

Editor’s Note: We are proud to once again offer a very special edition of Harrisonville Highlights. This edition features a partnership between the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, Cass Regional Medical Center, Harrisonville Parks & Rec., and the library. Page 8 includes a Community Calendar of Events for the Spring.

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Prop One: Strengthening Our Schools. Shaping Our Future. Zero Tax Rate Increase

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Why Prop One? *We have needs.*

Based on the district’s facilities needs assessment, Harrisonville Schools has identified infrastructure, safety and activity facility needs. Proposition One would continue the work started with the successful passage of Prop N in 2020.

We listened to our community.

Through a community survey conducted this fall, respondents indicated a desire to address infrastructure issues,

such as heating and cooling systems and roofing, while continuing to enhance school safety.

“Through our survey this fall, our community said that keeping our schools safe and updating infrastructure is a priority,” said Board President Doug Meyer. “Proposition One will allow us to move forward with projects to address these needs with zero impact on our taxpayers.”

87% of respondents agreed: “Our schools are a source of Wildcat pride. We must keep our schools in good working condition.”

We manage our money well.

Through strong financial management, including refinancing existing bond series to reduce long-term interest costs by approximately \$2.7 million, the district has increased its bonding capacity. This allows Proposition One to move forward with no increase to the tax rate.

Superintendent Josh Chastain said, “The Board’s solid financial management and forward-thinking approach has given us this opportunity. We can meet needs, improve opportunities, and continue to ensure our schools are a source of Wildcat pride for our community without raising the tax rate.”

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Harrisonville High School
1504 E. Elm • 380-3273
Grades 9-12
Dr. Mark Rorvig, Principal

Cass Career Center
1600 E. Elm • 380-3253
Grades 9-Post-Secondary
Dr. Anne Hickman, Director

Harrisonville Middle School
601 S. Highland • 380-7654
Grades 6-8
Chad Culpepper, Principal

McEowen Elementary School
1901 S. Halsey • 380-4545
Grades 3-5
Dr. Tricia Falke, Principal

Harrisonville Elementary School
101 Meghan Drive • 380-4131
Grades Kindergarten-2
Ashley Shrout, Principal

Early Childhood Center
500 Eastwood Rd. • 380-4421
Preschool, Parents As Teachers,
& Wildcat Club
Dr. Beth Love, Principal





Mission in Motion

From the Desk of Superintendent Josh Chastain, Ed.D.

Harrisonville Schools is committed to academic excellence to inspire life-long learners and develop contributing citizens through a positive and safe environment. That mission statement is more than words on a page. It is our district's promise. It is the lens through which we make decisions and the foundation of our strategic plan.

Over the past two years, we have completed the important preparation work. We listened to our community. We gathered input. We evaluated our facilities. We assessed academic needs. Our work solidified a vision for where Harrisonville Schools will go over the next several years. Now that our strategic plan has been developed, we have entered into the implementation phase of our strategic planning work. This is where vision turns into action.

Our 2024-2029 strategic plan outlines key priorities: strengthening academic work, expanding student opportunities, investing in professional development, and addressing long-term facility

needs. Those priorities are actively shaping the work happening in our schools. Our academic work is structured in alignment with Missouri learning standards and is focused on measurable growth. While academic excellence remains our goal, our priority is ensuring every student demonstrates growth and continued improvement.

We continue to expand our student opportunities across the district, from early childhood programming, to before- and after-school care, to real-world learning experiences. We are committed to ensuring that every student has meaningful opportunities that prepare them for life beyond graduation. In order to support these opportunities, our district must provide high quality professional development and keep it a central focus. We are investing in our staff by building background knowledge, strengthening instructional practices, and creating a shared platform of excellence. As our staff grows and strengthens their instructional strategies, our students experience

greater success.

One of the current and most visible elements of this implementation phase is the placement of Proposition One on the April 7 ballot. The bond directly supports multiple components of our strategic plan, including enhancing safety and security, strengthening infrastructure, and expanding student opportunities. The passage of this bond will allow the district to address key priorities while maintaining the current tax rate. Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to participate in public discussions, community presentations, and meetings with local organizations to share information and answer questions about Prop One. One of the most important parts of implementation is communication. A strong plan only works if our community understands it and supports it.

