



# Blackcat News

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Front Row, Left to Right: Linda Hill – 1962, Shawn Boulicault – 1983, Michelle Edwards – 1976, Sarah Burlage – 2000, and Dakota Patterson – 2020. Middle Row: Andrea Green – 1981, Linda Taylor – 1968, Carol Carron – 1982, Liz Earl – 1979, Tonya Ziegelmeyer – 1992, Lesalie Carter – 2014, and Madelyn Bartosch – 2021. Back Row: Elizabeth Able – 1977, Steven Spurgin – 1970, Cheryl Spurgin – 1974, Cody Petero 2011, Cindy Cannon – 1975, Nick Coffman 2009, Lane Campbell – 2009, and Nubby Eberhardt – 1996. Attendees are listed by their high school name, and the year they won the title.

## Homecoming Royalty

No one recalls this ever being done in the Dunklin R-5 School District or elsewhere in our area, but that didn't stop Lindsey Fitzgibbons. She is one of the sponsors of Herculanum High School's Student Council. They lead school spirit activities and basically own homecoming week. A few months ago, the student council invited past homecoming kings and queens to this year's game. The participants would enjoy a reception in the library and receive a sash that read Homecoming Royalty. Before the football game, they would be individually introduced in front of the stone bleachers to the warm applause of football fans.

Fitzgibbons saw that a high school in another state did something similar during a basketball game. Instinctively, she knew it was a good idea. Fitzgibbons says, "Each year, I feel there are a noticeable amount of alumni who return to campus for the Homecoming celebrations and game." The challenge would be contacting past winners, inviting them to homecoming, and hoping they could attend. With the help of Student Council Cosponsor Zac Bone and retired Secretary Judy Sobol, they accumulated the contact information of recent graduates. Students searched for the names of past winners in yearbooks. The momentum started to build with the help of social media, alums living in this area, and past winners contacting others who may have won a year earlier or later. In the end, 20 kings and queens joined the celebration.

Seven decades of winners were represented, starting with Linda Hill Middleton from the Class of 1963. The group included a mother-daughter pair. Michelle Edwards became homecoming queen in the fall of 1976, and her daughter Sarah Burlage was crowned in 2000. Two other members were a brother and a sister. Steven Spurgin was king in 1970, and Cheryl (Spurgin) Harbinson became queen in 1974. The most romantic pair earned their crowns in 2009. King Nick Coffman married Queen Layne (Campbell) Coffman, and they have two spirited children.

Fitzgibbons says, "It was a great way to showcase the Blackcat Pride that stays with our students long after graduation." It will be several years before we try to replicate the event, and if Fitzgibbons is no longer in charge of StuCo, she has this advice;



2023 Homecoming Queen Kenzie Duncan and King Ayden Hodges

"Have faith that the memories our alumni made while attending Herculanum are ones that last a lifetime. The phrase 'Once a Blackcat, Always a Blackcat' is a way of life for current students and alumni alike."



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# Message From Board President

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As the president of the Dunklin R5 School Board, I am excited to share some important developments that will greatly benefit our students, staff, and the entire community. Many great things have already been happening here at Dunklin R5. We have had a successful first quarter and look forward to celebrating more successes throughout the year. With the holidays approaching, please reach out if you need assistance. We will have several band and choir performances, and I encourage you to attend. The students have been working hard and look forward to entertaining you.

In the coming months, we are embarking on a series of significant construction projects that will enhance the learning environment in our schools. These projects have been carefully planned to address various needs and to ensure that our educational facilities remain safe, modern, and conducive to excellence in education.

The key highlights of the upcoming construction projects include:

**Project 1:** Safe and secure entrances at Pevely Elementary and Senn-Thomas Middle Schools

**Project 2:** A storage building for our maintenance and tech departments

**Project 3:** A new gym facility

We are committed to minimizing any disruptions to the learning process and ensuring that the construction is carried out efficiently and in accordance with the highest safety standards.

