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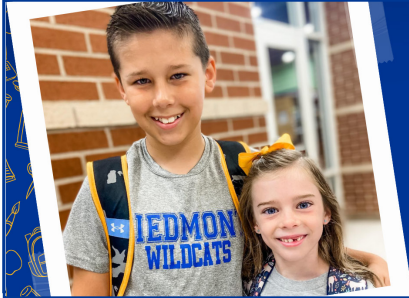
MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year opens March 21st. This enrollment period is for all NEW-TO-PIEDMONT students, including Pre-K enrollees. Families are encouraged to compile all necessary documentation now to make the enrollment process easy and efficient.



Piedmont Public Schools
**2022-2023
ENROLLMENT**
OPENS MARCH 21ST



DISTRICT HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVES

- PPS hosted two COVID-19 vaccine opportunities during the months of January and February with the **Oklahoma Caring Van**. 132 individuals signed up to receive initial vaccines or boosters.
- The **OU Medicine Breast Health Network** will bring their mobile mammogram bus to the district on March 21st.

SITE TEACHER OF THE YEAR HONOREES SELECTED

Each year, teachers from our seven school sites choose one representative from their school as the Site Teacher of the Year. These innovative educators are selected by their colleagues for their ability to connect with students and teachers as a leader at their school site. These individuals move on to be considered for the District Teacher of the Year. Once they reach this level, they move forward to the State Teacher of the Year competition.

We congratulate the 2021-22 Site Teacher of the Year honorees!

Piedmont Early Childhood Center - Tiffany Downing

Northwood Elementary - Jessica Keyser

Piedmont Elementary - Robert Ham

Stone Ridge Elementary - Tasha Dougherty

Piedmont Intermediate - Sara Rhoades

Middle School of Piedmont - Amy Brezina

Piedmont High School - Jon Bakewell



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ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



- The PHS Academic team were the **AREA CHAMPIONS** and qualified for the **STATE** tournament!
- Eight PHS Student-Athletes participated in National Letter of Intent Signing Day on February 9th
- Swim finished 3rd at Suburban Conference Swim meet
- Girls' basketball finished runner-up in the Weatherford tournament
- Girls' basketball finished 3rd in the Newcastle tournament



INSTRUCTION & STUDENT SERVICES

Student Surveys

Recently, students at Piedmont High School and the Middle School of Piedmont completed a survey on courses that they are interested in taking for the upcoming school year. The information gleaned from these surveys will help our principals and counselors select future course offerings and expand our curriculum to meet the interest level and needs of the students. A few additional courses that will be available next year as a result of this process are Modern Music and the Influence it has on Society, Advanced Placement European History, Agriscience I, Agricultural Exploration, Film Theory, Advanced Culinary Arts, and E-Sports.



FEBRUARY 2022



CONSTRUCTION: PROJECT UPDATES

Wildcat Athletics Center

- Gymnasium and two-story are roofed and dried in
- Structural block is going up on wrestling room
- Structural steel for the lobby is being erected
- Metal stud framers are inside framing furr downs and walls
- Sprinkler system is being installed
- Electricians are running conduit
- Plumbers are setting roof drains and HVAC unit curbs

Baseball Field

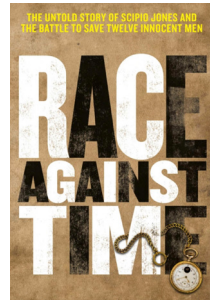
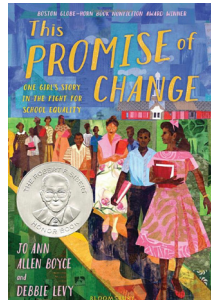
- The baseball field is now finished, except for some minor punch list items. The PHS baseball team played their first scrimmage on Tuesday, February 15th at the field.



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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT PPS

Educators across the district are creating engaging lessons for Black History Month. Below are a few examples:



Piedmont Public Schools Librarians and Media Center Specialists selected book titles from their libraries to celebrate Black History Month. Above are a few books suggested by our team.



Laura Pope, music teacher at Northwood Elementary, has celebrated Black History Month with her students by studying several songs including "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The third and fourth grade students are learning several Freedom Songs.

First grade students read a book about Aretha Franklin and listened to some of her music.

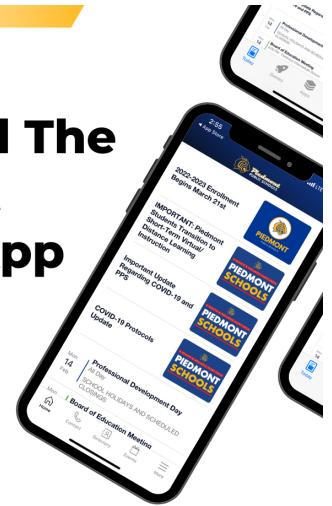
"It's been so interesting and I love hearing the kids ask such thoughtful questions," she writes.

Mrs. Pope has created a book display in her room where students can check out great books about music for Black History Month.



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COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

Several PPS Department of Special Services' employees recently attended the Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Convention. New strategies have already been implemented in the classroom from the incredible sessions at the conference.