When we speak about our vision, we are describing a future-focused district designed for the next generations of Wildcats. We are thinking forward about safe buildings, innovative programs, strong

academic growth, and expanded opportunities. We are focused on preparing students not just for the next grade level, but for the next chapter of their lives. We remain grateful for the continued partnership of our community as we move forward. Our schools are a great source of pride for the Harrisonville community and our progress reflects that ongoing commitment.

Thank you for your continued support as we move from vision to action.

It's Always A Great Day To Be A Wildcat!

Josh Chastain, Ed.D.

Prop One: Strengthening Our Schools. Shaping Our Future. Zero Tax Rate Increase

Three Priority Areas

Safety & Security

- Rekeying district facilities
- Replacing internal hollow-core doors
- Upgrading fire systems
- New drop-off and pick-up loop at Harrisonville Elementary School
- Fencing to secure district facilities



Student Opportunities

- Performing Arts Center upgrades
- New multi-use facility at Harrisonville High School
- New tennis courts
- Renovated baseball and softball complex
- Expanded press box



Infrastructure

- Completion of district roof replacements
- Continued heating and cooling updates
- Four-classroom addition at McEowen Elementary School
- Parking lot improvements
- Flooring updates



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Safety & Security

Under the Safety priority, a new pick-up/drop-off loop at Harrisonville Elementary School will help alleviate traffic congestion in the neighborhood. Cars dropping off or picking up students can be housed on school property rather than in the city streets. This will also minimize car and school bus traffic interaction.

All doors in the district will be rekeyed and inside hollow-core doors will be replaced. Additionally, the fire system will be upgraded at the high school.



Full map of HES with proposed pick-up/drop-off loop

Student Opportunities

Performing Arts Center

Upgrades to the HHS Performing Arts Center will include new seats, new curtain, and renovations to lobby and restroom areas. There have been no updates to the facility since it was built in 1999.



Rendering of new Performing Arts Center Lobby with ticket and concession area

Infrastructure

Prop One will allow re-roofing of district buildings which began in 2020 with Prop N. Most of ECC and CCC will be updated and the remaining roofs on HES, McEowen, HMS, and HHS will be completed. Prop One will also continue the heating and cooling updates which began with Prop N with replacement of RTUs at McEowen, HES, and HHS; a chiller at HES; a chiller and boiler at HMS, and new HVAC in the CCC EMT program.

Prop One will also include an addition of four classrooms, plus restrooms, along with a parking lot at McEowen Elementary School. With the move to 3rd-5th grade building, future increases in enrollment will stretch the capacity of McEowen.

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Multi-use Facility

A new multi-use facility at HHS will provide practice space for activities who currently have no designated space or inadequate space including our growing girls' wrestling team, cheer & dance teams. The facility could provide indoor practice space for band, baseball, softball, soccer, & football, as well as room for staff professional development meetings and community events.



Above: Rendering of multi-use facility interior with girls wrestling practice

Below: Rendering of multi-use facility exterior



Zero Tax Rate Increase

Prop One is a zero tax rate increase bond issue. This means that the school's tax rate will not change based on the outcome of the election. The current tax rate is \$5.4772.

Every Vote Matters

Deadline to register to vote: March 11

Early voting begins: March 24

Election day: April 7

New Tennis Courts & Baseball/Softball Renovation

Onsite tennis courts will improve safety by eliminating travel to practice/home meets for our growing tennis teams. Six courts will allow us to host tournaments. The current courts at the park are costly to maintain to competition level.

Baseball and softball will use one turf facility with adjustable fencing and bases. The facility will include a press box, concessions/restrooms building, bleachers, and fencing for tennis/softball/baseball complex.



Rendering of new overhead view of tennis, baseball and softball facility

Learn more and vote on April 7!

Visit the Harrisonville Schools website for more information about Prop One, including ballot language, answers to frequently asked questions, and information on how to register to vote.