I invite you to stay informed about these projects and their progress by visiting our school district's website and attending public meetings where we will provide regular updates. Your input and support are crucial as we work to create the best possible educational environment

for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the success of our schools. If you have any questions or would like more information about these projects, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Together, we can ensure that our schools continue to be a place where students thrive and reach their full potential. I look forward to sharing more details and celebrating the successful completion of these projects with you.

Tammy Heidland,  
R5 School Board President



## Inclement Weather Advisories



In the event of school closing or early dismissal due to ice or snow we will contact the following radio stations:

KJFF AM 1400 \*KMOX AM 1120 KTJJ FM 98.5

Parents and guardians will also receive a voicemail.

# Dr. Freeman's Message

## Blackcat Community:

I hope you are having a successful and fulfilling school year. As we approach the holiday season and the end of the calendar year, I want to share some important updates and information regarding the Dunklin R-5 School District.

## Proposition Safe Schools Update:

During the September Board of Education meeting, Brockmiller Construction was awarded the contract for the new safe and secure entryways at Pevely Elementary and Senn-Thomas Middle Schools. This contract was for approximately 2.5 million dollars; however, because of some value engineering and reduction in contingency monies, we believe the total cost for this portion of the project will be around 2.1 million dollars. In addition, our architectural firm, HTK, will finalize the new gym and facility drawings later this month. These projects will go to bid next week. Contractors will submit their bids in early January for a recommendation to the Board of Education during the January Board of Education meeting.

The Dunklin R-5 School District has always been dedicated to providing the best possible education for our students. This year has been no different. Our teachers, staff, and administrators have worked tirelessly to ensure a safe and enriching learning environment for all our students. Our students have consistently shown resilience and determination, which has been truly inspiring. Their academic achievements, creativity, and character growth have been commendable. The unwavering support of our parents and the engagement of our community have been instrumental in our success.

As we head into the holiday season, I encourage you to take time to rest, relax, and reconnect with loved ones. It's a time to reflect on the year gone by and set new goals for the year ahead.

In the coming months, we will continue to work diligently to provide the best educational experience possible for our students, with an unwavering commitment to their success. We will keep you updated on any developments and initiatives within our district.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our parents, community members, and staff for your dedication and continued support. Together, we will ensure that the Dunklin R-5 School District remains a place where every student can thrive and reach their full potential.

Visit our website at [www.dunklin.k12.mo.us](http://www.dunklin.k12.mo.us) for the latest updated information. Follow us on



Facebook at Dunklin R5 School District, and follow me on Twitter at @DrClintFreeman.

Wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season,

Dr. Clint Freeman, Superintendent of Schools

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## Board Meetings are Open to the Public

The Dunklin R-5 Board of Education meets on a regular basis on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at 7:00 pm. Check the website for the location. The meetings are open to the public. Patrons may view agendas and items from the meetings by going to our website [www.dunklin.k12.mo.us](http://www.dunklin.k12.mo.us), and clicking on the Board of Education tab.

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# Weible Getting Crystal Apple

Special Education Teacher Kim Weible won the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The elementary teacher will attend a banquet in St. Louis and be gifted a crystal apple by Tiffany & Co. "I was very humbled and surprised," Weible said upon hearing the news, but she didn't take all the credit. She says, "The colleagues I work with challenge me to be better. I just work with some amazing teachers." Pevely Principal Katie Dunlap nominated the award recipient and wrote, "She embodies kindness and empathy in her interactions with students, parents, and colleagues."



**Kim Weible**

Talking to Mrs. Weible is like discovering a good book. Her depth of knowledge, life experience, and outside interests make for a great conversation. Holding two master's degrees, the most tenured special education teacher at Pevely Elementary School has mentored two of her coworkers. First Steps home visits sparked her passion for special education. Her son had a severe speech delay. Weible says, "I was amazed at what (the teacher) did and then seeing his progress, and then he no longer had speech issues. Today in the military, he briefs high-ranking officers."

