

## of A TRADITION EXCELLENCE

### To Infinity and Beyond!

We are incredibly proud to announce our new community partnership with Red Tail Academy. As our district continues to find opportunities to provide our students with real-world experiences, this organization couldn't be a better match for our students interested in aviation. This academy experience is the very first private grounds pilot program for the Piper School District.

The Red Tail Academy is a newly founded non-profit organization that is made of local pilots and aviation enthusiasts that are passionate about helping youth overcome barriers into the world of aviation. Their vision is "to see a vibrant aviation industry with a well-educated and trained workforce composed of individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds and cultures".

We are thrilled to share that two students from Piper High School, **Evan Toms** and **Konnor McDaniel**, will be representing the District at this new academy. When they are

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finished, they will have their official pilot's license! A special CONGRATULATIONS to these Piper students as they begin their journey into aviation with the support and expertise of Red Tail Academy. We are excited to see their future success!



**Commissioner Mike Kane:** Thanks to a generous donation from Unified Government Commissioner Mike Kane to this initiative, two Piper students will be able to participate in the ground school course and simulator sessions at no cost. Commissioner, we thank you for supporting our future-ready initiative and the individual needs of all our students. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU.



**Red Tail Academy Board of Directors:** Jeffery Bolden, Henry Gooch, David Toliver, Sam White, and Patrick Nelson, WE THANK YOU! We look forward to working together in what will be a long-standing partnership towards aviation excellence.



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## Parade of Hearts

The artists for the Kansas City Parade of Hearts have been announced, and they include **Mrs. Stacy Haworth, art teacher at Piper Creek Elementary, along with her students at PCE!** A total of 123 artists were selected to design 154 hearts, with some artists having two of their designs chosen. Over 700 designs were submitted for consideration starting in June.

The designs will be painted onto massive heart sculptures that read "KC" to place around the region and promote tourism and unification. A heart was chosen because Kansas City is the "heart of America." Each artist will receive a stipend of \$2,000 per heart.



Locations for the hearts have not been finalized yet, but the art should be placed in March of 2022.



Congratulations Mrs. Haworth and PCE Students; we can't wait to see your design!