Harrisonvilleschools.org/PropOne





Little Cats Preschool Enrollment Now Open for 2026-27



Enrollment is now open for Little Cats Preschool at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center (ECC). At ECC, we believe in the power of play. Play is a meaningful and powerful way young children learn, creating a joyful, creative environment where all students can grow and thrive.

Our students are taught by qualified early childhood educators who utilize the Missouri Early Learning Standards to guide instruction and support each child's development.

Children who turn 3 or 4 years

old on or before July 31, 2026, are eligible to participate in Little Cats Preschool. Families may choose from full-day or half-day program options.

To begin the enrollment process, families should complete the following steps:

1. Submit a completed Pre-Enrollment Form located on the Harrisonville Schools website to suzy.ryman@harrisonvilleschools.org or pick up a copy at the Early Childhood Center.
2. Provide a copy of the child's birth certificate.
3. Provide a copy of the child's immunization record.
4. Schedule a developmental screening by calling the Early Childhood Center at 816-380-4421.

Following the developmental screening, families will receive additional information regarding placement in Little Cats Preschool. Placement is offered on

a first-come, first-served basis, and families are encouraged to complete the process as soon as possible.

For more information visit: <https://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/school/harrisonville-early-childhood-center/little-cats-preschool>.

Harrisonville Schools looks forward to partnering with families and their children during these important early years.



April Audo, Avery Jaynes, Isla Reynolds, Leo Rew, and Boone Lairmore practice fine motor skills with shaving cream at ECC.

Nine staff members set to retire

The district will honor nine staff members who are retiring at the end of the year with a day in their honor during the month of April. Those staff members who have announced their retirement include...

- Layne Anderson, HHS Social Studies
- Melanie Dearing, HMS Explorer
- Kathy Eckert, HHS Music Accompanist
- Crissy Gilvin, HMS Science
- Bill Kay, HHS Math
- Jake Kohl, HHS Technology
- Jamie Mackender, McEwen Special Education
- Kip Mathew, HHS Vocal Music
- Brenda Tilawen, HHS Special Education

For the past several years, the district has recognized retirees by designating a day during which the retirees receive tokens of appreciation and are featured on the district's Facebook page. To share your congratulatory comments with any retiree, look for their "day" on Facebook, mail a card to 503 S. Lexington, Harrisonville, MO, 64701, or email them at firstname.lastname@harrisonvilleschools.org.

Student Leadership Roles Strengthen Programs at CCC

Cass Career Center recognizes students who go above and beyond in their programs by offering leadership opportunities and added responsibility. Many of these roles require students to complete an application process and, in some cases, participate in interviews to earn the position. Through roles such as captains and corporals, selected students help guide their classmates and support daily program operations.

These experiences allow peers to practice following direction from student leaders while giving those in leadership roles the opportunity to strengthen their skills and prepare for success in their program.

This year, the following students earned leadership roles within their programs, supporting instructors and classmates while modeling the Triple Cs of consistency, curriculum, and conduct.

Criminal Justice/ Crime Scene Investigation

Captains: Reagan Barton, Ray Pec; Kiahna Bryant, Belton
Corporals: Nevaeh Greife, Harrisonville; Kendall Leyerly, Pleasant Hill; Charlie Terrell, Harrisonville; Alexis Wheeler, Pleasant Hill; Kashlee Murray, Home School

EMT

Captains: Logan Boyle, Harrisonville; Brody Rison, Lee's Summit West; Adam Burrow, Lee's Summit West; Zane Moeschler, Ray Pec; Zarcarius Sims, Lee's Summit North; Jacob Bellamy, Harrisonville; Pepin Bray, Midway; Hailee Cooper, Adrian
Lieutenants: Samantha Johnson, Harrisonville; Jack Colyne, Lee's Summit West; Finnian Hoffman, Lee's Summit West; Alex Diemer, Drexel; Beckett Harrison, Lee's Summit High; Braydon Sarratt, Belton; Star Bergen, Belton; Sadie

Maddox, Midway Fire Science

Captains: Sofia Perez, Archie; Sadie Love, Harrisonville
Lieutenants: Peyton Olsen, Ray Pec; Bailee Rabourn, Ray Pec; Alexis Scott, Belton; Joesph Roepke, Harrisonville



CJ/ CSI Captains: Nevaeh Greife, Kiahna Bryant, and Reagan Barton

Senior Day of Service set for May 5; jobs sought

Harrisonville High School will once again host Senior Day of Service.