Professionally, Weible has found her niche. She says, "All my kids struggle in some area. They don't want to struggle. They know they are not on the same level as their peers, which affects them socially and emotionally. So I do my best to encourage them." Weible says students have to get away from comparing themselves to other kids. She tells them, "You are only competing with yourself. I just want to see growth." She believes it's vital for students to see improvements and achieve success.

Outside of the classroom, Weible volunteered to organize the State of the County, which was hosted by the Dunklin R-5 School District. Her cool leadership style overcame conflicting ideas to create a memorable event. The wife and mother of four has a dog named Riley, "who has an attitude," and Weible is a fan of Monster Trucks. Her favorite is Grave Digger.

## Go Blackcats!

## Jefferson College Awards HHS Counselor

The Missouri Community College Association is awarding Herculanum High School Counselor Laura Asinger. She is one of two recipients state-wide to receive the Missouri Pathfinder of the Year Award. Asinger was nominated by Jefferson College for the honor, saying, "Laura has learned so much about college admissions requirements, financial aid, and degree plans/audits, and she is great at explaining these often-complicated guidelines and rules to students at all levels."



**Laura Asinger**

Asinger was surprised by the award, believing that understanding the system is part of being a good counselor. She says, "That's my job, figuring out an option that's best for kids. (Jefferson College) has so many options. You can do a tech program there, you can do a two-year degree, you can do a transfer degree, so it's a good place for a large variety of kids."

School, Asinger helped to develop and pilot a new program to ease the transition from high school to Jefferson College. She loaded up future Vikings and visited the campus. Her students took a tour, registered for classes, met with financial aid, got their college identifications, and received their schedules. She says the process puts to bed any fears about attending college and lets them become more comfortable in that environment.

This is the first year for Mrs. Asinger at Herculanum High School, but the Pevely resident is more than familiar with our district. Of the eight Blackcats in our school district with the last name of Asinger, two are hers.

While working at Hillsboro High



For updates and District news, including inclement weather, school closing information, follow Communications Director Matt Lichtenstein on Twitter: **@BlackcatMatt**







You can see the HHS Marching Band on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> in the Twin City Christmas Parade and Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> in the Pevely Herculeaneum Christmas Parade. Both start at 7 p.m.

The fall play, Haphazardly Ever After, will start at 7 p.m. on December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in the Dunklin R-5 Theatre.

Band Concerts: The middle school bands will take the stage on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Dunklin R-5 Theatre. The HHS Jazz Band and Concert Band will perform December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the theater.

Blackcat Choirs will have a concert on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Dunklin R-5 Theatre.

Senn-Thomas Middle School students can learn sign language by joining the ASL Club. They meet Mondays after school in the library.

Community residents over 50 years old are eligible for a Legacy Pass. It allows for free entry to our regular season sporting events. Email [mlichtenstein@dunklin.k12.mo.us](mailto:mlichtenstein@dunklin.k12.mo.us) to request one.

New and expecting parents - Find out more about Parents as Teachers. They are a tremendous resource for all your parenting questions.

ParentProTech is a free service for Blackcat parents to help them understand today's technology and give them tools to protect children. Email your child's school to get a link.

Winter Break: December 21<sup>st</sup> is an early release day. We will not be in session December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Pictured: Back Row: Coach Becky Wright, Coach Jim Kasten, Ethan Grosbauer, Dane Dixon, Brandon Marshall, Tye Greenlee, Nathan Clampet, Marco Giuliano, Joe Stahl, Coach Aimie Marshall, Coach Lance Hyde. Front Row: Liam Piet, Nate Wright, Sam Vaughn, Ashton Parrish, Preston Wallman, Camden Medley, Coach Kyle Davis

## Boys XC Team Returns to Podium

Herculeaneum continues to field competitive cross country teams. The boys took fourth place at the Class 3 State Championships, with two All-State runners. Sam Vaughn finished third out of 168 runners in Columbia, followed by Nate Wright in sixth place. Vaughn (15.37.0) set a Herculeaneum High School 5K record, edging Alum Jonathon Coffman by 0.6 seconds. Vaughn says, "The course was pretty fast. The conditions were perfect; there was no wind. It was a great day to run fast." Following Vaughn and Wright were Liam Piet, Ashton Parrish, Brandon Marshall, Nathan Clampet, and Tye Greenlee, whose times allowed the team to finish in fourth place.

