



Blackcat News

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Designing The Future

A team of gifted students from Herculaneum High School took fourth place in an international competition. "It was amazing," according to Haley Morgan. She was one of four Blackcats who made their way to Washington, D.C., to share their vision of a sustainable city. Teacher Michelle Storment says we were chosen among the schools participating in Missouri's Future City competition that's traditionally only for middle school students. There were 19 teams that participated in this pilot program, with 17 state teams and two from Nigeria.

Olivia Blair says they only had a little time to create their project compared to middle school. She says, "We used to start in the summer and have until January. This year, we started in December for the competition in February." Moreover, they needed to learn a new technology to create a virtual city with a computer program instead of building a physical model. It took some time to figure out the AR-VR program, but ultimately, judges could walk through their online city.

Trevor Stevens says, "One of our main focuses was trying to find a sustainable, well-thought-out power source." They went with Pevegen tiles on the sidewalks. When a person walks on them, the compression generates electricity. The Pevegen system compliments the city's solar panels and windmills. Morgan says, "We did a little with rooftop gardens, and in our essay, we discussed agriculture and reverting back to older systems that are better for the environment." The team was apprehensive going into the competition but also motivated. Matt Ford said, "We know we are the only team that gets to represent Missouri, so we are getting the highest level of competition right away."

Herculaneum's team added a member along the way. Basmalah ElGawady, from Rolla High School, joined our students because she didn't have a team. Blackcats met with her virtually to complete the required submissions, which included the essay and the city they created using SketchUp 3D Interior Design Software. The engineers judging the projects saw everything except the live presentation. After a review, Herculaneum was one of five teams invited to the finals.

Ford says, "Twelve hours before we had to present, we were shown the room, and we were informed that all of us had to present, and we only had it scripted for three." The team started breaking down and reconfiguring the presentation. With her background in speech and debate, ElGawady stepped up, pulling together segments to help the overall flow. Blaire says, "I am so proud of our entire team for being adaptable and able to navigate all the changes we had while we were there." Stevens says, "A lot of judges complimented us afterward, saying how great we did and that we were very knowledgeable on the subjects."



Pictured: (Front) Olivia Blair & Haley Morgan (Back) Trevor Stevens & Matt Ford.



The awards assembly finally got to the high school portion of the competition, and Herculaneum took fourth place. At first, there was a tinge of disappointment according to Ford. He said, "Then we realized that's fourth internationally." Their spirits rebounded, and they felt good about being in the top tier. The team received a trophy and \$1,500 for their organization's STEM program. On the final day, they took some time to see the sights in D.C. On the way home, they ran into Missouri Senator Josh Hawley, who was happy to get a picture with the group. The high school portion of the Future City competition has secured funding for one more year, which has our students talking. Among the things they would do differently is start sooner, script the presentation for everyone, and find a design software program that doesn't crash their computers.

Go Blackcats!

Message From Board President

We had an exciting winter sports season, and I congratulate all the athletes and coaches. Some of our hard-working Blackcats competed at the State Championships. While one season comes to a close, the next one gets underway. I look forward to seeing our baseball, track, and golf teams this spring. It seems like this year is flying fast.

We still have lots of events on the calendar. Join us for the 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast on March 23rd. The event is held at Pevely Elementary, but it's for all Blackcat families. We also have the spring play the first weekend in May and graduation on May 20th.

Our students have had many successes this school year thanks to our very supportive staff. I wanted to take a moment to say Congratulations and Thank You to students, parents, teachers, supporting staff, and administrators. They say it takes a village, and we certainly have a strong village here at Dunklin R-5.

Speaking of villages, ours is growing and getting better each day. Our construction projects are moving along. If you have not had a chance to drive by STMS and check out the progress on the new offices and secure vestibule, please do so, maybe on your way to or from a baseball game. Our Pevely secure vestibule project will also start this summer, along with the new storage facility by the transportation building, and last but not least, our NEW GYM! The board of education awarded the project to ICS Construction at the February board meeting.

The current gym, Robinson Gym, AKA the "new gym," was built in 1964. The following year, in 1965, the Herculaneum School District merged with Pevely and became the Dunklin R-5 School District. It is very exciting to add a second gym at our high school to meet the needs of many after-school programs. Other projects we hope to get underway are theater upgrades, including the lighting, and installing a turf football field. The school board is still working through these projects.

