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Board At Work



News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

Pattonville earns national budget award

Fewer than 100 nationwide earn recognition for presentation of annual budget

The Pattonville School District has earned the prestigious Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International for excellence in the preparation and issuance of its 2009-2010 annual budget. Fewer than 100 school districts in the nation earn this award each year.

The award recognizes excellence in budget presentation and is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the award program criteria for effective budget presentation. The Meritorious Budget Award is the only award program specifically designed for school budgeting and to honor a school system for a job well done. This is the second year in a row the district has earned this honor.

Pattonville's budget is prepared and presented by Ron Orr, CPA, Pattonville's chief financial officer. ASBO International is a nonprofit professional association serving more than 6,000 school business officials.

Pattonville High School has two National Merit Finalists

Megan Lafollette and Joe Wingerter, seniors at Pattonville High School, were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists after scoring in the top half of one percent in the country on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) their junior year. The test serves as the screening of program entrants. Finalists were also required to submit a substantial amount of information and fulfill additional requirements, including having an outstanding academic record, being endorsed by a school official, and providing an essay describing activities, interests and goals.



Pattonville's National Merit Finalists are Megan Lafollette and Joe Wingerter.

Photos courtesy of Wagner Portrait Group.

Principal selected for Briar Crest Elementary for 2010-2011

The Pattonville Board of Education on March 9 selected Dr. Marla Wasserman as principal of Briar Crest Elementary, effective July 1, 2010. Wasserman is currently the director of elementary curriculum and assessment for the North Kansas City School District in Kansas City, MO, and was principal of Oakwood Manor Elementary in North Kansas City for six years. She also previously served as an elementary assistant principal for six years and an elementary teacher for six years in the Parkway School District.

"Dr. Wasserman will be a great addition to the Briar Crest school community," said Dr. Michael Fulton, superintendent. "She brings with her many years of experience as an elementary instructional leader on both the school level and the district level and has a great passion for helping all children achieve."

Wasserman holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a master's degree in educational administration from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and a doctorate in educational leadership from Saint Louis University.



Dr. Marla Wasserman

Parkwood Elementary presents its improvement plan

Parkwood Elementary presented a plan to the Board of Education on March 9 that outlines the school's strategies for improving student achievement, student responsibility and parent involvement. The Parkwood School Improvement Team, made up of equal numbers of parents and staff, developed the plan. The report showed the research the team conducted as they updated their plan and the action steps they developed to meet their goals. Their targets include improving student achievement in math, communication arts and science, ensuring all students are responsible citizens with positive relationships, and establishing high levels of home-school relationships.

The Parkwood School Improvement Team was originally organized in 1999. Although team members have changed over time, the group has consistently developed plans that tie into the district's goals for improving student achievement and student responsibility. The revised plan presented to the board on March 9 was approved by 98 percent of parents who responded to a survey and 100 percent of staff members. Read Parkwood's plan at Pattonville's BoardDocs Web link (look under online tools).



Pattonville Wellness Run/Walk set for May 15

Pattonville will hold its 22nd annual Wellness Run/Walk on Saturday, May 15, beginning at Pattonville High School, 2497 Creve Coeur Mill Road in Maryland Heights. The 5K run/walk (3.1 miles) will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by a one-mile medal run/walk for children at 9:30 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the overall male and female finishers and the top three age division finishers in the 5K. Trophies will also be awarded to the overall male and female finishers in the one-mile fun run, along with medals for children finishing in a certain time frame based on age categories.

Refreshments will be available after the races, and attendance prizes will be awarded during the awards ceremony. The cost of the event is \$10 per individual. Family rates are also available, however, fees for all categories increase if paid on race day. For more information, contact Claire Steiner, Pattonville wellness coordinator, at (314) 213-8010 or csteiner@psdr3.org.

4th Annual Taste of Pattonville coming April 1

The Pattonville High School Renaissance and Character Education Committee is hosting the school's fourth annual "Taste of Pattonville" Sampler Night, a fun event featuring samples from restaurants and businesses in the Pattonville area. Proceeds will benefit the school's Renaissance and Character Education Committee.

The event will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m., April 1 in the cafeteria of Pattonville High School, 2497 Creve Coeur Mill Road in Maryland Heights.