The Class of 2026 will help with projects in the community on Tuesday, May 5 from 9-11:30 a.m. The high school is seeking "jobs". Examples of projects could include landscape work, cleaning/organizing, yard work, painting, putting together kits/packets, etc. Job sites are expected to have a representative on hand and provide all the materials/tools needed.

To submit a job, go to the district website www.harrisonvilleschools.org, then Senior Day of Service or call/email

Jayden Love at 380-2727, ext. 1224 or Jayden.love@harrisonvilleschools.org.

When completing the form, consider how many students can work the full 2.5 hours in order to complete your job. Also, please be as specific as possible when describing the job.

Please note that residential jobs are limited to outside work.

Job submission closes on **Wednesday, April 9**. Since the majority of projects will take place outside, inclement weather would cause the event to be canceled and it will not be rescheduled.



Harrisonville High School seniors from the Class of 2025 completed yard work for local residents during Senior Day of Service

Chastain Recognized as GKC MASA Emerging Superintendent

Harrisonville, Mo: Harrisonville Schools superintendent Josh Chastain, Ed.D. was recently recognized as Emerging Superintendent of the year by the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA). Chastain was nominated for the award by his colleagues in the Greater Kansas City MASA Region for his outstanding work and leadership.

The award is presented annually to individuals in their second or third year of employment as superintendent who have made a measurable contribution to the school district that they serve, according to MASA executive director Mark Penny. Only eight superintendents in the state receive the award each year.

"The Harrisonville Schools Board of Education is very pleased to recognize Dr. Chastain's receipt of this award," said Board President Doug Meyer. "We are fortunate to have his leadership. Please join us in extending congratulations to Dr. Chastain."

Chastain has served as superintendent of Harrisonville Schools since July 1, 2023. Highlights of his tenure include the completion of a five-year strategic plan, the expansion of early childhood services, and a continued focus on curriculum and instruction. Prior to joining Harrisonville, Chastain served as ex-

ecutive director of academics in the Nixa Public School District beginning in 2018 and held administrative roles in the district since 2007. He began his career in education as an elementary teacher with Springfield Public Schools in Springfield, Missouri.

Chastain has a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Southwest Missouri State University, a Master of Science in education administration from Southwest Missouri State University, and a Specialist and Doctorate of Education in educational leadership from Saint Louis University.



Summer School 2026 set for May 20 - June 16

This summer, Harrisonville School District plans to offer summer school to students entering grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. Summer School is set for May 20 through June 16.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students will once again participate in the Summer Journeys summer school program. Kindergarten classes will be located at Harrisonville Early Childhood Center, while first through fifth grades will be located at Harrisonville Elementary School. The program blends core academic instruction with engaging Journey exploratory courses, including STEM experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Harrisonville Middle School will once again offer a summer school opportunity for incoming sixth through eighth graders at HMS. The program is designed to support academic growth while providing engaging learning experiences for students throughout the summer. Additional details will be shared with families as plans are finalized.

Students entering grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to enroll in Edgenuity (online) courses, including Personal Finance and Health, as well as on-site classes, including Lifetime Fitness and Driver's Education. New this year, Harrisonville High School will also offer one in-person section of Public Speaking for students entering grades 10-12.

The HHS Student Services office will send a Google Form to all incoming ninth through 12th grade students to sign up for classes, or students may visit the HHS Student Services office to enroll. Incoming ninth graders taking summer classes will not be provided a school-issued Chromebook and must have access to another device if they plan to take a course this summer.

More information about summer school enrollment, including how to register and important deadlines, will be shared with families. To learn more visit www.harrisonvilleschools.org.





Four file for seats on Board of Education



Michael Culpepper



Cameron Chenoweth



Ashley Franklin



Bing Schimmelpfenning

Four individuals have filed to run for election to the Harrisonville School Board.