Head Coach Kyle Davis says, "I thought we ran well and was shocked a little bit with how well we ran and what result that got us." He says many of our runners ran their fastest times ever, but the other teams didn't falter. Vaughn says, "Everyone ran out of their minds. We were rolling. It was a fight for sure; I gave everything I had – you have to be happy with the result." It was bittersweet for the

senior because that was the last time he'd be on the course as a Blackcat. Vaughn has committed to Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, so next time, he'll be running as a Lion.

The Herculeaneum girls took a respectable 11th-place finish among some of the best teams in Missouri. Claira Davis was the first Blackcat over the finish line, followed by Finley Hamtil, Kendall Huber, Kaitlin Taylor, Emerson Reeves, Anna Hartnett, and Veronica Brice. Three of them, Huber, Taylor, and Hartnett, are seniors, but the rest are freshmen or sophomores. A solid group of runners from Senn-Thomas Middle School will bolster those remaining members next year, making them a team to watch.



**"Go Blackcats"**



# OES Buys Lunch for Students



Pictured: Left to Right Front: Matt Crabtree, Food Service Director Nicole Arnold, Superintendent Dr. Clint Freeman, Donna Daughtery, and Rick Kaeser. Back: Cari McQueen, Karen Dixon, Rick Royce

The Dunklin R-5 School District is the beneficiary of a generous donation of \$15,000 to pay off student lunch debt. The funds came from the Order of the Eastern Star, Herculaneum Chapter #325. The long-standing fraternal organization is celebrating its 100th anniversary, in part by helping children in the community.

Superintendent Dr. Clint Freeman says, "It is amazing to be part of a community where they support the next generation." Over the past 13 years, over 400 students have a lunch debt that exceeds \$25,000. However, Dunklin isn't going to adjust past budgets. Freeman says, "This donation will eliminate the lunch debt of 94 of our current students throughout our school district." He says, "It's an honor to receive the generous donation, and I want to thank everyone who made this possible."

Dunklin's food program is more generous than most school districts. Breakfast is free for all students, regardless of a family's financial status. Over 40 percent of our students qualify for a free or reduced lunch. The Dunklin R-5 School Board has an ongoing policy that allows students who don't qualify for a free lunch but do qualify for reduced lunch prices to get all their meals for free.

Food Service Director Nicole Arnold spends a considerable amount of time working with vendors to acquire quality ingredients to make over a thousand lunches every day. She says, "Studies have shown that students who eat nutritious meals are more focused in class and have less behavioral issues." Arnold says, "It's all part of supporting the district's mission."

The Order of the Eastern Star was planning to make a local donation when they learned of the passing of Elmo Blum, a 69-year member of their organization. Blum, a graduate of Herculaneum High School, was a beloved member of our community. He spread goodwill like fairy dust, leaving a trail of smiling adults and laughing children. In his honor, they called the school district to find out how they could help kids. Chapter #325 raised \$5,000, and the Masonic Home Board double-matched that for student lunch debt.

The donation was accepted in late October at the Shekinah Masonic Temple in Crystal City. It was part of their centennial celebration. The theme was the 1920s, with several women dressing as flappers and men taking similar fashion queues from history.



