DISTRICT
University of Central Missouri Clinical Pathways Students Interviewed

On Monday, March 6th administrators went to the UCM campus in Warrensburg, MO to interview education students. The group of students are a part of the Clinical Pathways program, which is available for some of the elementary education majors. When students are a part of the Clinical Pathways program they have two semesters of student teaching. The first semester the students are in the district they rotate through three different grade levels and work with small group instruction. From this experience the administrators select the most appropriate fit for the student teaching placement during the next semester.

The UCM students will begin their Clinical Pathways when our year begins in August and will do their final student teaching semester beginning in January. We are honored Pleasant Hill Primary, Elementary, and Intermediate Schools have been selected to work with the UCM students again. This will be the second group of Clinical Pathways students we have hosted.

Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. Arbuckle, and Mrs. Haight interviewed prospective student teachers at University of Central Missouri recently. The students are a part of the Clinical Pathways program in the Elementary Education Department.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

PS students and staff have incorporated all sorts of themes and fun in learning activities recently. First grade saw a production of “The Rainbow Fish” at the Folly Theater. We enjoyed character costumes and lots of Dr. Seuss books during Read Across America Week. Today is Missouri Read-In Day, with stories, pajamas, and lots of oral and silent reading in every classroom throughout the day. We are looking forward to Dollars and Donuts with Dads, first grade Grandparents’ Day, and second grade leprechaun traps next week. Teachers are completing third quarter data records and preparing for an afternoon of learning about professional development plans in our NEE system.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Spotlight on Mrs. Norman’s Class

PHES students are celebrating Music In Our School Month. Each child wrote about how music influences their life. These pendants are hung for all to see. Mrs. Norman always inspires our students to learn and grow in their knowledge of music. The kids find her lessons to be highly motivating and engaging.
READING OPENS DOORS at PHES
As part of Read Across America Week, teachers decorated their doors to showcase a favorite book. Students were able to choose two classrooms to go visit and listen to that book being read. Each student took notes about the books they heard and then completed an activity in their classroom. A wonderful way to hear great literature!

Spotlighting Mrs. Breslin’s Class
Mrs. Mackey was invited to this fourth grade class to listen to students share their persuasive writings. The students were hoping to gain permission to create a habitat in the courtyard that would encourage the honey bees to come. The students spoke of the sources for the decline in honey bees and the many services that are provided by these insects. Students also shared the “hives” they had created to provide a “home” for any bees that came into the area. Mrs. Mackey and the students discussed how to keep the bees and people around the school safe.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Congratulations to the PHIS Students of the Month for March! Students were nominated by their peers for exhibiting outstanding character traits, in particular—kindness! What a great honor to be recognized by one’s peers! Congratulations to: Carter Hull, Phoenix Werner, Chase Brattin, Nevaeh Walker, Jaiden Little, Noah
Moreno, Taliya Guenther, Alyssa Wiggins, Katherine Hamilton, Peyton Brunell, Steven Guynn, and Reagan Kimrey! Congratulations to the PHIS Students of the Week! They are: Quincy Payne Thornton, Isabelle Talbot, Aspen Milbrandt, Bethany Markham, Grace McCommon, and Cody Parker. They were selected by teams of teachers for exhibiting character traits and doing good deeds.

Mrs. Loethen’s art classes have been busy. Below you will see art work that depicts positive and negative space (6th grade semester Art), Half Portraits (6th grade Art), Optical Art (5th grade), Collaborative Sculpture inspired by Dale Chihuly (6th grade year long), and Aztec Stone of the Sun (6th grade year long Art). PHIS students are extremely talented and creative!

Congratulations to 5th grader, Brady Hughes, for coming in 3rd place in the Cass County Spelling Bee! Mrs. Williamson, Brady’s ELA teacher, reported that Brady was calm and comfortable throughout the entire bee; we are very proud of him!

Mrs. Chandler directed the March Choir Concert on the 9th. Students performed beautifully. The concert included music guitar ensembles, all sixth grade classes, and the sixth grade select choir.
**Middle School**

Left: PHMS’s ELA teachers work to design a benchmark assessment using the new Illuminate/DnA system. Center: During last month’s PD, middle school teachers design individual professional goals using the PDP module of the NEE system. Right: The jazz band was featured at a Missouri Mavericks game where they performed the national anthem.

**Pleasant Hill Middle School**

Spring at PHMS will begin with planning and learning. Both the ELA and math departments met with curriculum coordinator Mrs. Angie Davis to design benchmark assessments for each grade level in each area. This use of our new DnA system will give teachers immediate formative assessment data to adjust instruction before MAP testing. Project Lead the Way has made its way from seventh to eighth grade where students looked at sections of the brain and used the scientific processes to identify and label the various lobes and their parts. Fourth quarter includes several performances from our band and choirs. The jazz band just completed a playing of the national anthem at the Missouri Mavericks game. Our student council under the direction of Ms. Janice Martin raised over $1400 through various activities and contests with the student body. This was $200 over their goal! The spring also brings track and field athletes to the complex each day after school to prepare for their season in April.

Lower: Ms. Pierce’s and Mrs. Davis’ eighth-grade science classes completed a dissection lab last week. They labeled the major parts of a sheep brains with toothpick flags. Once the outer phase of labeling was complete; they photographed their markers, pulled them out, and then dissected the brain to label in the inner areas. This was a PLTW module.

