

Pattonville POSITIVE School awarded \$750 Exxon Mobil grant

The POSITIVE School at Pattonville High School recently received a \$750 grant from the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program. The school plans to use the grant to help fund a instructional materials and curriculum-related field trips. Bill Cantrell, owner of the Mobil station on McKelvey in Bridgeton, recently presented the \$750 check to Dr. Donna Burd, assistant principal at Pattonville High School in charge of the POSITIVE School, along with several POSITIVE School staff and students.

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Outline:

POSmobilegrantlo.jpg - POSITIVE School staff and students accept a \$750 grant check from Bill Cantrell, owner of the Mobil station on McKelvey Road in Bridgeton.

Three Pattonville teachers attain National Certification

Three teachers from Pattonville School District are among a select group of educators nationwide who earned the highest professional credential in the field of teaching this year - National Board Certification. The certification is awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

Ben Schamber, a social studies teacher at Pattonville High School, Kelli Risse, a first grade teacher at Remington Traditional School and Julie Linck, a kindergarten teacher at Remington Traditional School, recently learned they had earned this national recognition.

Fourteen teachers have earned National Board Certification while at Pattonville. National Board Certification is a growing trend as schools are looking for ways to improve teaching and learning. Many districts, including Pattonville, provide incentives and workshops to assist teachers desiring to earn this distinction. The process involves a rigorous performance-based assessment and takes about a year to attain.

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Note: Photos of each teachers who attained National Board Certification are attached.

Pattonville school board candidate filing opens Dec. 15

Election to the Pattonville R-3 School District Board of Education will be held during the general municipal election on April 6, 2010. There will be two (2), three-year term seats and one (1), one-year seat open. Candidate filings will be accepted beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, and end at 5 p.m. on Jan. 19, 2010.

A candidate must file a written declaration of candidacy for a specified term, in person, with the secretary to the Board of Education at the Pattonville Learning Center, 11097 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, MO.

Candidates will be placed on the ballot in order of filing. Except for on opening day, filings will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.* Holiday hours and exceptions are as follows:

- Dec. 21, 22 and 23, 2009 – 8 to 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 24 and 25, 2009 – Offices closed
- Jan. 1, 2010 – Offices closed
- Jan. 18, 2010 – Offices closed

Board members whose terms are expiring are Ruth Petrov and Robert Dillon. The one-year term is available due to the resignation of Cindy Candler, who submitted a letter of resignation in November due to family and job responsibilities.

*In the event of inclement weather, please call (314) 213-8001 to inquire if offices are open.

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Willow Brook students take first in state contest

Two students from Willow Brook Elementary School in the Pattonville School District recently took first-place honors in a state-wide poster contest.

Sanjana Tatikonda, a second-grader, and Brooke Jenkins, a third-grader, won first place in their grade-level divisions of the Missouri's Youth/Adult Alliance 2009 Red Ribbon Poster Contest. Red Ribbon Week is a national awareness week, which stresses drug- and alcohol-free living and making good choices for a healthy life.

Both students will have their artwork printed in a Missouri calendar. First-place winners were also given the opportunity to choose their prizes. Tatikonda chose \$100 of art supplies, and Jenkins selected a digital camera. Their art teacher is Nancy Dixon.

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WBposterwinners09.jpg - Sanjana Tatikonda, left, and Brooke Jenkins are shown with Nancy Dixon, their art teacher at Willow Brook Elementary. The two won first place in their grade-level divisions of a statewide poster art contest.

Pattonville educator earns "Apple" award

Tammarra Lewis, an instructional specialist at Briar Crest Elementary School, received the "Apple for the Teacher" Award from the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Lewis received this award because of her work and accomplishments in the field of education.

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Note: Tammarra Lewis' photo is attached.

Reviews by PHS students submitted for publication

Theatre critic reviews by three Pattonville High School students were chosen to be submitted for publication. Rachel McCormick, Megan Jones and Erica Ream each wrote "Cappies" reviews for other high school plays in the St. Louis area and had their articles submitted for publication in local or school newspapers. McCormick and Ream both reviewed Northwest High School's production of "The Odd Couple." Ream also reviewed Bishop DuBourg's production of "Getting Away with Murder." Jones reviewed Hillsboro High School's production of "By Jeeves."

McCormick's review of "The Odd Couple" and Ream's review of "Getting Away With Murder" were both selected to be submitted to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for publication. Ream's review of "The Odd Couple" was chosen to be submitted to the Jefferson County Suburban Journal for publication. Jones' article was submitted to Hillsboro's school paper for publication.

The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program through which high school theater and journalism students are trained as critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers. At the end of the year, the student critics vote for awards that are presented at a formal Cappies Gala.

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Pattonville staff contribute nearly \$11,000 to United Way

Pattonville staff members contributed and pledged nearly \$11,000 this year through Pattonville's United Way campaign. The following schools or departments saw a 10 percent increase in the number of staff members giving and the amount given: Briar Crest Elementary, Willow Brook Elementary, Pattonville Heights Middle School, the maintenance department, and the Pattonville Learning Center. The following schools and departments had a 10 percent increase in staff participation: Bridgeway Elementary, Drummond Elementary, Remington Traditional School, Rose Acres Elementary, Holman Middle School, Pattonville High School, and the transportation department.

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