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MORGAN COUNTY R-I
HOME OF THE STOVER BULLDOGS

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BE THE 1 IN MCR-1--IT'S OUR ATTITUDE

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MATT UNGER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Spring has finally Sprung! After a long weary winter, we finally have welcoming temperatures and will soon see flowers blooming, and trees will be budding, and the Missouri Ozarks' beauty will be fully displayed. Springtime weather patterns also increase the risk of violent and severe thunderstorms.

I wanted to remind you that the school district has a Community Tornado Safe Room for use during tornado and dangerous high wind events. The Safe Room is on the Morgan County R-I School District Stover School campus at 701 N. Oak St., Stover, MO 65078. The Tornado Safe Room is available to students and residents in the community that do not have adequate safe areas to shelter during severe weather.

Due to the estimated time necessary to reach the Safe Room after a warning has been given, it is absolutely necessary that residents living more than five minutes away come to the Dome before the tornado sirens sound. Once the tornado sirens have been activated, law enforcement and safe room managers will determine when the safe room doors will be locked. Anyone not in the safe room will be sent to a secondary location.

In order to receive a text alert that the Safe room is open, you must sign up through Morgan County Emergency Management (<http://www.morgan-county.org/offices/morgan-county-911/weather-alerts/>) or Morgan County R-1 School district will send out a text message (<https://www.mycallnow.com/Home/CreateAccount?type=0>) indicating the safe room is open. If you do not have a text message device, you can receive a traditional phone call by calling or stopping by Morgan County R-1 School District.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (REPORT CARD):

Even with all the COVID happenings of the past few years, the Missouri Department of Education was required by law to implement a new rigorous REPORT CARD for all Missouri Public and Charter Schools. This report card is being phased in starting in the 2022-2023 school year and is using data from the 2021-22 school year. One MAJOR change from the previous report card is that Achievement Scores and Achievement Growth have been separated which has really impacted overall scores. As a result, you can be a high academic achieving school district but lose points because achievement scores didn't show enough growth. In other words, a higher achieving school district can be lower rated than an under-achieving school district because the other school district showed more growth. Regardless, this is the new system that we will have to adjust to. So how did Morgan County R-1 perform on the 22-23 Report Card?

Kaysinger Conference

Cole Camp	73.90%
Green Ridge	82.20%
Lamonte	78.10%
Lincoln	81.10%
Northwest	76.70%
Otterville	74.90%
Smithton	76.20%
Stover	76.40%
Tipton	70.20%
Windsor	68.70%

Lake Area

Versailles	72.30%
Eldon	79.90%
School of the Osage	74.80%
Camdenton	79.40%
Warsaw	68.50%

As you can see, our 'Report Card' Score is very similar to conference and area schools. Are we satisfied? No! The students, teachers, staff, administrators, and Board of Education will continue to do what is necessary to be #1.