Candidates are:

- Michael Culpepper
- Cameron Chenoweth
- Ashley Franklin
- Bing Schimmelpfenning

On April 7, 2026, voters will select three people to serve three-year terms. Board members whose terms expire in 2026 are Michael Culpepper, Ashley Franklin, and Nancy Shelton. Information on each candidate is listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot.

Michael Culpepper

Occupation: Director of Supply and Logistics with Hunters Pride Construction.

Education:

High School Diploma - Harrisonville High School, Bachelor of Science in Physical Education- Missouri State University, and Master of Science in Education Leadership - University of Central Missouri.

Why did you decide to run for school board?

I'm running for the school board because Harrisonville is home to me. As a former student and teacher here, I care deeply about our schools. I want to ensure every student receives an excellent education and ev-

ery teacher has a supportive workplace with competitive pay. Investing in our schools means investing in our community's future.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Harrisonville Schools?

'The biggest challenge facing Harrisonville is balancing our building needs, keeping great teachers, and making sure students are getting the best education possible. We have to be smart with the bond issue, support and retain quality staff, and stay focused on improving student achievement.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

Our biggest strengths are the people. Harrisonville still has that small-town feel where people truly care about each other and our kids. Our teachers are dedicated and go above and beyond, and our community shows up, supports our schools, and takes pride in the traditions and future of Harrisonville. We're also fortunate to have a school board that works well together and brings different experiences to the table to help move the district forward.

Family: I am married to Leslie (Moreland) and we have three children, Calvin, Bowen, and Hattie.

Cameron Chenoweth

Occupation/Business:

Insurance Agent, Cameron Chenoweth Agency – American Family Insurance

Educational Background:

Harrisonville Alumni, K-12 Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri; Bachelor's Degree in Business, Minor in Sports Management; Former collegiate football player

Community Organizations/Memberships:

Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce Chamber Ambassador, Prior School Board Member, Proud supporter of Harrisonville schools and community, donating time and resources through my agency, Member of Cornerstone Community Church, Cass Community Health Foundation Board Member

Why did you decide to run for school board?

I am running for the school board because I believe in the future of Harrisonville schools and want to contribute to their continued success. As a former board member, I understand the responsibility and commitment it takes to ensure our students, teachers, and administrators have the resources and support they need to excel. My passion for this district runs deep—I am a proud alumnus, my children attend our schools, and I want to help create the best possible educational environment for them and for all students. I want to use my experience and leadership to help our schools grow, maintain fiscal responsibility, and support the educators who shape our community's future.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools?

One of the biggest challenges facing Harrisonville Schools is the need to grow our community while maintaining the small-town values that make this district special. Our school enrollment directly impacts funding and resources, so attracting and retaining families in the district is critical to our long-term success. We need to find ways to enhance our schools, make Harrisonville a destination for families, and ensure we remain competitive with surrounding districts while preserving the close-knit community feel, we all value.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

Harrisonville's greatest strength is its people—the support this community has for one another is unmatched. Whether it's rallying around a cause or celebrating student achievements, the people of Harrisonville always come together. Our teachers and administrators are dedicated professionals who not only educate but invest in our students' futures. Many are alumni who have chosen to return and give back to the district that shaped them. That sense of pride and commitment is what makes our schools and community so special, and as a board member, I will continue to support and advocate for them.

Four file for seats on Board of Education

Family:

I am a proud father of four amazing children: Emma James (16), Junior; Harper Chenoweth (11), 5th Grade; Peyton Chenoweth (8), 3rd Grade; Bo Chenoweth (4), Pre School; My parents, Joe and Brenda Chenoweth, still reside in Harrisonville. My mother is a retired teacher from the Harrisonville School District, and my father runs a missionary organization, Walking the Walls.

Ashley Franklin

Occupation/Business: Director at Kinder Kastle/Harrisonville Christian School

Educational Background: Alumni of Harrisonville School District, College at Southwest Baptist University

Community Organizations/Memberships: Current Harrisonville School Board Member, Institutional Advisory Board at the Cass Career Center, and an active member at Cornerstone Community Church.

