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# Board At Work



News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

## Pattonville Homecoming 2009



At left, the parade marches down McKelvey Road. Below, members of the Class of 1959 show their pride during the parade.



At right, the Pirate Marching Band. Below, the Junior Class float. Bottom photo: part of Rose Acres' float. Bottom right, Martez Mason runs with the ball.



**P**irates of all ages, from preschoolers to long-time graduates, enjoyed Pattonville's Homecoming, which included a parade, barbecue, football game and dance. At least three different Pattonville reunion groups participated in the day – including the Classes of 1959, 1969 and 1989. In addition, more than 40 Pirate Marching Band alumni from different graduating classes attended and performed in a pre-game show with current PHS band members. These alumni, along with some of the reunion groups, enjoyed the day's events, including a tour of the school. It was a great day for the Pirate Nation, as current, former and future Pattonville High School students and their families joined in the celebration. Winners of the float competition were as follows: Green and White Award - Class of 1959; Traveling Trophy (Best Elementary/Middle School) - Rose Acres Elementary; Pete's Pick (Outstanding high school club/organization/sport float) - varsity girls volleyball; Outstanding Theme Costume Award - Briar Crest Elementary; and Outstanding Class Float - junior class.



### See More

To see a gallery of photos visit Pattonville's Web site ([www.psd3.org](http://www.psd3.org)) and look under "Seasonal Links."

# Superintendent's Update

Michael A. Fulton, Ed.D, Superintendent

## A great day for the Pirate Nation

Pattonville's Oct. 3 Homecoming celebration was a great day for the Pirate Nation (see front page for photos and story). Thanks to the high school, community groups and our elementary and middle schools for participating and making it a fun day for the entire community.

## Early Childhood takes to the streets

Pattonville's early childhood program went on the road recently in an effort to reach more families. The trips into the community were part of the district's early childhood improvement plan. Group meetings for the Parents As Teachers programs were held at locations that were convenient for clusters of families, said Laurie Wenzel, director of early childhood. Recent group meetings were held at the Ridgepoint Crossing and Oxford Hills apartment complexes. A future meeting will be held at the Cypress Village Apartment Complex. Parent educators are hosting meetings in the community instead of at their usual location at the Pattonville Learning Center in order to encourage more families to attend group meetings. Group meetings enable parents to learn more about different topics related to raising a preschooler and to provide parent-child interaction with learning activities.



Pattonville parent educator Lori Connors visits with families in the community.

## First part of middle school pilot wraps with 3-school meet

Our middle school cross country pilot program wrapped up on Oct. 10 with a cross country meet at Pattonville High School. Twenty-one eighth-graders from Holman Middle School, Pattonville Heights Middle School and Remington Traditional School took part in the meet which featured a two-mile course. The top five finishers among the boys and the girls were awarded medals. Pattonville began a pilot this fall to explore additional ways to get middle school students involved in after-school activities. The meet was the culminating event for the six-week cross country program. This winter, all eighth-graders can participate in a free six-week session of volleyball, which will conclude in a three-school tournament. In the spring, another six weeks of cross country is scheduled, with the students running in the Pattonville Wellness Run/Walk on May 15th.



The top male and female finishers in the Pattonville middle school cross country meet were honored with medals.

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## Scottish Orchestra Workshop, Round 2

Pattonville middle school and high school orchestra students were recently involved in a music workshop with Brian McNeill, a famous Scottish fiddler and founder of the Scottish Music Program at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD). The workshop was funded and organized by The Scottish Partnership in Arts and Education (SPAЕ) of St. Louis, with grant money from the Missouri Arts Council, Arts and Education Fund and other private donations. This is the second year Pattonville students have been able to participate in the after-school workshop. This year, students from Holman Middle School, Pattonville Heights Middle School, Pattonville High School and Remington Traditional School participated. They finished their training by performing a concert with other area school orchestras. McNeill told Pattonville orchestra teachers he was impressed with our orchestra students, and they played strongly enough to be the leaders of the middle school groups in the concert.



Scottish fiddler Brian McNeill leads Pattonville orchestra students in a Scottish Music Workshop.

## PHS student, teacher return from Space Camp

Alexis Moore, a teacher of the visually impaired at Pattonville High School, and her student, Sitou Agbakpem, returned recently from a visit to NASA's Space Camp. The two journeyed to Huntsville, AL, with a group of 16 blind and visually impaired students from throughout Missouri. The Missouri group was sponsored by the Lighthouse for the Blind. While at Space Camp, Sitou completed a mission, constructed and launched rockets, learned about space history, experienced weightlessness on the 1/6th chair simulator, went through low ropes courses, braved a climbing wall, met an astronaut who signed his rocket and toured Rocket Park. They also heard a presentation from a blind engineer who works for NASA. He shared that NASA has more than 15 people working for them who are blind or visually impaired. Sitou met other students who are blind or visually impaired from Canada, Ireland, Australia, Dominica, Oklahoma, West Virginia, South Carolina, Utah, and other areas in addition to others from Missouri.



Above, Sitou Agbakpem at Space Camp. At left, Sitou and his teacher, Alexis Moore, pose in front of a rocket at Space Camp.

## Business Bits Sports news

### Bills and Bids

The Pattonville Board of Education on Oct. 13 approved paying:

- \$1,779,621.72 in regular bills; and
- \$123,570.61 in cafeteria bills.

### Board Actions

The Pattonville Board of Education on Oct. 13:

- Reviewed the Board of Education Self-Evaluation;
- Reviewed an out-of-town trip by the high school DECA marketing organization;
- Approved out-of-town trips by the high school debate team and high school orchestra;
- Certified the Pattonville National Education Association (PNEA) as the organization with the largest teacher membership (412), and also as the representative body for the 2009-2010 school year;
- Approved contract adjustments for 2006 bond issue projects, per change orders, in the amount of \$222,209.44;
- Approved a resolution of support and participation in the all-hazard mitigation plan update developed by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) for the St. Louis region;
- Awarded the bid for Adobe graphic design software for the district instructional specialists, the Pattonville Heights computer lab and the district webmaster to Softchoice Corporation for \$7,633.22; and
- Awarded the bid for digital video recording systems for Holman Middle School, Pattonville Heights Middle School and Pattonville High school to Video Insight for \$57,863.

### New Hires

- **Justin Smiley**, social studies, High School
- **Jennifer Brown**, English Language Learner paraprofessional, Drummond
- **Debra Forbes**, custodian, High School

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[www.psd3.org](http://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.

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