**Lunch Menus can be  
found on our website.  
Just click on the apple.**



# Big Grants Help Blackcats



## Safety Grant

The Dunklin R-5 School District received a safety grant for \$120,000 from the state. The funds will be used for a new safe and secure entrance at Pevely Elementary School. That project was part of the bond issue and has already gone out to bid. Brockmiller will build the new entrances at Pevely Elementary School and Senn-Thomas Middle School. Together, they will cost over \$2,000,000.

The bid included repurposing the current offices and expanding Senn-Thomas by adding an administrative office to the left of the front doors. Dr. Freeman says any money saved on this project will go towards other district infrastructure improvements. Many school districts in Missouri received safety grants, but only a few received such a large amount from the state.

## Foundation Grant

Pevely Elementary School received a grant for \$19,000 from the Jefferson Foundation for a program to improve behaviors at school. Principal Katie Dunlap says the Conscious Discipline Program teaches students how to self-regulate emotions and what to do when they are upset, angry, or sad. Teachers can work through these emotions with students as a preventative measure before they become a disciplinary issue.

The program includes resources to show parents how the system works and a website that staff and families can use to discuss social-emotional needs and learning. (<https://consciousdiscipline.com>) Last year, one teacher in each grade level (K-2) at Pevely piloted Conscious Discipline and saw positive results.

The program has been around for 27 years but was initially named Loving Guidance. According to their website, they use evidence-based and research-backed strategies for responding to each child's needs with wisdom.



Pictured: Contributor Addey Dittman, Writers Camila Ornelas, Daleyza Ornelas, and Teaching Assistant Amy Oliver.

# Students Write International Book

English is a second language for 14 students in the Dunklin R-5 School District, and with a little help, they created a book. "If Our Animals Were As Unique As Us" is a collection of short stories in English and these students' first language. Teaching Assistant Amy Oliver spearheaded the three-year effort and solicited the help of other students to help with the stories or to create artwork.

Oliver says, "They had a great time working on this project, and the students were super excited to see the final book." The stories are about animals and how they live and thrive in their native country. Oliver and some contributors presented the book to the Dunklin R-5 School Board and donated copies to the school library.

The native languages of our current students include Spanish, Persian, Akan, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. Oliver visits with students daily and overcomes language barriers with the help of flashcards and Google Translate. She says speaking English is only one skill they need to

acquire. There are spelling, grammar, comprehension, and understanding nuances like connotations. The success of an English Language Learner depends on a variety of factors, like their age, study habits, if their parents speak English, and their exposure to the English language in their native country.

Everyone benefits from having this handful of students in our district, according to Special Services Director Tom Moreland. He says, "The program creates a unique and natural learning environment for all students to expand their understanding of other cultures." That opportunity has been highlighted with the publication of the book. Those 14 students are now minor celebrities at school. Other students are more comfortable approaching them, asking about their culture, and inviting them to events.







# Senn-Thomas Creates Online Newspaper

Pictured: Chris Paz, Teresa Douglas, Akila Mehmedovic, and Lane Jackson. Not pictured: Brooklyn Propst, Gabby Scheck, and Brooklyn Weber.

The Journalism Club is working on its third edition of an online newspaper called the Blackcat Buzz. Teacher Teresa Douglas started the new activity this semester. She says, "It was a way to turn my passion into a project." Several afterschool clubs compete for students, but Douglas has six contributing to the publication.

Eighth-grader Lane Jackson says, "It's a lot of fun because you get to connect with other students and maybe make a couple of new friends and write about topics you enjoy." He focuses on sports but is also interested in becoming a cartoonist. Sixth-grader Akila Mehmedovic has shared a recipe to make chicken tacos, written stories from interviews, and gathered trivia questions for the Blackcat Buzz. Mehmedovic enjoys the process, saying, "I like to write out my mind and come up with things." The club sounded interesting to sixth-grader Chris Paz. He says students suggest topics, and we will do the research for an article. One of them was about singer Taylor Swift. Before joining, Paz learned the value of revising your work. He says, "When I was in elementary, I used to love writing stories. I would think it was good until my teacher had me re-read it, and I realized it wasn't that good. By the fifth time, it looked good."