Tammy Heidland
President, Dunklin R-5 Board of Education



It's a great day to be a Blackcat!

Dr. Freeman's Message

Blackcat Community:

The Dunklin R-5 School District is honored that you have chosen us to educate your children. Thank you for trusting us with your kids each and every day. We strive to make the best experience possible for all who attend our schools. As we delve into the heart of the second semester, there is much to celebrate and share from our school district.

Our overall district attendance has improved and continues to be a focus for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year as well as the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who have made this a priority



this year.

During the February Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the bid from ICS construction services to construct our new Herculaneum High School Gymnasium and the Facilities Building. We plan to break ground in late March/early April of 2024.

The safe and secure entrance at Senn-Thomas Middle School is well underway, and the new entrance at Pevely will begin in May.

Kindergarten screenings have begun, which means the class of 2037 is coming to Pevely Elementary, and we are so excited to have them here next fall. We can not wait to see some of the brightest, energetic students in the county enter our school. Over the next few months, there will be several more opportunities to gain valuable information from Pevely Elementary. Please visit our website at www.dunklin.k12.mo.us to complete your registration.

Stay up-to-date with all the latest news and events by following us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and visiting our website. Your support and involvement are essential to the

success of our schools and students. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to provide a nurturing and enriching educational experience for all.

Upcoming Events:

- **Board Appreciation: March 19, 2024**
- **Annual Pancake Breakfast: March 23, 2024**
(The breakfast at Pevely Elementary is for everyone)
- **Blackcats Give Back Day: April 20, 2024**
- **High School Graduation: May 20, 2024**

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, and clicking on the Board of Education tab.

Dunklin R-5 School District is an equal opportunity employer

Class of 2024



**Graduation at
Herculaneum High School
will take place on
Monday, May 20th,
at 7:30 p.m. on the
football field.**

**In case of rain, it will
be moved to the
Jefferson College
Fieldhouse. The time
and date will remain
the same.**

#GoBlackcats
#ClassOf2024
#MakingMemories



Blackcat Ironworker Grows Business

“It was a wreck,” says Keith Counts, a Blackcat from the Class of 2001. He says, “My wife was scared and didn’t want to cut off the money completely.” Still, Counts took a chance and opened his own business five years ago called K&N Steel. The odds were in his favor because he had been an ironworker since graduating from Herculaneum. He says, “Coming up through the trades, I’ve learned a lot and met a lot of people along the way.” He had a partner, Nate Williams, and financial backing from Budrovich Crane Rental. This spring, K&N Steel installed the rebar for support pillars at Senn-Thomas Middle School. Counts says, “I always try to get on any of the school projects from where I graduated.” While it’s important to Counts, that project had little impact on his company’s bottom line.

K&N Steel employs 70 workers in the winter and about 120 in the summer. Two of the company’s foremen are Keith’s brothers, Jason Counts (Class of 1995) and Bradley Counts (Class of 2000). Nephew Cole Counts (Class of 2020) is another employee of K&N. They have projects in four states, including the Rocheport Bridge on I-70, just west of Columbia. K&N Steel is working with IDOT on the Chain of Rocks Bridge, and they’ll be working for several years on a lock and dam project at Kentucky Lake. Their largest project is a Panasonic electric vehicle battery factory in De Soto, Kansas. That \$4-billion project will have more than 100 acres of floor space. Counts says, “When it comes to manpower, quality, safety, and production here at K&N, we are second to none in the reinforcing steel business.”