Why did you decide to run for school board?

I decided to run for a second term on the Harrisonville School Board because Harrisonville is home. I am a graduate of Harrisonville schools, and now my husband and I are raising our two boys who currently attend the Middle School and High School. This community invested in me, and I want to continue investing back into it.

Serving on the board for my first term gave me valuable experience that I want to continue building on. I am passionate about promoting the school district and the success that it brings, supporting our educators, and making decisions that keep students at the center while being good stewards of our district's resources. I also believe in open communication and working with parents, staff, and community members, because Harrisonville has a lot to be proud of, and I want to help ensure our schools continue to grow, improve, and prepare students not just for graduation, but for life beyond the classroom.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools?

I feel one of our biggest challenges currently facing the Harrisonville School District is academic performance. With that said, the district has strong leadership in place, an academically driven superintendent, along with a very dedicated team and school board to provide a solid foundation for continued improvement.

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

I believe that the Harrisonville School District has many strengths. One of the most notable is the strong focus on preparing students for their next steps after graduation. The district provides students with numerous real-world learning opportunities, a wide range of college ready courses, and access to the Cass Career Center which equips students with valuable technical training and career readiness skills.

Family:

I am married to my best friend, Matt Franklin, and we recently celebrated 21 years of marriage! We have been blessed with two sons, Kaden Franklin, who is currently a freshman in high school, and Jesse Franklin, who is currently in 6th grade at the middle school.

Bing Schimmelpfenning

Occupation/Business: Executive Director, Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce

Educational Background: 1988 Graduate Harrisonville High School 1992 Graduate University of Missouri Kansas City, Bachelor of Arts & Science

Community Organizations/Memberships:

Harrisonville Cass R I-X School Board Member 2017 -2024, Assistant District Governor Rotary District #6080, 2020-Present, Harrisonville Economic Enterprise Zone Board – President 2020 -Present, National Historic Preservation Board – 2024-Present, Cass County Coalition of Chambers Presi-

dent 2016 – Present, and United Methodist Church Member– 1990 – Present
Why did you decide to run for school board?

I am running because I want to continue to lead the district into the future. I believe that parents have the right to know what is being taught to their children as well as who is teaching them. I am excited to see the district have a strong financial footing and am thankful to be part of that progress. Our students are being prepared for the future with the inclusion of our district in the Kauffman Foundation Real World Learning program. I was the catalyst for our district joining that program and in turn receiving \$400,000 in grant money from Kauffman. The middle school students have begun "career explorations" and this will expand to include those at McEowen in the near future. I also was selected by the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation to bring the National Civics Bee to Harrisonville, one of only 4 chambers in the state of Missouri selected to do so. We had the First Civics Bee last year with record attendance and participation from our local schools with one local student winning State competition and getting to go to Washington DC to participate in Nationals! As the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, I worked with educators at the Cass Career Center to create a Marketing Internship for our students. So far, 5 students have been through the internship. The Career Center students also helped the Chamber Foundation's Tourism Committee get ready for the World Cup this year by putting together, the first ever, Cass County Visitors Guide, which is being distributed all over Kansas City and Joplin to attract tourists to our area. Our students not only deserve to FEEL safe but to BE safe at our schools. Thanks to the community, our district was able to provide secure entrances for all of our buildings. As a past member of the district Safety Committee, that has been our number one priority, the safety of our students, and staff. I will continue to work to find ways to keep everyone

in our district safe. I will continue to listen to the parents and fight for the direction they want our district to go in. When C team sports were eliminated, parents and community members were upset, I fought until C team sports were re-instated in the district. I am excited to continue the work I helped start several years ago with our 5 year plan to make sure the district focuses on Safety & Security, Student Opportunities and Infrastructure. I helped keep the district on strong financial footing which is now allowing us to support a NO TAX increase Bond issue, Prop One, to finish what we got started 5 years ago.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the Harrisonville Schools?

New challenges are facing our district, from an increase in mental health issues to curriculum standards to the rising costs of health care for our staff. I have the experience to guide our district through these challenges and ask for your support. I have and will always put the STUDENTS FIRST!