**High School**

The following students have received an award for their artwork in the 2017 University of Central Missouri High School Competitive Art Exhibition. Award winning high school art will be on display in the Art Center hallways from March 6–17.

Graphic Design Category: Sarah Miller (10) "Early Bird"
SPECIAL SERVICES
Carey Armstrong - PHES Co-Teaching
During third quarter, fourth grade students have been studying the American Revolution. Our culminating research project involves students choosing a famous Patriot or a famous Loyalist and presenting the impact this famous person had on the American Revolution and the formation of the United States of America.

To present their findings, students in Mrs. Smothers’ and Mrs. Sullivan’s co-teaching classes will use the computer program “Scratch” to code an interactive storyboard using Makey Makey’s. Students will then record their presentation using Chromebooks.

In the photos, Mrs. Smothers’ students are teaching students from Mrs. Sullivan’s class how to use the Makey Makey’s and the Chromebooks. The end result will allow students to integrate their knowledge of the American Revolution with their computer coding and technology skills. Presentations will become an interpretive display and a “living museum” that the students will be able to tour.

PLEASANT HILL ACTIVITIES… “IT’S A GREAT DAY TO BE A ROOSTER/CHICK!”
Highlights:
1. Chicks/Rooster Basketball/Basketball Cheer: These programs will celebrate their seasons on Thursday evening March 16th at 6:30pm. The honorees are still a secret but... the Chicks had three players selected for All-MRVC honors. The Roosters also had three players selected for All-MRVC honors. More importantly, both squads had 7 players represent their
teams as Academic All-MRVC Conference honors and the winter cheerleaders had nine individuals selected between the wrestling and basketball squads!

2. **Rooster Wrestling:** Coach Wyatt recognized four Academic All-Conference honorees at their awards ceremony last week. Cole Lightfoot, Lane Jellison, Chance Sullivan & Alex Moore He also identified three 1st team MRVC All-Conference performers; Lane Jellison, Cole Lightfoot & Gaige Brunell. Wrestling Cheer honorees for MRVC Academic All-Conference are Ali Ray, Emma Moore & Robin Brundage.

3. **Hillside and all the Pleasant Hill show choirs:** Hillside travelled to Omaha last weekend and had continued success. Hillside Singers was 1st in their division with best vocals and 3rd in finals! Powerhouse took 2nd in their division and Hilltop took 3rd in their division. The choral kids will be participating in district competition for solos and ensembles this coming Saturday.

4. **Speech and Debate** The speech and debate team competed in the NSDA national qualifying tournament. Five entries advanced to elimination rounds. Fernanda Sierra placed 10th in original oratory, Mackenzie Beaman finished 8th in dramatic interpretation and is an alternate to the national tournament, Eric Humphrey finished 7th in US extemporaneous speaking and is also an alternate. Alex Whittington finished 6th in oratory and 4th in humorous interpretation. Due to prior commitments as governor of Mo Boys State Alex will not be able to attend the tournament but qualifying is a major accomplishment on its own. The team will next compete to qualify for the state tournament this coming weekend and one more national qualifying event on April 4th.

5. **Band:** The MRVC All-Conference band had nine members from Pleasant Hill High School (pictured below) last Saturday! Mr. Twenter and Ms. Langemach along with The Pride of the Hill organized a relief effort of sorts to help the tornado victims of Oak Grove, Missouri. Mr. Twenter reached out to the Oak Grove band director to see what the kids could do to help. Dr. Canaan also reached out to the Oak Grove principal. The result cumulated into a band trailer full of items donated by the Pleasant Hill community to send their way assisting with the relief effort. Outstanding work!

6. **The Scholar Bowl:** The scholar bowl students head out to Blue River Community College this week to compete in the annual MRVC Conference Tournament. Both the varsity and JV squads will be competing. Keep your ears open on twitter and the activities webpage for results!

7. **DECA:** The DECA students have travelled to the Lodge of the Four Seasons to compete in DECA State competitions. The DECA program has performed well under the direction of Mr. Zach Johnson this year continuing its tradition of high student involvement and enthusiasm. Results should be ready within the next publication.

8. **Rooster Baseball:** The Roosters travel to Harrison, Arkansas this coming weekend to compete in the Ozark Classic. The community of Harrison hosts this tournament every year providing free hotel rooms for the teams allowing for a more affordable trip for the schools involved. Coach Maid will be taking his full squad this year allowing all to work on team building activities with the two new assistant coaches; Landon Teal and Jason Fields. Good luck Roosters!

9. **Chicks Soccer:** The Chicks opened their season this past Friday with a successful jamboree at Lee’s Summit HS! Coach Iantorno is very optimistic about this year’s team and is particularly impressed with all the talent coming out for the team this year.

10. **Pleasant Hill Track:** The track team has begun practice and is looking for big things this season! Lead by multiple returners who were state qualifiers last year, the young guns joining the team will have their work cut out for them. The team opens their season next week; Tuesday March 21st in Belton.
FACILITIES
The grounds staff has been busy getting the equipment ready for the mowing season. In addition, staff has been busy cleaning up the grounds from debris created by the recent storms. The various projects approved by the board for this summer are in the planning stages with bidding taking place on some projects.