This year, 28 area restaurants from Pattonville and around the St. Louis area will be represented at the event: Bob Evans, Buffalo Wild Wings, Casa Gallardo, Chevy's, Pattonville's culinary arts class, Dairy Queen, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Jimmy Johns, Lehmann's Landing, Lone Star, Macaroni Grill, McArthur's Bakery, McAlister's Deli, McDonald's, Moe's Southwest Grill, Noodles and Company, Ponderosa, Pujols 5, Raj's Rasoi, Reynolds Roadhouse, Ryce, Starbucks, TGIFriday's, Tony's Doughnuts, Trader Joe's, Trainwreck, Tucker's Place and Viviano's.

Tickets are \$8 for children in kindergarten through fifth-grade and \$12 in advance for sixth-graders through adults. Tickets not purchased in advance are \$15 per person at the door. For tickets, contact Beth Moritz at Pattonville High School at (314) 213-8051 or bmoritz@psdr3.org. An order form may also be downloaded at [pfs.psdr3.org/pdf/TasteOrderForm2010.pdf](http://phs.psdr3.org/pdf/TasteOrderForm2010.pdf).



Superintendent's Update

Michael A. Fulton, Ed.D., Superintendent

Pattonville drama students help Maryland Heights police

A special group of Pattonville High School students played their part to help train police officers in handling conflicts in the community. Pattonville's theatre students were invited to serve as actors in a training video being developed by the Maryland Heights Police Department for use locally and with other police departments. The videos will be used in a simulator to train police officers in different "shoot/don't shoot" situations. One scenario was videotaped in the courtroom of the Maryland Heights Government Center. Students played members of the audience, the victim and a suspect in a courtroom conflict. Congratulations to drama teacher Lara Corvera and her students for helping out with this important project. Corvera said the police may call to tape other scenarios in the future.



Pattonville drama students who participated in the videotaping for the Maryland Heights police are, from left, front row, Jessi Hackbarth, Aaron Landgraf, Jessica Brunts and Madison Sportsman; back row, Annsley Cullop, Devyn-Armand Hayes, Harry Kolmer, Lora Hakanson and Aaron Daniel.

Bridgeway students put knowledge to work for life-saving cause

Bridgeway Elementary students are putting their knowledge to the test to raise funds to provide life-saving water to children in Uganda. The students are participating in Bridgeway's first "Knowledge-A-Thon" or KAT for short. The program increases students' cultural literacy and academic growth and is part of a school-wide effort to raise \$8,000 for a well to bring clean water to the Atai Orphanage and the Village of Agu in Uganda, Africa. The fund-raiser began after students learned about Uganda from Bridgeway paraprofessional Annah Emuge, who grew up there and founded the orphanage. Currently, residents of Agu must walk four miles to the nearest well to find water or six miles to the river, where the water is diseased. As part of the Knowledge-A-Thon, each child received a list of 100 questions and answers appropriate to the student's grade level. Questions included topics such as geography, science, math, art, music, language arts, literature and health. The children had six weeks to study the information and collect pledges for each question they felt they could answer correctly on KAT day, which was March 5. On KAT day, school volunteers asked each child his or her 100 questions. Students are now collecting their pledges and bringing them to school. For information on the orphanage, visit Emuge's Web site at www.ataiorphanage.org.



Volunteers Kevin Caulkin (back) and Thomas Anderson (front) ask questions of Bridgeway students William Bland (rear) and Henry Cortez-Gonzalez as part of the Knowledge-A-Thon.

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Michael A. Fulton, Ed.D., Superintendent

Pattonville Heights Caring for Others

The Chain Links Club at Pattonville Heights Middle School recently worked with an organization called “Hugs for Kids” to help provide blankets for children in pediatric hospitals. Student volunteers cut more than 250 pieces of fleece after school as the first part in creating the “Hug” blankets. Students will later tie the cut pieces into knots on the perimeter of the blanket and sign a tag that will be delivered with the blankets at a later time. Chain Links is a club started last year to promote chain reactions of kindness in their school community. It developed after the school participated in the Rachel’s Challenge program, which promotes starting a chain reaction of kindness in school communities.



Emily Masson and Gayathri Srinivansan work together on the “Hugs for Kids” project.

