

of A TRADITION EXCELLENCE

Taking Care of Business

Piper Middle School's 6th grade Project-Based Learning classes went to Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City's BizTown where they learned how to run a business, how to run a town, and how to spend and save money like citizens.



Piper Grad's Art Chosen for Parade of Hearts

Congratulations to Piper High School 1998 alumnus Scott Seetin for being named one of the KC Parade of Hearts artists! Seetin designed the heart to bring awareness to organ, tissue, and blood donation.



FROM *the* HELM *Piper* USD 203

Aspiring Educator of the Year

Congratulations to PHS senior Annalia Escalante! Annalia was recently selected as the Aspiring Educator of the Year by the Latinx Education Collaborative, a nonprofit organization focused on retaining and increasing the representation of Latinx education professionals in K-12 schools. Annalia was selected out of a pool of regional nominees from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska.



WyCo Legislative Breakfast

Piper hosted the WYCO Legislative Delegation Breakfast where superintendents from Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, Kansas City, Kansas, and Turner joined our own Superintendent Dr. Dain, school board members, and locally-elected officials to discuss spotlight issues for the 2023 legislative session that directly impact education in the county such as educational governance, school funding, and high-quality staff & KPERS.



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Piper Educational Foundation's Grant Winners

The Piper Educational Foundation recently awarded nearly \$10,000 in grants to educators at all five buildings.

Early Childhood Center

- Stasi Willmon, Play-Based Learning (\$930.92)
- Wendy Simmons, Osmos Learning bundles & cases (\$533.18)

Piper Prairie Elementary

- Jessica Turner, Amira Program (\$548.77)
- Jocelyn Ward, books (\$188.99)
- Mikesha Bradner, Learning for Educators training (\$766.05)

Piper Creek Elementary

- Talia Dwyer & Mary Patterson, Decodable Text (\$1,002)

Piper Middle School

- Steve Wallace & Bryan Shelley, Olympic Combine (\$868.38)

Piper High School

- Bethany Pierce, Journalism Convention (\$990)
- Carrie Gardner, InstructureCon Conference (\$695)
- Matt Storrer, RefReps Referee Education Curriculum (\$990)
- Shelly Cole, Solo Contest Repertoire (\$545.66)
- Matthew Reitemeier, CPR training props (\$995.99)
- Jacob Burkholder, Flight Simulator (\$810.96)

Spelling Bee Champions

Sixteen students from 4th & 5th grades recently participated in the Spelling Bee at Piper Creek with Charlotte Waldeck winning and Layton Gerkovich as the runner up. Charlotte will represent the school at the Wyandotte County Spelling Bee in February.



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