

# PIEDMONT FOCUS

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS





# PIEDMONT Public Schools

## BOARD OF EDUCATION JUNE 2022 MEETING UPDATES

### Special Education Presentation - "Special Education is a Service, Not a Place."

Special Education Directors Kiley Rios and Kaitlin Smith presented on the Department of Special Services including program details, growth, goals of the department, and more. They expanded on how they are searching for inclusive opportunities for students who receive special services - work-study, athletics, events, etc.

### Superintendent's Report

Enrollment Update:

**Enrollment at the end of 2020-21: 4469**

**Enrollment at the end of 2021-22: 4835**

### Special Board Closeout Meeting - June 28, 2022 at 9 a.m.

The board discussed proposed school start and end time changes. **They tabled the vote.** *This item will be included on the June 28th agenda to be voted on at that time.*

The proposed time changes are listed below. The discussion and reason for the proposed change included:

- Adding triple-routes for some buses would require time changes for schools
- Reduction of traffic
- Assistance with bus driver shortage
- ECC students (PK &K) will remain on a separate bus from all other students

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
PHS & MSP:	7:50AM-2:50PM	7:30AM-2:30PM
INTERMEDIATE:	7:50AM-2:50PM	8:00AM-3:00PM
ELEMENTARIES:	8:30AM-3:30PM	8:30AM-3:30PM
ECC:	8:15AM-3:15PM	8:00AM-3:00PM

### The board discussed the addition of ESports at Piedmont High School

- Currently have 49 HS students enrolled; 25 will be chosen from tryouts for competitive roster
- OSSAA-sanctioned activity for HS
- Can have tournaments, watch remotely or at HS
- OSSAA-approved Games: League of Legends, Rocket League, Splatoon 2, Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, FIFA 22, Madden NFL 21, Smite
- Parent/Guardian Information Session will be held for enrolled students and families.

## VOTING & MOTIONS

There was a motion by Steven Cox to approve the consent agenda with \$25,000 deductible for OSIG on Item K and to remove Meares Mechanical from the contracts list for contract corrections. Katie Cornman seconded the motion. The board voted yes unanimously.

The board convened into executive session to review and discuss candidates for the vacant board seat (#5) and to discuss the employment list. After returning to open session, the board approved the employment list, except Candace Cunningham who rescinded her acceptance. The board will interview candidates for the open seat at the June 28th special meeting.

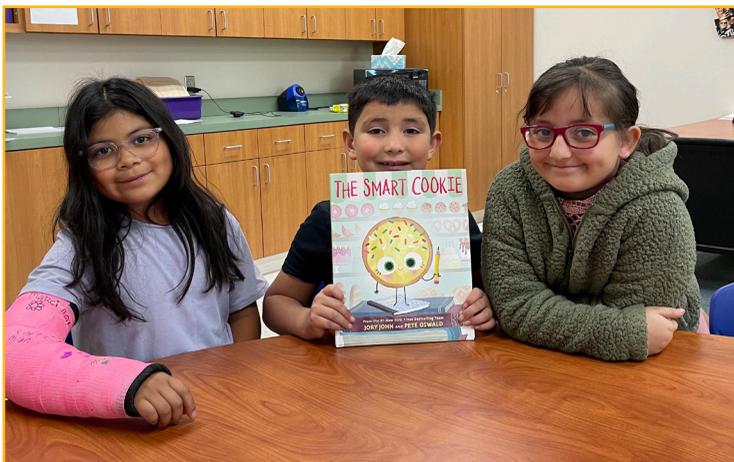
# DISTRICT UPDATES

## RSA UPDATE

The purpose of the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) is to ensure that all Oklahoma students are reading on grade level at the end of third grade (a critical juncture when students go from learning to read to reading to learn). RSA specifically requires supports for children in kindergarten thru third grade. An Individual Plan of Reading Instruction (IPRI) is developed for students scoring below benchmark on the state-approved universal screener. These students receive specific interventions by a certified teacher, reading interventionist, or reading specialist. Third grade students must meet the end-of-year benchmark score on the universal screener or meet RSA criteria on the state-mandated assessments. If the student does not meet these requirements and does not qualify for a good-cause exemption, the student must be retained in third grade. At the start of the year, 107 third grade students were at-risk of retention. Elementary educators and students worked diligently throughout the year and only one third grade student was retained due to RSA regulations.

In May, site reading specialists used data collected to identify students, kindergarten thru sixth grade, needing reading support throughout the summer. The numbers below reflect these students who were invited to participate in an incentivized summer iStation program. Teachers from each building are checking in with students— helping, encouraging, and tracking progress.

<b>Piedmont Early Childhood Center:</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Northwood Elementary:</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Piedmont Elementary:</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Stone Ridge Elementary:</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Piedmont Intermediate:</b>	<b>111</b>



## Childcare Center AT PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our employee childcare center closed the year with an almost full enrollment. Children enjoyed water play activities, glow dance parties and sending off their classroom teachers who graduated this year.