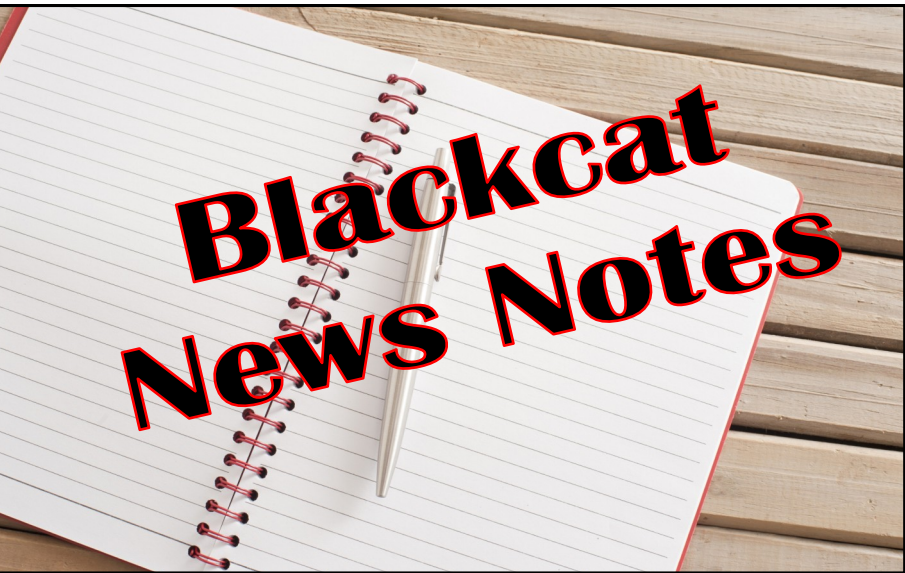
Counts fits the mold of so many Herculaneum graduates. He’s confident but low-key. He’s successful but doesn’t wear it. While he’s no longer bending wire around rebar, he has other challenges, like his competition and making payroll. Workers



Pictured: K&N employees on a bridge project and Keith Counts at Senn-Thomas Middle School.

are paid months before K&N receives a check for a project. What’s most important to Counts is his wife, three school-aged daughters, and the rest of his family. Counts may have gone a different direction if it hadn’t been for his dad being an ironworker.

Counts’ advice for future Herculaneum High School graduates is simple. He says, “Everybody could go to college and do well, but there are also trade schools and apprentice programs where these kids could do well for the rest of their careers.” Counts says the money and benefits come quicker to those in the trades. There is a growing demand for skilled workers, according to Forbes. The media company reports, “The construction industry alone is facing a deficit of more than 500,000 workers in the United States. That’s partly because we’re losing thousands of boomers from the skilled trades to retirement, and there aren’t enough people from the younger generations interested in taking over those jobs.”



- ◆ The HHS Student Council and the Red Cross are holding a blood drive on Tuesday, March 26th in the high school gym from 7:45 am-2 pm.
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- ◆ Spring Break is March 29th through April 5th.
- ◆ The Mineral Area Track Meet at HHS will be on April 6th.
- ◆ There will be a partial solar eclipse in Jefferson County on April 8th at about 2 pm. Park Hills is at the northern border of the total eclipse.

- ◆ Taylor Early Childhood Center’s Big Truck Day is April 19th.
- ◆ Blackcats Give Back, a day of community service, is April 27th.
- ◆ The Prom at Oak Valley is on April 27th.
- ◆ Taylor’s Preschool Promotion is Friday, May 10th at 5 pm.
- ◆ Summer School is May 29th to June 28th – No school on June 19th.
- ◆ Kindergarten screening is underway. Visit the Dunklin R-5 website. Under the Families tab you’ll find additional information when you click on Enrollment.

The Blackcat community helped 211 kids have a brighter Christmas. Joycie Gonzalez-Meyer says that includes the numbers from Shop With a Cop, Gracelife, and our Angel Tree program.

Matt Lichtenstein
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Teacher of the Year



P i c t u r e d :
Certified Staff
Member of the
Year Jennifer
Crump.

It was a surprise to Special Education Teacher Jennifer Crump. She says, "I was blown away and caught off guard, obviously." She was announced as the Teacher of the Year during an assembly at Senn-Thomas Middle School to the applause of 300 students. It was a memorable moment that could be traced back to a change she made two years ago.

Crump has been working at Senn-Thomas since 2018, celebrating the little victories you'll find in special education classrooms. She is a specialist in many ways, which

separates her from most other teachers. Two years ago, after years of building her skill sets, she started reaching out and offering to help her coworkers. Crump says, "Just because I work with certain students doesn't mean I can't help everyone else." Teachers started asking for her help with classroom management or adjusting the curriculum to make it accessible to all students. She says, "I became a bigger resource for all the staff members throughout my building." The place she finds herself today is miles away from her starting point. As a new teacher, Crump only had experience at the elementary level. She says, "I wasn't sure if middle school was my cup of tea, but I've grown to love it. I love middle school."