Enrollment increases=Classroom expansion

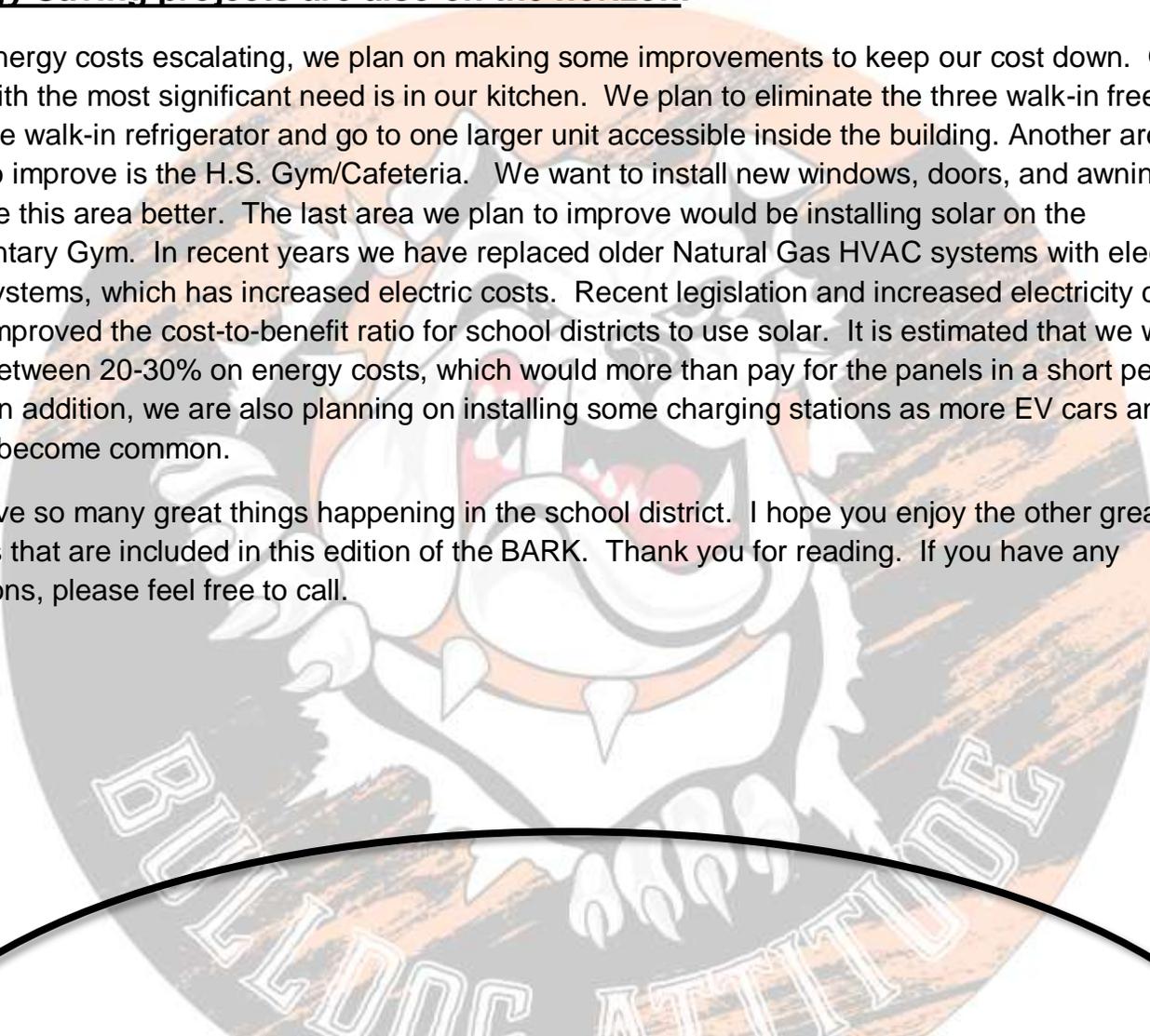
On many occasions, I have written about our increased enrollment. In the past nine years, our Kindergarten through 12th-grade enrollment has increased by 208 students, translating to over a 36% increase! This does not include the 54 Preschool students that attend our full-day PK programs. It should also be noted that we have a lengthy waitlist for our preschool program. So, we have over

840 students on campus on any given school day. Every available space is being utilized to provide services for our students. As a result of our growth and early childhood needs, the district will be embarking on a facility project that will include the construction of new elementary classrooms, bathroom renovations, and a new bus barn. We believe this project will meet our current needs and the flexibility to possibly look at a larger building project in the future.

Energy Saving projects are also on the horizon.

With energy costs escalating, we plan on making some improvements to keep our cost down. One area with the most significant need is in our kitchen. We plan to eliminate the three walk-in freezers and one walk-in refrigerator and go to one larger unit accessible inside the building. Another area we want to improve is the H.S. Gym/Cafeteria. We want to install new windows, doors, and awnings to insulate this area better. The last area we plan to improve would be installing solar on the Elementary Gym. In recent years we have replaced older Natural Gas HVAC systems with electric VRF systems, which has increased electric costs. Recent legislation and increased electricity costs have improved the cost-to-benefit ratio for school districts to use solar. It is estimated that we would save between 20-30% on energy costs, which would more than pay for the panels in a short period of time. In addition, we are also planning on installing some charging stations as more EV cars and buses become common.

