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Board At Work



News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

Pattonville Book Battle puts focus on reading

Fourth annual event draws middle school readers from across St. Louis

Reading was front and center in a competition hosted by Pattonville’s middle school libraries for more than 180 area middle schoolers.

On May 4, Pattonville hosted its fourth annual Area-Wide Book Battle at Pattonville Heights Middle School. The trivia-night-style event pitted teams of readers against each other to test their knowledge on books they read this year from a pre-designated reading list. The list included 20 books in a variety of genres.

Thirty St. Louis area middle schools, including Pattonville Heights Middle School, Holman Middle School and Remington Traditional School, participated. The winning team with the highest score at the end of the event was Hollenbeck Middle School.

This year, New York Times Bestselling Author Heather Brewer (who lives in St. Louis and wrote one of the books on the reading list - “Ninth Grade Slays”) made a special appearance and signed books for students. She also donated the grand prize of a complimentary visit to the winning team’s school. The event also caught the attention of Alan Boyko, president of Scholastic Book Fairs, who journeyed from his company headquarters in Lake Mary, FL, to see the Book Battle. Scholastic provides prizes and incentives for the event.

The Book Battle gives middle school students the opportunity to meet and discuss current books of interest that include a variety of genres and reading levels. In addition to Brewer’s book, this year’s reading list included books such as “A Friendship for Today,” by Patricia McKissack, “Max: A Maximum Ride Novel,” by James Patterson, and “The Mysterious Benedict Society,” by Trenton Lee Stewart.

For more information, visit the Book Battle blog at <http://eatingyabooks-bookbattle.blogspot.com/>.



The team from Pattonville Heights is ready for action. They are, from left, Allison Leventhal, Julie Knight, Megan Morris, Amy Azwell, Ashanti Carey and Kim Edwards. Below, staff members man the scoring tables.



Above left, author Heather Brewer sits at the book-signing table. Above right, 30 teams of readers packed the gym.

Superintendent's Update

Michael A. Fulton, Ed.D., Superintendent

Congratulations to Teacher of the Year/Support Staff of the Year

Congratulations to the two employees who were announced as Pattonville's Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year during District Appreciation Night on May 3. Julie Kampschroeder, a college/career counselor at Pattonville High School, was named Pattonville Teacher of the Year, after being selected as High School Teacher of the Year. Judy Zahner, executive secretary at Pattonville Heights Middle School, was named Pattonville Support Staff Employee of the Year. Finalists for the Teacher of the Year were Debbie Bicket, a library media specialist at Rose Acres, who was named Pattonville Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Dr. Janet Baldwin, gifted education teacher at Remington Traditional School and Pattonville High School, who was also named Pattonville Middle School Teacher of the Year. Finalists for Support Staff Employee of the Year were Janet Blake, a paraprofessional at Pattonville Heights, and Eva Whitfield, a custodian at Bridgeway Elementary. Congratulations to all of our employee and volunteer honorees who were recognized on May 3. They exemplify the outstanding individuals we have working for our children throughout the entire district.



Julie Kampschroeder
Pattonville Teacher
of the Year



Judy Zahner
Pattonville Support Staff
Employee of the Year

International Night a Success

The many cultures and countries reflected in the families of Pattonville students were on display during the district's annual International Night on May 6. About 280 parents, students and staff members attended this event at Holman Middle School. The evening included international foods and a program of entertainment that included Indonesian dancers from Drummond Elementary and singers and dancers from the Pattonville High School International Club. The event also included a multimedia presentation and booths featuring the St. Louis Children's Hospital, the St. Louis County Library, and Henna painting.



Sarah and Faris Mashaleh, second- and third-graders from Parkwood Elementary, pause for a photo at the International Night. Below, Farah Crawford, right, assists Drummond Elementary fourth-grader Lana Kautsarín with her costume for a dance she performed at the International Night.



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State recognition for Parkwood and Willow Brook

Two Pattonville elementary schools have earned state-level recognition for their use of the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support program (SW-PBS). SW-PBS is designed to prevent inappropriate student behaviors by teaching and reinforcing appropriate behaviors. Parkwood Elementary School is being honored with the silver level of state recognition for implementing SW-PBS, while Willow Brook Elementary is being recognized at the bronze level. The highest level is gold. According to the state's SW-PBS Web site, the criteria for earning state recognition is set high. Typically, it is a two to four year process for a school to achieve bronze, a three to six year process to achieve silver, and a five to eight year process to achieve gold. The number of years it takes to achieve each is lengthy because it involves true systems change, sustaining that change each year, and implementing processes to support students and staff. Parkwood and Willow Brook will be honored during the Missouri SW-PBS School Recognition Ceremony at the state SW-PBS Summer Institute.