Iron Chef - Pattonville Style

Professional Chef Jonathan Williams recently visited Pattonville High School to lead culinary arts students in the school’s first-ever Iron Chef competition, modeled after the popular Food Network show. Students were divided into two groups and competed for best tasting food and best presentation. They are given the same recipes and given three and a half hours to complete their dishes. The menu consisted of Greek Salad, Spinach Phyllo Triangles, Crostini with Sun Dried Tomato Jam, Chicken Florentine, Sausage Ragout, and Greek Spice Cake. Williams is regional chef for Levy Restaurants, which provides sports and entertainment dining for Scottrade Center, America’s Center and the Edward Jones Dome. He has made previous visits to Pattonville’s culinary arts classes.



Pattonville culinary arts students Andrew Busch and Sara Nessing work side-by-side during the school’s recent Iron Chef competition.

Celebrating Black History

Several schools recently highlighted famous African Americans who made an impact in our nation’s history and culture. Holman Middle School held an all-school assembly highlighting well known individuals who were either born in Missouri or had a Missouri connection. Students read historical facts about different individuals and also performed related music or dances. Briar Crest Elementary also had an all-school assembly featuring famous individuals. Every class in the school played a role. At Remington Traditional School, the second-grade classes held their annual Living History Museum. During the event, second-graders dressed in character to perform speeches about their chosen individual in front of a parent, staff member or student visiting their table. At different points throughout the year, many of our schools also hold other events or programs that highlight different cultures around the world, which enables schools to highlight and learn about the variety of cultures represented in Pattonville’s classrooms. More than 25 different languages are spoken in the homes of Pattonville students.



Holman Steppers were one of many groups to perform during their school’s Black History program. Shown, from left, are Daja Johnson, Jamesha Swopes, De’Nisha Ethridge and Marlain Harkness.

Business Bits

Paying the Bills

The Pattonville Board of Education on March 9 approved paying:

- \$1,288,953.30 in regular bills; and
- \$166,584.26 in purchases made on Pattonville's purchasing cards.

Board Actions

The Pattonville Board of Education on March 9:

- Reviewed upcoming out-of-town trips by the Pattonville High School Winter Guard, Gifted Honors English, and Band programs;
- Approved the employment of certified staff for the 2010-2011 school year;
- Approved retirements, resignations, leaves of absence and a list of displaced teachers needing positions for certified staff;
- Approved the adoption of instructional materials for the following elementary subjects: handwriting, health, social studies and spelling; and
- Approved staff (including bus drivers) for the following summer school programs: preschool through eighth-grade academic review, K-8 enrichment, high school summer school, and early childhood program.

Bid Awards

The Pattonville Board of Education on March 9 awarded the following bids:

- \$64,880 to The Greenwood Group for lawn mowing services;
- \$11,937.14 to Tri-Dim Filter for the renewal of the HVAC Filter Agreement for April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011;
- \$5,354.72 to Academic Superstore for updated site licenses for the Adobe Creative Suite 4 Master Collection Software to be used at Pattonville High School; and
- \$6,750 to CDWG for the purchase of 10 additional video projection systems to a previously approved purchase agreement.

New Hire

- **Brenda Croissant**, custodian, Holman

Retirements

- **Cheryl Apel**, fifth-grade teacher, Briar Crest, after 13 years of service in Pattonville
- **Elizabeth Clauss**, counselor, Holman, after 28 years of service in Pattonville
- **Joan Granda**, reading specialist, Parkwood, after 23 years of service in Pattonville
- **Becky Greitens**, early childhood special education, Rose Acres, after 22 years of service in Pattonville
- **Joyce Huelsing**, secretary, Pattonville Learning Center, after 27 years of service in Pattonville
- **Curt Jones**, instrumental music teacher, Holman, after 29 years of service in Pattonville
- **Linda Levandoski**, reading specialist, Pattonville Heights, after 21 years of service in Pattonville
- **Cheryl Lynn**, instructional technology specialist, Drummond, after 19 years of service in Pattonville
- **Bill Modaff**, social studies teacher, Pattonville High School, after 10 years of service in Pattonville
- **Sheila Reed-Reichle**, business education teacher, Pattonville High School, after 28 years of service in Pattonville
- **Dixie Tipton**, kindergarten teacher, Rose Acres, after 20 years of service in Pattonville
- **Michele Wertheimer**, science teacher, Pattonville High School, after 29 years of service in Pattonville

Pattonville Online
www.psd3.org

Calendars

Pattonville maintains up-to-date calendars online. Click on the calendar tab in the left navigation column to view :

- An activities calendar of all school and district-level events; and
- An athletic calendar of Pattonville High School sporting events.

