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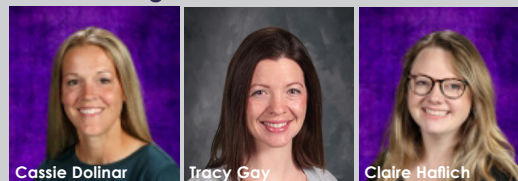
Governor's Scholars

Congratulations to Olivia Blankenship and Grant Lockwood for earning recognition as Governor's Scholars!! The Governor's Scholars program honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors.



Show-Me Careers Externships

The educators listed have been accepted into the Show-Me Careers Kansas City program offered by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Kauffman Foundation. In this week-long summer externship the team will be immersed in hands-on activities and simulations to support curriculum development for the newly launched academy courses at Piper High School. The team will work directly with employers from Burns and McDonnell, Cerner, and other business members of the Greater Kansas City Chamber. This directly supports the real world learning efforts in our districts!



Cassie Dolinar

Tracy Gay

Claire Haflich



Taylor Spangler

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Cassie Dolinar, Piper High School, PE Teacher and Health Sciences Academy Leader

Tracy Gay, Piper Middle School, 8th Grade Academy Prep Teacher

Claire Haflich, Piper High School, Social Studies Teacher and Public Services Academy Leader

Taylor Spangler, Piper High School, FACS Teacher and Human Services Academy Leader

Polly Vader, Coordinator of Real World Learning and Career and Technical Education



Can You Dig It?

As a part of their creative research project on dinosaurs, Piper Creek Elementary's fourth graders interviewed University of Kansas paleontologist Dr. David Burnham. Their questions covered everything from naming rights for dinosaurs to the details of excavating bones! Dr. Burnham even showed them a dinosaur skull.



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Future Ready Donation

A HUGE thank you to the Piper community and the Piper Educational Foundation for its \$50,000 donation to the district's Future Ready initiatives. Foundation president Melanie Bakarich presented the financial gift to Superintendent Dr. Jessica Dain at the foundation's annual April breakfast.



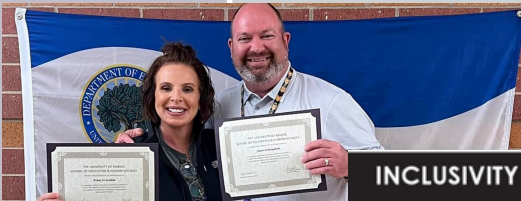
Refugee Hygiene Kit Drive

Mrs. Olivia Wallace's 6th grade Crew class organized a refugee hygiene kit drive this spring at Piper Middle School. With donations from students, staff, and the community, they were able to assemble 30 hygiene kits. The kits will be donated to KC for Refugees.



Experienced Leadership

Our amazing Piper Prairie Elementary School principals Bilee Grable and Jason Malaschak received an award for being in education for more than 25 years!



Seal of Biliteracy

A statement of accomplishment that recognizes a student's readiness for postsecondary success and for engagement as a global citizen, the Seal of Biliteracy recognizes any student who has attained functional proficiency in English and one or more other world languages. This is the first year that Piper has offered Seal of Biliteracy testing and we are proud to announce that four students – three graduating seniors and one junior – earned silver seals.



Early Childhood Spring Fling

The Early Childhood celebrated the end of the school year with a Spring Fling – including water play, scooters, sack races, and crafting their own bubble wands and then using them outside to blow bubbles.



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