



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 be brief.

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

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 cancelations. I will also call KQ2 and KKJO. If you have not gotten 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



UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Middle School Basketball

10/22	Stewartsville (8 only)	A	6:00
10/30	Osborn (8 only)	H	6:00
11/01	Union Star	H	6:00
11/05	West Platte	A	4:30
11/08	Mid-Buchanan	H	4:30
11/12	Plattsburg	H	4:30
11/13	Mid-Buch Tourney	A	4:00
11/19	North Andrew	A	5:00
11/27	St. Joseph Christian	H	4:30
12/04	East Buchanan	A	4:30
12/08	West Platte Tourney	A	8:00
12/11	North Platte	A	4:30

High School Basketball

11/20	Craig (V/JV)	A	5:00
11/26	PVI Tourney (V)	A	TBA
12/06	Maysville (V)	A	6:00
12/07	Union Star (V)	A	6:00
12/11	Mid-Buchanan (V/JV)	H	4:00
12/14	Polo (V/JV)	H	5:00
12/17	West Platte (V/JV)	A	5:00

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. DITTEMORE

As we approach the end of the first quarter of the school year I hope this letter finds each of you and your family doing well.

Our current enrollment numbers are at 50 middle school students and 105 high school students, including 33 seniors. We have nine students taking a variety of classes through Hillyard Technical Center. Parent Teacher Conferences were held October 16th and 18th, 2012. We hope you were able to make it by to visit with our teachers about your student's progress and meet our new staff members if you were unable to make it Open House in August.

A couple of Middle School Sports seasons have already run their course. The MS Girls Softball team finished the year with a 7-3 record and won 2nd place in the North Nodayway Tournament and 3rd place in the King City Tourney. The MS FB team finished the year at 0-5 after running into some stiff competition throughout the season. Middle school basketball practices are already underway with a dozen boys and 18 girls taking part. Both teams play their first game on October 22nd at Stewartsville.

High School activities are running at full strength. The Marching Band will be traveling the first three weekends in October to various Competitions and Parades. The Cross Country runners are halfway through their season and have Districts coming up at the end of October. High school football is approaching the end of the regular season and is 3-3 after six games. Under the new playoff format each team will be seeded after the regular season and begin playoff competition on October 26th.

The High School Girls softball team's outstanding season continued as they were crowned District #13 Champions last week at Polo after knocking off top-seeded Norborne 4-1! They advanced to Sectional play against King City. The Lady Tigers finished 3rd in the PVC this year just coming up short of a conference title with one run losses to both North Andrew and Jefferson in extra innings.

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

Sincerely,
Travis Dittmore

Activity Calendar

10/22	Teacher In-service / No School
10/23-26	National FFA Convention (Officers)
10/24	Jr. Class Ring delivery / Sr. Announcements 8 AM Fall Sports / Activity Pictures & retakes 12:30 PM
10/25	NHS Blood Drive 2-7 PM / Commons
10/26	Grade Checks
11/5	HS (only) Band Members to PVC Band Day
11/6	Extended Learning
11/8	Extended Learning
11/12	PVC Teacher In-service / No School



A Word From The Elementary Principal

The end of the first quarter always comes quickly and you will find our faculty and students working hard as we wrap up our assignments and projects preparing for grade cards and conferences. We are also enjoying some great outdoor time during recess to exercise and take some well-deserved breaks! At this time we have 20 students enrolled in our full-time preschool, 18 in the part-time program, and 154 students in grades K-6. Our attendance rate for K-6 is over 96.85%.

Congratulations to the 2012 Rushville Academic Team on a good season. They placed fourth overall, missing 3rd place by only 3 questions! Way to go.

Baylee Knorr	Averyl Crouse
Wyatt Ashpaugh	Cameron Christgen
Brenna White	Joshua Bomberger
Carley Christgen	Spencer Tylicki

Two years ago we began a Rushville Tiger Pride Peer Mentoring program 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, 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, Baylee Knorr, Averyl Crouse, Regann Punzo, Cameron Christgen, CJ Donaldson, Madison Dittmore, Breanna White, Teresa Hanway, Kirstian Goddard, Carely Christgen, Elizabeth Generaux, Cierra Pitts, Katelyn Koehler, Janae Masoner, Soncea Kneib, Layla McLain, and Ashtyn Griffin.

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 that 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.

Veterans Day will be celebrated at the elementary on November 8 at 10:30. We will begin with a brief assembly with Mr. Willson and some of our students singing patriotic songs. 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 14. We hope you can join us for a delicious meal; we are so fortunate to have wonderful cooks!

A big thank you goes out to the Rushville Lions' Club for their generous donation of \$2165 to our preschool programs. Our part-time program is strictly funded by parent fees and we are grateful for the support of this important early learning experience.

And finally, our district's academic reputation remains near and dear to all of us. By working together as a school and community we have, for the fifth year in a row, achieved Accredited With Distinction in Performance honors. As I say each morning during our announcements, "It's a great day to be a tiger!"

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dittmore

October

1	No School-Teacher Inservice
3	Elementary Pictures
5	3 rd Grade to Kaleidoscope
10	Preschool to Schweizer's
11	Sixth Grade to Symphony
12	12:33 Dismissal-End of 1 st Quarter
16	Tiger Pride K-2 2:30, 3-6 2:45 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
17	Juvenile Court and Choices Program
18	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-7:00
19	No School
22	No School Inservice
26	Halloween Parties 2:20

November

7	Food Drive for Rushville Christian Food Pantry
8	Veterans' Day
9	Grade Checks
12	No School-Conference Inservice
14	Thanksgiving
15	Preschool to T-Rex Café'
20	Tiger Pride K-2 2:50
21-23	No School-Thanksgiving
30	Grade Checks

December

10	Christmas Concert @ DHS Gym-6:30
14	Grade Checks
18	Tiger Pride K-2 2:30, 3-6 2:45
19	Christmas Parties 11:50, 12:33 Dismissal-Christmas Break



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