BoardDocs

Details of items discussed at board meetings can be found online. Click on any tab in the Web Tools menu on the right to find a link to Pattonville's BoardDocs page.

Your Board of Education

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Making News

Special recognition of Pattonville students, staff and volunteers

Remington Traditional School

Life-saver

Jackie McDuffie, a sixth-grade teacher, performed the Heimlich maneuver on a sixth-grade student who was choking on a chip during her tutoring session. The student recovered, thanks to McDuffie's efforts.

Pattonville High School Varsity Drill Team State

Champions

Pattonville High School's varsity drill team was named Division 5A State Champions at the 2010 Missouri Dance Team Association State Competition at Lee's Summit High School on Feb. 27. They earned first-place trophies for their pom and hip hop routines during the competition.

The state championship comes after the team took fourth place in the nation in the large school hip hop category of the 2010 National Dance Team Competition (NDTC) held Feb. 5 through 7 in Orlando, FL by the Universal Dance Association (UDA). This marked the highest finish in school history in the hip hop category and the best finish of any Missouri team this year at nationals.

Team members are Emily Bishop, Alexis Boldin, Arriana Buchheit, Alyssa Buxbaum, Jessica Fitzgerald, Sarah Giancola, Alyssa Gibson, Ciara Glenn, Kelsey Koenig, Casey Leek, Sarah Nunez, Genevieve Schmoeker, Gabrielle Sealey, Elizabeth Voris and Kristin Wilson. They are coached by Katie Funderburk.



Members of the Pattonville High School Varsity Drill Team are shown with the trophies they have won on the state and national levels this year. They are, from left, front row, Emily Bishop, Casey Leek, Kristin Wilson, Kelsey Koenig and Alexis Boldin; second row, Gabby Sealey, Sarah Giancola, Alyssa Buxbaum and Genevieve Schmoeker; and back row, Alyssa Gibson, Elizabeth Voris, Ciara Glenn, Arriana Buchheit, Sarah Nunez and Jessica Fitzgerald.

Missouri Fine Arts Academy

Students Lora Hakanson, Kaitlyn Hirschbeck and Megan Jones were selected to attend the Missouri Fine Arts Academy. The academy is a three-week summer residential program held on the campus of Missouri State University for 150 of Missouri's artistically talented, rising high school juniors and seniors.



Pattonville students Kaitlyn Hirschbeck, Lora Hakanson and Megan Jones were selected to attend the Missouri Fine Arts Academy.

State/National Future Educators Association

Pattonville junior Mallory Arens was recently elected president of the Missouri Future Educators Association (FEA) during the state FEA conference in Jefferson City. She is the second Pattonville student in a row to be elected to the statewide office. Tiffany Laughlin is the immediate past president of the state FEA and is president of Pattonville High School's FEA chapter. Laughlin and Christian Johnson, another Pattonville FEA officer, recently attended the national Future Educators Association conference in San Antonio. The following students also joined Arens, Laughlin and Johnson at the state conference: Chelsea Crawford, Cassie Chandler, Mia Divine, Same' Mason, Karlton Bonty, Jennifer Tyler, Ashley Bryant, Kelisha Bryant and Dominic Greenlee. Family and consumer science teacher Pam Tesson is the Pattonville FEA advisor.



Pattonville student Christian Johnson attended the National Future Educators Association conference, and Mallory Arens (center) was named state president of the Missouri Future Educators Association. They are shown here with their advisor, Pam Tesson.

District-Wide

Martin Luther King Essay/Poster Contest

The following students were winners in the 2010 Pattonville National Education Association (PNEA) Martin Luther King Essay/Poster contest:

- In the K-1 Grade Level - Sophia Prost of Bridgeway Elementary, first place; Kamdin Culpepper of Drummond Elementary, second place; and Zeresh Lewis from Drummond, third place;
- In the 2-3 Grade Level - Abigail Surlet of Parkwood Elementary, first place; Mackenzie Wessels of Remington Traditional School, second place; and Andrea Hartmann of Willow Brook Elementary, third place; and
- In the 4-5 Grade Level - Marissa Etwaroo of Rose Acres Elementary, first place; Katie Basta from Bridgeway, second place; and Adriana Ortiz from Bridgeway, third place.

The posters and essays from these students will be forwarded to the MNEA State competition as Pattonville entries.



Kamdin Culpepper of Drummond Elementary and Sophia Prost of Bridgeway Elementary took honors in the Pattonville Martin Luther King Essay/Poster Contest.