**Mrs. Karri Bigelow, Mrs. Janea Hardy and their incredible team of providers** have given our employees an immeasurable gift. They have loved, nurtured, and taught their precious children and celebrated each one's growth and development.

**In addition, our PPS Childcare Center was awarded three grants by DHS in the total amount of \$33,000.**



**"WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW THANKFUL I AM FOR THE CHILDCARE CENTER. THE LEVEL OF LOVE AND CARE MY DAUGHTER RECEIVES HAS FAR EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS!"**

- RILEY THOMAS, PPS COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### WILDCAT ATHLETIC CENTER

- Paving is almost complete on the north side of the building
- Paving between the building and the parking lot is underway
- In 3-4 weeks, all paving and sidewalks will be complete
- All masonry will be complete at the end of next week
- The basement will be fully painted by the end of next week
- Tile is being installed in the restrooms in the basement
- The basement will be complete in 3 to 4 weeks
- Framing in the lobby area is underway
- Painting walls in the gym is underway
- The HVAC installation is ongoing. Firing up the HVAC system is scheduled for the last week of June.
- Once HVAC is complete, the gym floor will be delivered. The floor must be acclimated to the climate of the gym for two weeks. Installation of the gym floor is scheduled for the middle of July.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

- The construction trailer is on site
- The construction fence has been installed
- All office furniture and kitchen equipment have been moved to storage
- HVAC units have been removed
- Demo will begin this week



## PPS SPECIAL SERVICES



### ESY AT PIEDMONT SCHOOLS

Extended School Year services are being provided for qualifying students with special needs. These services can include academic support, speech-language therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. The purpose of ESY is to curb regression of student skills over the extended summer break.

- 16 in early childhood group
- 13 in elementary group
- 14 in secondary group

## ENROLLMENT CENTER

### NEW ENROLLEES AT PIEDMONT SCHOOLS

Our Enrollment Center continues to welcome new Wildcats to our team. At the time of printing, we've enrolled the following number of NEW students per grade:

PK:	191	4TH:	10	9TH:	8
K:	56	5TH:	12	10TH:	8
1ST:	18	6TH:	13	11TH:	7
2ND:	11	7TH:	10	12TH:	2
3RD:	8	8TH:	8		

### OSDE ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

We have completed the Annual Statistical Report, as required by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. This report includes our total membership throughout the year, as well student attendance numbers, and student rosters. As part of this process, we also provide documentation for out-of-home placements, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for our youngest students with special needs, and explanations for all students with ten or more consecutive absences.

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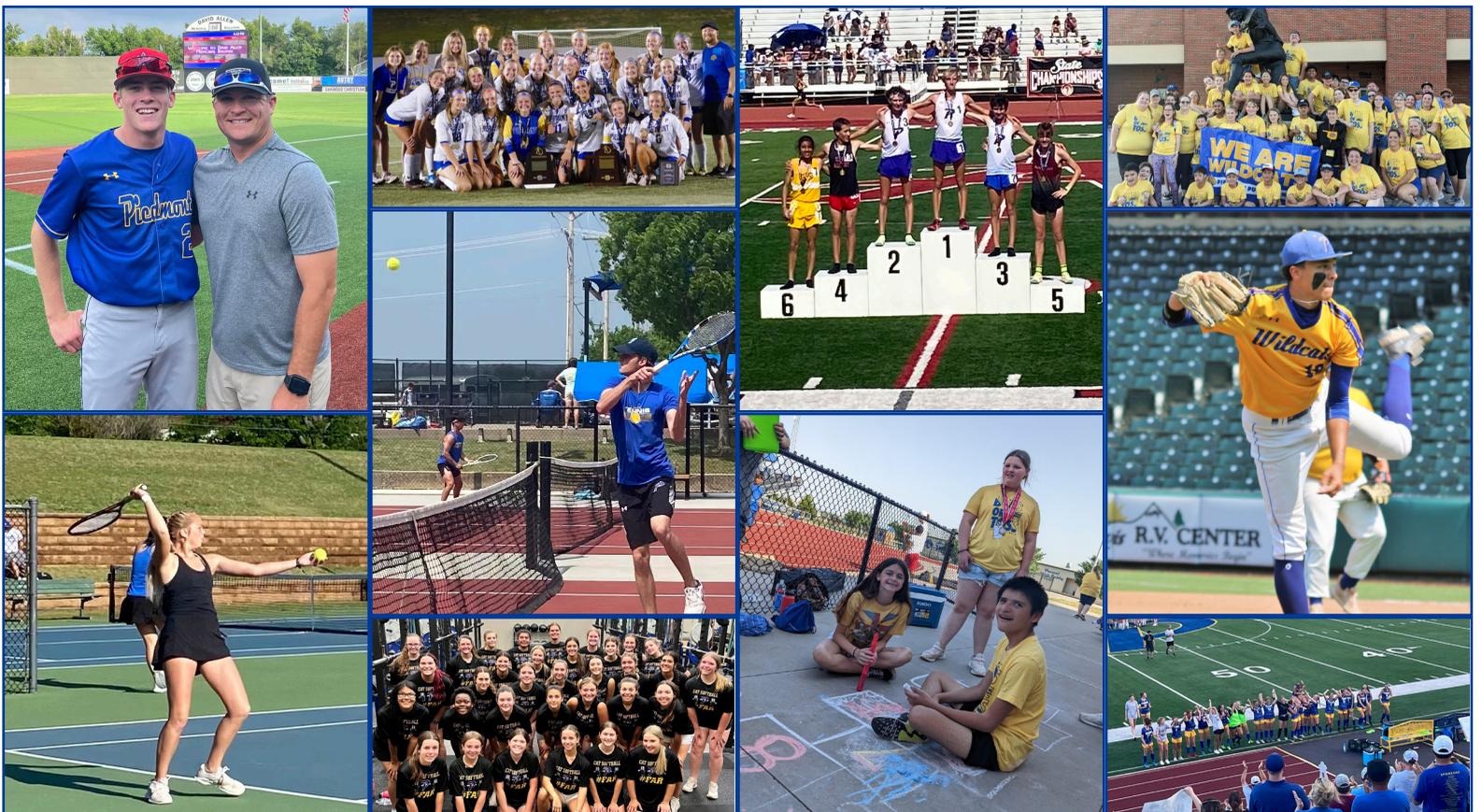
## ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

### EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

- Began summer pride workouts
- Interviewed and screened multiple candidates for head coaching vacancies
- Confirmed scheduling of our annual physical night for July 14th
- Published camps / summer pride on Purplepass to make certain they were made user friendly for potential registrants
- Coordinated facility availability for camps, weight sessions, skills, and tryouts
- Instructed and aided coaches on end-of-the-year financials
- Scheduling and coordinating with other schools to finalize sports schedules for next school year
- Plan and initiate schedules for assistant coaches to assist with summer pride, camps and other summer activities pertaining to athletics
- Met with BSN rep Tyler Gaines to discuss Team Store (PPS merchandise) for 2022-2023 school year
- Reconciled financials from Regional Softball and Baseball with OSSAA

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

- Piedmont Special Olympics team competed in the Summer games in Stillwater and hosted their annual field day at the football stadium
- Head baseball coach Adam Skokowski won Big All-City Coach of the Year
- Coulson Riggs and Caleb Lunnon were selected to the Big All-City teams
- Piedmont football hosted spring football workouts
- Multiple sports hosted successful camps
- Piedmont softball hosted the NJCAA Region II Tournament
- Men's track won the 5A state championship for the first time in school history and the women's team placed sixth at state
- Women's soccer and Wildcat baseball both finished their seasons as state runners-up
- Men's and women's golf each qualified for the 5A state tournament
- Men's and women's tennis had representatives from both teams in the 5A state tournament
- Band put on their final performance of the year
- Karissa Fiegner was chosen as the 2021-2022 Gatorade Softball Player of the Year



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## INSTRUCTION & STUDENT SERVICES

### NEW PROGRAMS & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Piedmont High School is starting an Aviation and Aerospace program beginning in the fall of 2022. Our partnership with Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association (AOPA) and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission will allow our students to obtain their private pilot certification and/or part 107 Unmanned Drone Aircraft Certification by their senior year. Recognizing the need for a skilled workforce in the aerospace and aviation industry, Piedmont Schools is working with the Aeronautics Commission to support Oklahoma high school students interested in aerospace or aviation as a career when they finish their post-secondary education.

We have 27 freshmen students slated to begin this program in the fall. The pathway is a four-year journey in which students will take one class per year as one of their elective classes.



## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

### SUMMER LEARNING AND NEW ELA MATERIALS

June has been very busy getting students ready for summer school at the high school. One hundred and forty-two students are enrolled in one or more courses this summer to get ahead in their credits or recover credits lost during the last couple of years. We are pleased so many of our students have taken advantage of this time to continue their education.

We received several teacher edition copies for our newly adopted language arts (ELA) curriculum before teachers left for summer break. Several teachers attended training hosted by HMH to get a jump start on navigating the new curriculum. We are also in the process of making new curriculum maps for language arts in grades K-5.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

36

CERTIFIED NEW HIRES  
FOR 2022-23 PRIOR TO  
THIS MONTH

7

CERTIFIED NEW HIRES  
IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

### CERTIFIED STAFF OPENINGS:

ECC: 0	PI: 3
NW: 0	MS: 0
PES: 0	HS: 4
SR: 5	

## COMMUNICATIONS

### ENROLLMENT EXPRESS THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

Our district is working to implement an integrated form system that lives within our student information system, PowerSchool. This form system is called Enrollment Express. It simplifies the enrollment onboarding process and will improve productivity of our enrollment team.

### SOCIAL MEDIA & OPEN RECORDS COMPLIANCE

Our district has been working to find a solution to ensure social media platforms connected to Piedmont Schools comply with Oklahoma Open Records Laws. We are in the process of narrowing down vendors.