Her professional journey can be traced back to the third grade when she connected with a teacher. That educator became her fourth-grade teacher, and their bond became stronger. Their relationship continued for years, primarily through emails. As a result, Crump knew she wanted to be a teacher and started in general education. Spending time in the classroom as part of her UMSL degree, she realized she could help special education students by giving them the tools to succeed. That became her focus, and today's students are thankful for it. She recalls one of her kids used to do extra credit assignments so that he could play a board game in her classroom. That student's parents reminded her of the story during his graduation. Crump says, "It's really nice to see them go out into the world."

She speaks with the steady, confident tone of an experienced teacher. Students respond positively to Crump, and it's apparent she has found a way to connect with each of them. That will become a more significant challenge when she takes on an administrative role. Crump was chosen to become the new Summer School Principal.

Crump and her husband, Steve, are parents to three children who have all graduated high school and are working or attending school. They have two pets: a 100-pound lab named Loki and a sassy cat named Daisy. In addition to being a teacher, wife, mother, and pet owner, Crump is getting used to another new title. Her daughter had a baby, so the Teacher of the Year is also a grandmother.

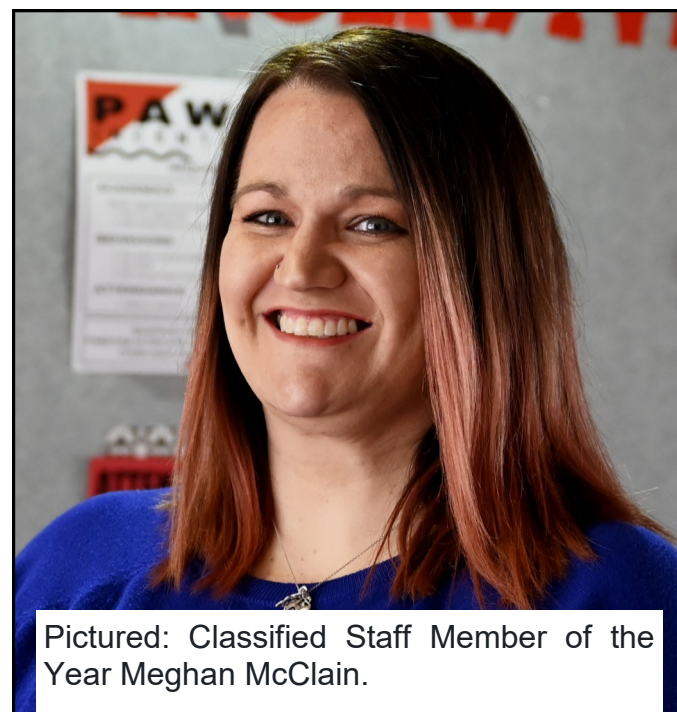
Staff Member of the Year

She revealed that being nominated for Staff Member of the Year was an honor. Senn-Thomas Middle School Secretary Meghan McClain says, "I was very, very surprised to win. We have a lot of great people across the board, teachers, support staff, custodians, food service, everybody, they're all amazing." McClain is also a fantastic employee, according to her boss.

Principal Tracy Lewis says, "McClain is extremely efficient, detail-oriented, meticulous, and quick with tasks. She can take a simple idea and create an entire plan that is organized and detailed." McClain worked at the elementary school before taking the position at Senn-Thomas. While little kids always bring a smile to her face, she can have conversations with middle school students. She says it's where they come out of their shells as they transition from kids to young adults.

Every year has been slightly different at Senn-Thomas Middle School for McClain, starting with learning the job during the 2021-2022 school year. She got a new coworker the following year, as retiring Kim Donnelly was replaced with Laura Drury. Kyle Borrer was promoted to assistant principal around the same time. McClain says everyone is more comfortable with their roles this year, but there's another wrinkle. Just outside, contractors are building a new office. The drilling, hammering, and sawing vibrate through the brick walls. The building's main entrance is in the construction zone, so they must run down the hall to another doorway for visitors or packages. Hopefully, the new office will be ready to move in at the end of the school year. The following week, the current office space will be reconfigured for the counselors. She says, "There are a lot of moving parts. It will be nice when it's done, but we must get there." None of these challenges bother McClain. She enjoys a little chaos.