Mrs. Douglas emphasizes a few keys to her students. She says, "Citing sources and finding trustworthy information is a big deal for me, but it doesn't apply to every article." If they are writing about a school event, Douglas wants them to focus on word choice to make it an interesting read for middle school students. Journalism Club members work independently on their laptops and collaborate on ideas for the next publication. Douglas says they work well together, and members are learning how to manage a Google Sites website. While the skills being developed by these students will last a lifetime, it's too early to predict the future of the Journalism Club. For now, they just want to create a buzz.

## Schools Honor Veterans and Their Families

Since Veteran's Day fell on a Saturday this year, we chose Friday, November 10th, to show our appreciation. We started with a complimentary breakfast at Senn-Thomas Middle School for veterans and their families. That was followed by a reverse parade. The guests of honor drove the route to the cheers of students with patriotic signs. At Pevely Elementary School, when the first vehicles circled the driveway, students started spontaneously chanting U.S.A., U.S.A., U.S.A.

After the parade, we held an assembly at the high school with proclamations, poetry, history, and music. The Herculanum High School Band played on the main stage. To the side were the high school and middle school choirs and some 5th-grade singers from Pevely Elementary School. The previous day, 4th-graders performed for their families.

On the way out of the Dunklin R-5 Theatre, a veteran thanked one of our administrators for a great morning. It felt like a huge compliment to all the students, teachers, and organizers who put in a lot of effort to create something special for veterans and their families.

We thank everyone who was able to attend and appreciate everyone who put on a uniform in service to our country.



Pictured: Liam Ellington, Ava Decker, Axley Black, Lydia Nelson, Dash Schepers, and Maddie Cummings.



Theresa and Harry T. Barnes



Pevely Elementary School honored veterans with a concert.



# St. Louis Blues Street Team



Pictured:  
Liam Lenhard (5<sup>th</sup>),  
Cole Westermayer,  
Ben Applbaum,  
Maddy Huesgen,  
Teacher Audrey Meda,  
and Louie

Employees of the St. Louis Blues are teaching hockey to kids. The sports franchise has a Street Hockey Team that visits schools, donates equipment, and teaches basic skills. Physical Education Teacher Audrey Meda was enthusiastic when she learned of the program, but it took almost a year to get it booked. Finally, the team made it to Pevely, and the students loved it. She says, "This is a great opportunity for kids to be exposed to the fundamentals of the game from members of the Blues Street Hockey Team, which adds excitement to the experience."

The street team, all in their 20s, are pleased to be connected to the St. Louis Blues. Two were recent college graduates, and one is still getting his degree. When teaching students, they start from the beginning. Team members demonstrate skills and let students give them a try. Pevely students did well moving the ball across the gym floor and passing it to others, but most needed help receiving a pass. The ball would skip over their blade until they learned to absorb the ball's momentum. It was more difficult for third-grade students because the team's mascot showed up. Louie would playfully steal the ball, but most of the time, he just gave high-fives to the kids.

A version of street hockey has been part of the curriculum at Pevely, but Blackcats used foam-tipped sticks to move the puck. The Blues donated 36 hockey sticks, 24 balls, two nets, and a Blues flag to hang in the gym. The new equipment will be incorporated into future gym classes. Pevely hosted the Street Team for three days, and it was worth the wait. Meda says, "It was an awesome experience for me and the kids."

## BEST OF SHOW



Freshman Sailor Tucker won the top prize at the Twin City Area Optimist Club's Art Contest. This image was posted on the school district's Facebook page, and fans keep sharing this incredible work with others. At press time, it has been seen by over 43,000 people.

## HAPHAZARDLY Ever After

BY JEFF FLUHARTY



DECEMBER  
8TH & 9TH IN  
THE DUNKLIN  
R-5 THEATRE