We have so many great things happening in the school district. I hope you enjoy the other great articles that are included in this edition of the BARK. Thank you for reading. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the businesses, individuals, organizations, and parents for all your support this school year. Thank you for your Bulldog Attitude and for being the #1 in MCR-1!



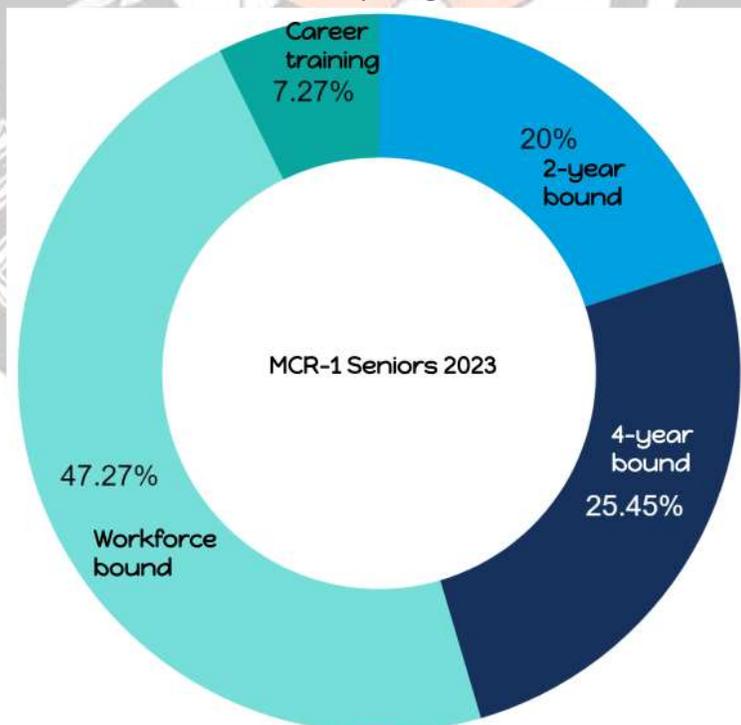
rootEd Advising-Planning for the Future

By Carrie Hewett, rootEd Adviser

RootEd is a state-wide initiative to ensure that every student is with assistance as they navigate through all the steps they must take in their senior year. The grant is geared toward helping all students, whether they choose a college, military, technical programs, or the workforce. The hope is that they are given the resources to make the best-informed choices for their future. We know it can be stressful to keep track of all the deadlines and decide the next steps, so we are excited that this program has helped alleviate some of that stress and make the senior year more enjoyable.

Our seniors have been busy this year exploring colleges, careers, and tech schools and visiting with potential employers and branches of the military. Students attended a college fair hosted by Smithton High School. They participated in mock interviews, FAFSA frenzies, scholarship work nights, factory tours, Apply Missouri Week, and many other activities geared towards postsecondary planning. As the year winds down and seniors finalize their plans, they're busy applying for jobs, completing countless scholarship applications, and working on financial projects for life after high school. We will end the year celebrating all seniors with Decision Day on May 8th.

All underclassmen have also begun preparing for their future by completing ICAPS and thinking about classes they want to take for the 23-24 school year. Students have taken career interest inventories and identified what their post-secondary plans are as of right now. This information was sent home at the spring Parent Teacher Conferences.





