!

# FFA Alumni Hog Roast

October 21, 2011  
4:30-7:00 p.m.  
DHS Commons

Adults \$7  
Children 12 & Under \$4



Menu  
BBQ Pork  
Baked Potato  
Green Beans  
Rolls  
Cookies w/ Applesauce  
Tea



## Attention Juniors and Seniors!

ACT dates for the remaining school year:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
12/10/11	11/4/11	11/5-18/11
2/11/12	1/13/12	1/14-20/12
4/14/12	3/9/12	3/10-23/12
6/9/12	5/4/12	5/5-18/12

You may register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and use the high school code 260-830. All juniors and seniors are encouraged to take the ACT.

Also, students may register at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.anycollege.com](http://www.anycollege.com) for information about scholarships and grants that are available for college.



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