Rose Acres students earn fire truck ride to school

Four Rose Acres Elementary student rode to school on May 11 on a fire truck as a reward for positive behavior. The once-in-a-lifetime ride on the fire truck was part of "Amazing Blazing Kids" program between Rose Acres and the Pattonville Fire Protection District. The program is aimed at rewarding students for being good citizens and role models at school. Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the ride: Lydia Earlywine, first-grader, Marissa Etwaroo, fifth-grader, Erica Goryl, second-grader, and Isaac Kronk, kindergartner.

All students at Rose Acres had the opportunity to earn "4-star" tickets for exhibiting the positive types of behavior through the school's Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS) program. PBIS was implemented this school year and is designed to teach students positive behavior expectations, while giving them the support and rewards for being successful. The "4-star" represents the four character traits that are taught to students and expected at school: cooperation, responsibility, safety and respect. Three hundred students who earned 15 or more 4-star tickets had their names put into a drawing for the fire truck ride, courtesy of the Pattonville Fire Protection District. Special thanks to Terry Loehrer, fire chief with the Pattonville Fire Protection District, Steve Vargo, principal at Rose Acres, and Patty Gould, director of school-business partnerships, for arranging this special event.



Above, firefighters help students out of the fire truck. Below, Pattonville Fire Chief Terry Loehrer (left) and Firefighter Kevin Stuhlman are shown with the four lucky students. They are, from left, Isaac Kronk, Erica Goryl, Marissa Etwaroo (standing in back) and Lydia Earlywine.

Pattonville prominent at celebrity bee

Hannah Robinson, a fourth-grader at Rose Acres Elementary, was chosen to take part in the Back to School with Joe Buck Celebrity Bee on May 6, a fund-raising event for KidSmart. During the event, local celebrities test their knowledge in math, geography and science in an "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" style Bee. Robinson was one of the elementary students at the event who helped celebrities such as Karen Foss, Shimmy Grey, Ozzie Smith, Ralph Butler, Eric Brewer, Julie Buck and more answer questions. In another nod to Pattonville, event planners also used science questions taken from Pattonville High School's science curriculum. All proceeds from the event go to KidSmart's Free Store program, which provides teachers supplies for economically disadvantaged youth.



Business Bits

Paying the Bills

The Pattonville Board of Education on May 11 approved paying:

- \$1,295,973.65 in regular bills; and
- \$97,835.48 in cafeteria bills.

Board Actions

The Pattonville Board of Education on May 11:

- Approved the school opening date of August 16, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year in Pattonville;
- Lodged for action updates to policies BBBB (Board Member Oath of Office) and CBA (Qualifications and Duties of Superintendent); the board is expected to vote on the updates during its May 25 board meeting;
- Approved a "Race to the Top" Memorandum of Understanding with the intent of this approval being to collaborate, as well as to articulate specific roles and responsibilities, in support of Missouri in its implementation of an approved Race to the Top grant project, provided said roles and responsibilities are consistent with the goals and beliefs of the Pattonville Board of Education;
- Approved a "Board of Directors Resolution" in support of the application for funding resources from the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund;
- Approved paying \$28,000 to Educational Equity Consultant's Leadership and Racism Program - Eliminating the Achievement Gap to train a cohort of 28 staff members during the summer of 2010; and
- Accepted a program evaluation for the ninth-grade suspension program at Pattonville High School.

Bid Awards

The Pattonville Board of Education on May 11 awarded the following bids:

- \$3,825 to Bi-State Protection for the inspection of fire suppression systems and \$5,325 to Accurate Backflow for the inspection of irrigation devices;
- \$16,000 to Arcade Printing for the renewal of the printing and mailing newsprint bid;
- \$7,900 to Pride Master Inc. to furnish and install sink, fixtures and cabinets in the Parkwood Elementary teacher's work room;
- \$20,414.71 to W.T. Cox Subscriptions for the renewal of a subscription service agreement for the period of September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011; and
- \$26,247.38 to various music companies for band and orchestra instruments for Pattonville High School, Pattonville Heights Middle School, Holman Middle School and Remington Traditional School as follows: Shar Music Products, \$2,386.91; Southwest Strings, \$5,327.54; C Bout Music, \$420; Band Instrument, \$1,421.38; Mazingo Music, \$14,111; Steve Weiss Music, \$450.55; and St Louis Strings, \$2,130.