McClain is married to Herculaneum Alumni Michael McClain, the Assistant Chief for the Dunklin Fire Protection District. They have two boys; the younger one attends Pevley Elementary School, and the older one attends Senn-Thomas. McClain says, "We love the district. We have loved it since (the boys) started kindergarten. From a parent's standpoint, it's a great district. From an employee standpoint, it's even better." She is overjoyed with the teamwork at Senn-Thomas and brags about her coworkers helping each other. That cohesion was on display just before the Christmas break. Everyone in the office dressed as a character from National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. Dr. Freeman visited to play the boss who gave Clark Griswold a membership to the "Jelly of the Month Club."



P i c t u r e d : Classified Staff Member of the
Year Meghan McClain.



Mac and Cheese Record



Pevely Elementary School wants to be in the Guinness Book of World Records. They are collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese before lining them up like dominos and watching them fall. They get one shot at tumbling over 5,000 boxes, according to Guinness. The company requires video of the event and independent witnesses. Afterward, all the mac and cheese will be donated to area food pantries.

Pevely Elementary is a Leader in Me school, and one small part of the program is developing ways to help the community. That started the wheels turning for Teacher Hallie Cheney. She recalls loving Guinness World Records as a child, but it's less pervasive now. Cheney looked no further than her almost 3-year-old to discover what's popular. She says, "My daughter is obsessed with mac and cheese. She's always talking about mac and cheese, so I combined what I was interested in as a kid and what's relevant for these kids today and came up with the idea."

The goal was to collect 5001 boxes to break the record, which was a huge request from parents and the community. Students started bringing in boxes and then more boxes. Soon, the goal was within reach. Cheney credits the teachers for making it an exciting project for their students. She says, "It was so cool to see how the community gathered around to do something fun for the kids." At press time, they have 7,543 boxes, and March 26th is the deadline to donate. The date and time to set up the boxes, or to let them fall, has yet to be set.



Special Education Teacher Hallie Cheney

January's Core Value - Respect

Respect Responsibility Integrity Compassion Perseverance

Pictured: Dane Dixon, Clark Struckhoff, Mac Waddell, and Mackenzie Duncan are the first high school students to receive a certificate for demonstrating a core value.

Highlighting Core Values

Like other professional institutions, the Dunklin R-5 School District has a mission statement, vision statement, and core values. They define who we are, where we are going, and what we value as a school district. Large groups of stakeholders create these defining elements, often referenced in board meetings or during professional development. Students are less familiar with these guiding principles, but that's starting to change.

Herculaneum High School and Senn-Thomas Middle School have begun recognizing students based on the district's core values. In January, the high school started with the first one on the list, Respect, and asked teachers to nominate students who exemplify that value. A student from each grade level received a formal certificate. At Senn-Thomas Middle School, they have a character trait of the month, and that's used to choose the Student of the Month for each grade level. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joe Willis says, "When you picture a graduate from our school district, you're looking at the whole person. That's why it's important to make core values a focal point and not just academics."

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 in the Pevely Elementary Library beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Patrons may view agenda by visiting to our website www.dunklin.k12.mo.us, clicking on the Board of Education tab, and clicking on the Meeting Agenda link.



Raising Wrestlers



Pictured:
Matthew Reeves,
Kamdon Reeves,
Keaton Reeves,
Eddyson Reeves,
Amy Reeves,
Emerson Reeves,
and Coach Chirs Bahr.

About half the wins during this year's wrestling season are credited to a member of the Reeves family. Eddyson (12th), Keaton (10th), and Emerson (9th) are an incredible, competitive force but they don't come from a wrestling family. It's not like NFL Quarterback Archie Manning, having Peyton and Eli following in his footsteps. In fact, Dad didn't play sports in high school. Matthew Reeves says, "My parents worked, and my mom had night blindness, so I didn't get to do sports, so I want to make sure my kids have all the opportunities that I didn't have." He would roughhouse with the kids but denies any other activities aimed at training grapplers. Over time, he has learned enough about the sport to converse with his kids but has never tried to coach them. Still, all three have a competitive nature and are willing to put in the work to get a victory. That side of their personalities may come from their mom, Amy. She likes to win, even when playing board games with her children.