What do you feel are the district's biggest strengths?

There are of course more than 3 good things about our district, but having to pick, I'd say without a doubt number one are our kids, followed by our staff and community.

Role of Board Member: The role of a School Board Member is to work with the community to make sure that our students are receiving a world-class education that prepares them for the future.

Family:

My immediate family is my Sister and Mother, however I feel everyone in our community to be an extension of family.





Community Calendar of Events

Mar. 1	School Board Appreciation Month	Apr. 20	Make Monday-Earth Day Edition, 6:30 p.m., CCPL-Registration Required
Mar. 2	No School- Professional Learning Day	Apr. 20-25	Neighborhood Forest Tree Distribution., CCPL-Registration Required
Mar. 2	Day Camp, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m., HPR	Apr. 21	Marble Run Madness #4, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., CCPL
Mar. 3	HMS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	Apr. 21	ECC - PAT Playgroup, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Mar. 3-5	HES Book Fair	Apr. 21	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
Mar. 3-5	McE Book Fair	Apr. 22	HMS Culver’s Night Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m.
Mar. 5	PAT Wild & Wacky Event, 6 p.m., ECC	Apr. 23	HHS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
Mar. 5	HHS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	Apr. 24	HHS Theater Gala, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
Mar. 6	McE Spring Pictures	Apr. 24-29	DECA International Competition
Mar. 6	First Friday Coffee, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., Harrisonville Middle School Library	Apr. 27-May 1	Harrisonville Schools Staff Appreciation Week
Mar. 7	HHS Show Choir Competition at Ray-Pec HS	Apr. 28	Bright Futures #My42 Day
Mar. 7	CCC Monopoly Tournament, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Apr. 28	HMS Band Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
Mar. 10	ECC - PAT Playgroup, 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Apr. 20	Marble Run Madness Tournament, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., CCPL
Mar. 10	HMS Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	Apr. 30	HHS Band/Choir Solo & Small Ensemble State Contest. Columbia
Mar. 12	Cass Regional Pulmonary Support Group, 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m., CRMC	May. 1	First Friday Coffee, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., TBD
Mar. 12	Adult Quilt Class, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m., HPR	May 1	School Principals’ Day
Mar. 12-14	HMS Play, 7 p.m., HHS PAC	May 2	HHS Music Mania, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
Mar. 13-15	HHS Show Choir Competition at Millard North HS, Omaha	May 1-2	FFA Plant Sale at CCC, 12-3 p.m.
Mar. 16	Maker Monday, 6:30 p.m., CCPL-Registration Required	May 4	HHS Spring Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
Mar. 16-28	Chick Hatching at the Library., CCPL	May 5	HMS Choir Concert, 7 p.m., HHS PAC
Mar. 16-20	No School- Spring Break	May 7	School Nurses’ Day
Mar. 16-20	Day Camp, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m., HPR	May 8	Graduation, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium
Mar. 18	Spring Break Studio, 12:00p.m.-2:30 p.m., CCPL	May 8	Mother’s Day Makerspace, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., CCPI
Mar. 18	Mario Jamboree Party, 2:45 p.m., CCPL	May 15	Last Day Bash, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m, CCPL
Mar. 19	Chamber Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Chamber Office, RSVP, Cost \$15	May 15	Last Day of School- Early Release
Mar. 19	Adult Quilt Class, 5:00 - 8:30 pm., HPR	May 15	Day Camp, 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., HPR
Mar. 22-23	DECA State Competition	May 19	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
Mar. 23	Baseball, Softball and T-Ball early registration deadline. HPR	May 21	Chamber Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Community Center, RSVP, Cost \$15
Mar, 24	Spring Break Book Club, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., CCPL	May 21	Adult Open Sew Class. 4:00 - 8:30 p.m., HPR