New Hire

- **Samantha Hoffman**, second-grade teacher, Briar Crest
- **Heather Margherita**, third-grade teacher, Briar Crest
- **LeAnne Cody**, cook, Pattonville Heights

Retirements

- **Henri LePique**, early childhood special education teacher, Drummond, effective May 28, 2010, after serving Pattonville 8 years
- **Anna Mae Kersten**, food service supervisor, Holman, effective May 27, 2010, after serving Pattonville 25 years
- **Roger Harlan**, bus driver, effective June 30, 2010, after serving Pattonville for 41 years
- **Melvin Simmons**, bus driver, effective June 30, 2010, after serving Pattonville for 18 years

Pattonville Online

www.psdr3.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.

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2010-2011 School Year

PATTONVILLE Calendar

August

- 5-6 - New teacher orientation
- 9-10 - New teacher orientation
- 12-13- All staff orientation
- 16 - First day of school
- 20 - No school - staff development day

September

- 6 - No school - Labor Day Holiday
- 17 - Grade-level collaboration day for elementary/early dismissal for middle school - Remington dismisses at 11:10 a.m., elementary at 11:55 a.m. and middle schools at 12:50 p.m.

October

- 6-7 - Parent-teacher conferences for high school (school in session)
- 8 - No school for high school following conferences
- 13-14 - Parent-teacher conferences for middle schools (Dismiss at 12:50 p.m.)
- 15 - No school for middle schools following conferences
- 22 - Grade-level collaboration day for elementary/early dismissal for middle school - Remington dismisses at 11:10 a.m., elementary at 11:55 a.m. and middle schools at 12:50 p.m.
- 29 - Report Day for K-5/Remington (K-5 dismisses at 11:55 a.m.; Remington at 11:10 a.m.)

November

- 2 - No school - staff development day
- 10 - Parent-teacher conferences for K-5/Remington (school in session)
- 11 - Parent-teacher conferences for K-5/Remington (K-5 dismisses at 11:55 a.m.; Remington at 11:10 a.m.)
- 12 - No school for K-5/Remington following conferences
- 25-26 - Thanksgiving Holidays (No school)

December

- 10 - Early dismissal day - Remington dismisses at 11:10 a.m., elementary schools at 11:55 a.m., and middle schools at 12:50 p.m.
- 20-22 - High school final exams (Dismiss at 10:30 a.m.)
- 23-31 - Winter Break (No school K-12)

January

- 3 - School resumes for K-5 and Remington
- 3 - No school/report Day for middle and high school
- 4 - School resumes for middle and high school
- 14 - Staff Development Day (No school K-12)
- 17 - Martin Luther King Holiday (No school)
- 28 - Grade-level collaboration day for elementary/early dismissal for middle school - Remington dismisses at 11:10 a.m., elementary at 11:55 a.m. and middle schools at 12:50 p.m.

February

- 11 - Report Day for K-5 and Remington (No school)
- 16 - Parent-teacher conferences for K-5/Remington (school in session)
- 17 - Parent-teacher conferences for K-5/Remington (K-5 dismisses at 11:55 a.m.; Remington at 11:10 a.m.)
- 18 - No school (K-5/Remington) following conferences
- 18 - Early dismissal for middle schools at 12:50 p.m.
- 21 - President's Day Holiday (No school)

March

- 2-3 - Parent-teacher conferences for high school (school in session)
- 4 - No school for high school following conferences
- 9-10 - Parent-teacher conferences for middle schools (Dismiss at 12:50 p.m.)
- 11 - No school for middle schools following conferences
- 18 - Early dismissal for K-5 at 11:55 a.m.; Remington at 11:10 a.m.
- 21-25 - Spring Break (No school K-12)

April

- 22 - Spring Holiday (No school)

May

- 6 - Grade-level Collaboration Day (K-5 dismiss at 11:55 a.m.; Remington at 11:10 a.m.)
- 27 - High school final exams (Dismiss at 10:30 a.m.)
- 30 - Memorial Day Holiday (No school K-12)
- 31 - High school final exams (Dismiss at 10:30 a.m.)

June

- 1 - High school final exams (Dismiss at 10:30 a.m.)
- 1 - Last day for students in Grades K-11
- 2 - Report day for staff - No school
- 2 - Graduation

End-of-Year Note: *The calendar includes six make-up days for the loss of attendance due to inclement weather/emergency. For each inclement weather day not used, one day will be subtracted from the closing school date. The final day of school is typically set by the Board of Education in April based on the number of inclement weather/emergency days used during the school year. All school calendars are subject to change to be in compliance with state law, including the required number of emergency days and the agreed upon number of contracted days for staff.*

Clip and Save this Calendar for the Next School Year!