Mackenzie Wessels of Remington Traditional School and Andrea Hartmann from Willow Brook Elementary placed in the Pattonville Martin Luther King Essay/Poster Contest.



Marissa Etwaroo from Rose Acres Elementary took first place in the 4-5 grade division of the Pattonville Martin Luther King Essay/Poster Contest.

Elementary Teacher of the Year nominees

The following individuals were nominated for Elementary Teacher of the Year in Pattonville: Allison Bacon, Jennifer Barge, Sherrie Baris, Debbie Bicket, Sandy Brewer, Rebecca Caldwell, Jamie Cargal, Christina Curtis, Dan Derby, Rosie Edwards, Maria Farmer, Erica Farris, Johnetta Finley, Shareefa Fox, Sarah Funderburk, Sarah Garner, Becky Greitens, Teresa Gunter, Eileen Hannon, Paul (Chip) Ianari, Brendan Kearney, Lisa Kraemer, Carla Kurth, Laura Lancaster, Ginny Larson, Vince Licameli, Anne Niklawski, Phyllis Pasley, Nicole Rimell, Amy Robinson, Jamie Scheer, Paula Stolle, Billy Thompson, Jamie Volz, Meghan Wildhaber, Amber Wolk, Linda Wynn, Kim Zuccarello and Jennifer Zurweller-Ballmann.



Several staff members were nominated for Pattonville Elementary Teacher of the Year. Shown are, from left, front row, Allison Bacon, Jennifer Zurweller-Ballmann, Linda Wynn and Jamie Cargal; second row, Margaret Albrecht, Debbie Bicket and Ginny Larson; Teresa Gunter, Cheryl Norfolk, Sherrie Baris and Maria Farmer; last row, Vince Licameli and Billy Thompson.

Middle School Teacher of the Year nominees

The following individuals were nominated for Middle School Teacher of the Year in Pattonville: Janet Baldwin, Claudia Benbow, Jennifer Calva, Malinda Campbell, Susan Carr, Elizabeth Clauss, Linda Cooper, Michele Dodds, Tina Easton, Nancy Fischer, Irena Goren Scheer, Katie Guyton, Laura Hartsock, Darrah Kasicki, Wendy Mathis, Tim McKinley, Lauren Niewald, Pam Rasmussen, John Sepanski, Edward Stevens, Jonathan Striebel, Kelly Williams, Michael Winship and Joy Yowell.



Nominees for Pattonville's middle school and high school Teacher of the Year awards included, from left, Rick Lehman, Janet Baldwin, Claudia Benbow and Katherine Zoll.

High School Teacher of the Year nominees

The following individuals were nominated for High School Teacher of the Year in Pattonville: Amy Adam, Edna Brown, Lara Corvera, Sarah Delaney, Rebecca Duncan, Sara Elmore, Gene Grimshaw, Sarah Guilfoyle, Maggie Harr, Jessica Hauser, Brian Heyman, Dan Juenger, Julie Kampschroeder, Janet Kuhn, Rick Lehman, Stacey Leonard, Holly Martinez, Doug McGhee, Erin Mulanax, Dave Reynolds, Diane Richardson, Amy Schwendemann, Emily Werner and Katherine Zoll.



Nominees for Pattonville's Support Staff of the Year Award included, from left, Fran Turnbaugh, Michael Williams and Mary Kent.

Support Staff Employee of the Year nominees

The following individuals were nominated for Pattonville's Support Staff Employee of the Year: Margaret Albrecht, Ray Alonzo, Diane Alt, Janet Blake, Linda Burnett, Nancy Bush, Denise Cavanaugh, Emma Cotton, Jackie Ditmeyer, Vanessa Divine, Vernita Enloe, Carrie Gausling, Gerald Geisel, Patty Gould, Valerie Guetschow, Erica Gulden, Sandra Hampton, Roger Harlan, Chereen Hawes, Nancy Holguin, Van Huynh, Mary Kent, Mary Beth Kretschmer, Heidi Lanham, Joyce Mandernach, Tammy Mathes, Toby Meyer, Shaina Niederschulte, Cheryl Norfolk, Tammy Overstreet, Karen Piskulic, Mike Ratanasitee, Marcia Riganti, Charles Roach, Kim Sims, Lori Sommer, Lisa Steelman, Fran Turnbaugh, Eva Whitfield, Michael Williams, Carole Williamson and Judy Zahner.