Keaton started wrestling in the third grade, and the girls followed. Amy says, "They both did competitive cheerleading and when they kind of were getting tired of that, she suggested they try wrestling." Eddy started first, and Emerson joined the following year. Without a lot of girls in the program, they would wrestle boys.

Ironically, the original idea was to find a sport for their sibling, Kamdon Reeves, who's now in the 8th grade. He's smaller than his peers, and they thought wrestling would be ideal. Although his older siblings took to the sport, he has no interest. Kamdon is a basketball player.

Wrestling isn't the only varsity sport for the siblings, but some of the skills carry over. The single or double-leg takedown is common in wrestling, and athletes learn to avoid it. When

Keaton plays quarterback, and an opponent dives for his legs, the target vanishes, sending the defender to the turf. Wrestling has helped Eddyson develop an impressive amount of core strength. You'll see it when she lifts a wrestler completely off the mat, catches another cheerleader during a stunt, or pole vaults during track season.

Eddyson and Emerson won districts in their respective weight classes. It was the second time for the senior and the first time for her sister, the freshman. All the Reeves and senior Shea Eberhardt competed at the state championships in February. Eberhardt is a powerful wrestler that's deceptively quick. He won a couple of matches at the championships but didn't make the podium. Eddyson took 5th place, receiving her second state medal. The others were competitive but didn't pick up any hardware. It was hosted by Mizzou and limited to Missouri's top 16 wrestlers in each weight class.

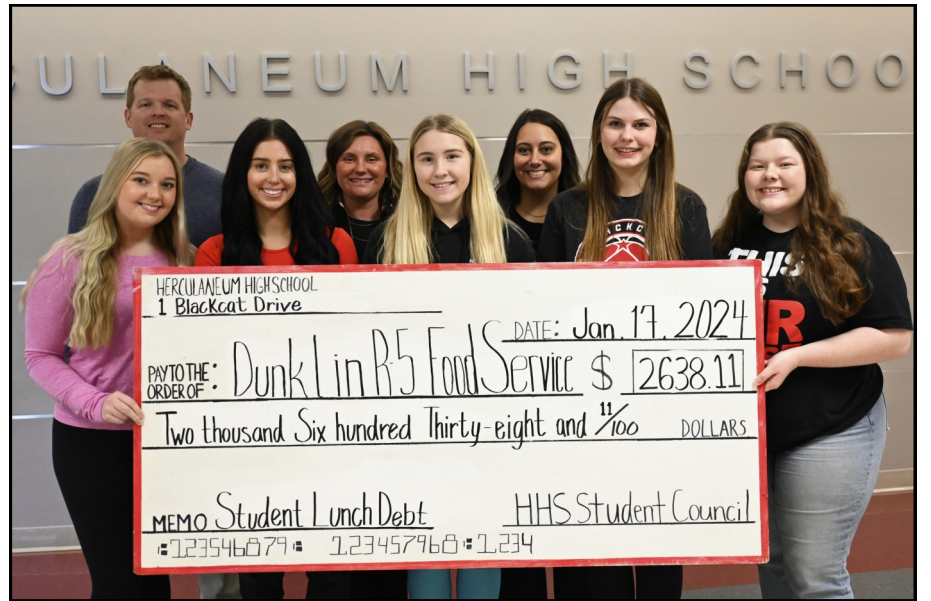
The seniors on the team, Eddyson Reeves, Shea Eberhardt, and Jesse Scheck, are leaving a vibrant program with plenty of talent in the pipeline, but there is only one Reeves family. Varsity Coach Chris Bahr can't say enough good things about Eddyson, Keaton, and Emerson. He says they've made a name for themselves. A couple of months ago, a coach from a competing school asked Bahr, "How many more Reeves are there?"



HHS StuCo Donation

The Herculaneum High School Student Council is reducing student lunch debt. Community members generously supported StuCo's Thanksgiving Food Drive and December's hot chocolate sales. As a result, they were able to help over 30 local families during the holiday season.

However, there was some money left over. After discussing options with their students, Mrs. Fitzgibbons and Mr. Bone paid down student lunch debt by \$2,638.11. Fitzgibbons says the money was raised to help district families, and this donation honors those wishes.