Spring Events in Full Swing for the Elementary

By Jessica Smith/ Elementary Principal

Each spring, our Kaysinger Conference hosts a Math & Spelling Bee at Lincoln Elementary school for our Kaysinger Conference elementary students. While we haven't attended this event for some time, we started attending it again last year in 2022. This year, we were excited to join in on the fun again! To provide some extra practice and excitement, we took a slightly different approach to determine which third through sixth-grade students would participate in the competition for our elementary. Instead of determining Kaysinger Math & Spelling Bee contestants in the classroom, we decided to determine them by hosting our own Math & Spelling Bee at Stover. Each third through sixth-grade classroom narrowed down their top 4 Math and Spelling students. Then we hosted a Stover Math and Spelling Bee for each grade level to determine our school's winners that would advance to the Kaysinger Math & Spelling Bee on March 29th. We invited families of our participants to join us for the Spelling Bee and the Stover Math & Spelling Bee awards assembly. It was a great event showcasing our students' academic talents in Math and Spelling! Congratulations to all our participants and award winners! We have a great group of students heading to Lincoln Elementary to represent our school! Check out our social media pages for the Kaysinger Math & Spelling Bee results!

Our Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up is off to a great start! We hosted our first PreK & K Round Up during our Parent Teacher Conference night in March. We had a full schedule of 65 children participating in this initial event prompting the need to host a second PreK & K Round Up later this spring. Children who attend our Round-Up events will also receive a free *Future Bulldog* t-shirt! If you have a child that is Preschool or Kindergarten eligible for the upcoming school year, please get in touch with our Elementary office to sign up

to attend our additional PreK & K Round Up event happening soon! Eligible children must meet one of these two requirements: PreK- any child the age of 3 years old on or before July 31st, 2023, OR Kindergarten- any child the age of 5 years old on or before July 31st, 2023.

We host quarterly Reading Nights in Stover, Florence, and Ivy Bend for our elementary students and their families each year. These events include picture book read-aloud, crafts, music, snacks, and free books! We have had a great year of reading and family fun at our events. We appreciate all who have participated and the community partnerships that have helped make these events happen in all three communities! We are ready to finish the year strong by hosting a Reading Celebration on April 12th! Students will enjoy a free meal, a free book, games, and crafts, and have the opportunity to take pictures with their favorite book characters too!

Finally, our Stover Elementary would also like to thank our PTO for hosting two fun breakfast events for our students and their families this year! One event was hosted last fall, and they just finished hosting another this spring in March; Goodies with Grandparents & Pastries with Parents! Our students had a great time at both events, which were well attended and enjoyed by our community!

Important Dates for the Elementary

March 27 & 28—Spring Concerts at 6:00

April 3-10—Spring Break

April 12—Reading Celebration from 5:30 to 7:00

April 24-28—BOGO Book Fair

May 11—Awards Assembly for PK-5 grades

May 12—Last day of school



Counselor's Corner

By Raven Eckhoff, Counselor

My name is Raven Eckhoff, and I started in the position of Jr High/High School Responsive Services Provider Position this past November 2022. I provide consultation and support services to staff and students, crisis counseling, referrals for ongoing therapy, and assessment of needs. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and have been providing therapy for the past seven years. I specialize in trauma therapy, enjoy working with youth, and am always amazed by their strengths and resiliency. A day into my world consists of meeting with students on a need-to-need basis providing basic needs and intermittent counseling as they may be struggling with peer conflict, anxiety, mood management, poor academic performance, and sometimes trauma/crises. I also have meetings with staff to assess needs, discuss providing optimal care and explore ways to ensure students' academic success and mental health support.

Upcoming dates: Over the next couple of months: March 27-30 and May 1-4th, with the help of Ashley Witte, a Community Outreach and Education Coordinator with ChildSafe of Central Missouri, I will be providing prevention education to 6-12th grade students that discuss child safety encompassing victimization of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. The State of Missouri mandates this training to ensure optimal safety for our students. Education is vital, especially at a young age, due to ever-increasing victimization statistics among young adolescents. As we continue to learn, education does not take away innocence. Still, instead, experiences do, and with prevention education, we intend to empower students to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. The education will provide information on “prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, the four types of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, neglect), digital abuse, and other digital dangers.”