Mar. 24	ECC Spring Picture Day	May 22	Outdoor Pool opens- season runs 5-22 - 8-9. HPR
Mar. 24	ECC PAT Playgroup, 9:30-10:30 a.m.	May 26	Bright Futures #My42 Day
Mar. 24	Bright Futures #my42 Day	Jun. 1	SLP Opening Party, 6:00 p.m., CCPL- Registration Required
Mar. 24	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office	Jun. 5	First Friday Coffee, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., TBD
Mar. 25	HES Spring Pictures Day	Jun. 5	Dinosaur O’Dell, 10:00 a.m., CCPL - Registration Required
Mar. 26	National Civic Bee, 5:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., Harrisonville Performing Arts Center-HHS	Jun. 11	Foundation Summer Fine Arts & Wine Shop N Sip, 5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., Hville Square
Mar. 27	HMS Spring Pictures Day	Jun. 13	Chips, Dips & Dads Father’s Day Event at the Outdoor Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Mar. 27	HHS Band State Large Group Contest at Grain Valley HS	Jun. 18	Adult Open Sew Class, 4:00 - 8:30 p.m., HPR
Mar. 27	Adult Whodunit Murder Mystery Event, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., HPR	Jun. 19-20	Ag City Music Festival, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., 27225 S. Kauffman Rd, Hville
Mar. 28	HHS Band/Choir District Solo/Small Ensemble Contest at Grain Valley HS	Jun. 23	Bright Futures #My42 Day
Mar. 28	DnD Side Quest Saturday, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., CCPL	Jun. 23	Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Admin Office
Mar. 28	Easter Egg Hunt at Reed Ford	Jun. 25	Hville Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 8:30 a.m., Shamrock Hills
Mar. 30-Apr.10	HHS Ceramics Show		
Mar. 31	Marble Run Madness #1, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., CCPL		
Mar. 31	HES 1st Grade Program 6:00 p.m., HHS PAC		
Apr. 3	First Friday Coffee, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., Coffelt Land Title, Chamber Office		
Apr. 3	No School- Good Friday Holiday		
Apr. 6-10	National Assistant Principals Week		
Apr. 6-10	National Library Week		
Apr. 6	No School- Staff Learning and Collaboration		
Apr. 6	Day Camp, 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., HPR		
Apr. 7	Marble Run Madness #2, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., CCPL		
Apr. 7	ECC - PAT Playgroup. 9:30-10:30 a.m.		
Apr. 7	HES Culver’s Night Fundraiser		
Apr. 9-10	HHS, One Acts, 7 p.m., PAC		
Apr. 9-11	SkillsUSA State Competition		
Apr. 13	McEowen Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m., HHS PAC		
Apr. 14	Marble Run Madness #3, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., CCPL		
Apr. 14	McEowen Culver’s Night Fundraiser. 5-8 p.m.		
Apr. 16	Adult Open Sew Class, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., HPR		
Apr. 16	Chamber Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Chamber Office, RSVP, Cost \$15		
Apr. 16	HES Kindergarten Music Program, 6 p.m., HHS PAC		
Apr. 18	Kids Sewing Class, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., HPR		
Apr. 18	HHS Mr. Wildcat Pageant, 7 p.m., HHS PAC		
Apr. 20	Ambassador Quarterly Meeting, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Chamber Office		

CCPL Harrisonville Branch Programs

Toddler Time- Wednesdays at 11:00AM
Preschool Storytime- Thursdays at 11AM
Minecraft Club- Thursdays at 4:15PM through April- Registration Required
LEGO Club at the Library- 1st Monday of every month at 6:30PM- Registration Required
BeTween the Lines Book Club- 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30PM
Girls Who Code-Monthly Bytes- 4th Monday of every month at 6:00PM
Weekly Epic Gaming Jan. - May- Thursdays 2:30PM - 4:30PM
Hobby Club 1st Wednesday of every month at 5:45PM
Bunco 1st Saturday of every month at 10:00AM
Mystery Book Club 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:00PM
Brown Bag Book Club 2nd Thursday of every month at 12:00PM
Taste of Adventure 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30PM
Open Minds Book Club 3rd Friday of every month at 1:00PM
AARP Tax Aide for Adults Feb. 6 through April 10 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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*CRMC - Cass Regional Medical Center
*PAC - Performing Arts Center
*COH - City of Harrisonville
*HPR - Harrisonville Parks & Recreation