Pictured: Front Row: Student Council Officers: Gracen Miller, Emma Kaltenbronn, Jill Jarvis, Lane Hamtil and Lily Leaman.

Back Row: Student Council Sponsor Zac Bone, Dunklin R-5 Food Service Director Nichole Arnold, and Student Council Sponsor Lindsey Fitzgibbons.

Butcher Wins Award

Senn-Thomas Middle School's Caitlin Butcher is picking up an award this weekend from the Middle School Association of Student Councils. The teacher earned the title of Middle School Advisor of the Year for the Southeast Region. She has been a long-term advisor for StuCo and won this same award two years ago. It's extra special this time because the nomination wasn't from a Dunklin R-5 employee. Butcher says, "It's an honor that people outside of our district see all the work we are doing." She oversees spirit activities, concession stand duties, the polar plunge, food drives, and more. StuCo Cosponsor Kayli Newberry says, "I don't know how she does it; she's like a superhuman." In November, Butcher and Newberry were asked to organize a food drive and told they were competing against six other middle schools. After a robust effort, Senn-Thomas came in second, donating five items per student. The overall competition yielded almost 10,000 canned goods for Jefferson County food pantries.

Huffman Nominated

Pevely Elementary Teacher Carla Huffman is in the running for the LifeChanger of the Year award. Principal Katie Dunlap nominated the fourth-grade teacher. Dunlap wrote, "Mrs. Huffman exemplifies educating the 'whole child' through the personal time she gives her students, her passion for knowing each student as an individual, and her strong willpower to never give up on a student." She gave an example of Huffman leaving encouraging notes for a student who needed a cheerleader but didn't want others to know. A parent commented on the LifeChanger website about her son struggling in school. She wrote, "After being in Mrs. Huffman's class for just a month - we saw a change in him - he was excited to go to school again and see Mrs. Huffman." The recognition is an honor, according to the teacher. Huffman says, "That's why you teach, to make a difference in a child's life." National Life Group, a financial services company that serves k-12 educators, sponsors the national award.



Romy Leach Reading to Ed, the Therapy Dog

Romy Leach (1st) is reading to a therapy dog named Ed. According to his owner, Jessica with Duo Dogs, the Great Pyrenees and German Shepard mix has a calming presence. As a result, students improve their focus, word recognition, and reading comprehension without feeling anxious. When Ed visited, Pevely Elementary joined over 30 schools and libraries in St. Louis that are Paws for Reading participants.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE BLACKCAT NEWS!!!!!!

The Blackcat News is a quarterly communication tool that we use as one way to keep you informed about Dunklin R-V School District. We want this publication to be useful to you as a patron of our schools- "Must-Read Material"!

Is there...

- Something you've read that you don't understand?
- Information that you would like to see included that is not?
- Something you want to see more often or less frequently?

We value your input! Please email your feedback to our Communications Director, Matt Lichtenstein, at mlichtenstein@dunklin.k12.mo.us Don't use email? Call Matt Lichtenstein at 636-479-5200 ext. 1010.

The Herculaneum High School
Theater Department Presents



Join us the first weekend in May.



Saturday, March 23, 2024
Pevely Elementary 8-10:30am

All-you-can-eat pancakes and a showcase of our amazing
Dunklin R-5 Schools all in one location!

Kids Eat Free

DUNKLIN R-5 FREE PRESCHOOL

We're offering FREE full-day preschool for the 2024-2025 school year at the Taylor Early Childhood Center for children who meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Dunklin R-5 Resident
- Child will be 4 years old on or before July 31, 2024
- Parent/Guardian provides transportation to and from school. Bus transportation WILL NOT be provided.
- Student/Family qualifies for ONE of the following:
 - Free/Reduced Lunches
 - TANF
 - SNAP
 - Food Stamps
 - Foster Care System
 - Homelessness / Doubled up

SPACE IS LIMITED

If you're interested, please contact the Taylor Early Childhood Center's office at 636-479-5200, option 5 by April 10th to add your child to our list.

NOTE

Taylor Early Childhood Center also offers preschool services on a tuition basis for children ages 3 to 5 years old. If you don't meet the qualifications outlined above and you'd like to add your child to our tuition preschool waiting list, please contact our office at 636-479-5200, Option 5.