As always, I am happy to support the Bulldog nation, and if you have any questions or concerns for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me at raven.eckhoff@mcr1.us.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up-to-date on all the activities.

STATE TESTING STARTS IN APRIL

Our State testing will begin on April 18 and run through May 5. The students and teachers have been busy preparing for these tests all year, and we have some tips for you, to prepare your child for testing:

- Be aware of the testing schedule. The testing schedule will be posted on the MCR1 Facebook page daily and weekly. It is also included in this issue on the activities page.
- Be certain your child has had adequate rest (this may mean getting them used to an earlier bedtime before the week of testing).
- Be on time for school.
- Avoid scheduling appointments that can be done at a later date.
- Dress your child in layered clothing. This way, the child may add clothing to get warmer or remove some clothing to be cooler.
- Make sure your child has a book to read when the testing session is complete.
- Have a positive attitude.

We will make sure that all students will have breakfast. Breakfast will be delivered to all students in grades 7-12 in their classroom each day this week. Students in K-6 will go to the cafeteria as a class to have breakfast on test days.

Together we will ROCK these tests!

GRADUATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

We are just about two months from graduation, and we will have 57 young men and women walk across the stage to receive their high school diplomas. These students have worked hard to achieve this accomplishment. We want to share some important dates for the Class of 2023.

April 30	Prom
May 8	Decision Day
May 8	Senior/Faculty Basketball Game
May 10	Senior Class Breakfast at 7:15 a.m.
May 10-11	Senior Finals
May 11	Seniors Final Walk
May 19	Graduation Practice at 10:00 a.m.
May 21	Graduation at 3:00 p.m.

We want to wish the Class of 2023 the very best. The next edition of the Bulldog Bark will feature our Class of 2023. Stay tuned.

What a Great Winter Season for the Stover Bulldogs
By Tony Pace, Athletic Director

The Lady Bulldogs had a great season again on all levels. The junior Bulldogs began the season with a 3rd place finish in the first annual Stover Junior High Tournament. As the season went along, they continued to improve and finished the Kaysinger Tournament as champions.

The high school team also had an excellent finish. They played great competition throughout the season and used that to prepare for another District Tournament run. They finished with a 2nd place trophy in the Stover Tournament and a 3rd place finish in the Kaysinger Tournament. While continuing to improve throughout the season, they used the lessons they learned to advance to the District Championship game for a 3rd straight season. Although they fell short in that Championship game, they received several post-season awards. Ashlyn Pinzke & Tierra Stark were named to the All-Conference and All-District teams. Sandalyn Morris was named to the All-Conference team, and Hannah Bauer was awarded All-Conference Honorable Mention. The returning players and Coach Reardon look forward to another great season next year and continued success.

The Boys' Basketball program also had a great run. The junior high Boys also began the season with a 3rd place finish in the first annual Stover junior high Tournament. They continued to improve as the season went along but fell short in the Kaysinger Tournament.

The high school team had another good season. This year, they finished 5th in the conference, sealing the finish with an exciting win over rival Cole Camp in the regular season finale. Throughout the season, the team made great strides. They won the consolation trophy in the Stover tournament and played for the consolation trophy in the Kaysinger tournament but fell just short in that game. The boys tallied the most wins in 14 seasons and garnered some post-season honors for their players. Blaine Brodersen received All-Conference and All-District recognition, while Landon Edinger was All-District and All-Conference Honorable Mention. Blaine Brodersen finished his career as a member of the 1000-point club. Coach Pace and the boys will miss his contributions, but they look forward to a great future and many more seasons of success.

Along with the success of our basketball programs, Stover also began a new adventure with the first season of Bulldog Wrestling. The junior high team

saw a dozen wrestlers learning the ropes during December and another eight completing the high school season. Coach Billy Bechtel, Jacob Vogt, David Vogt, and Josh Sargent did a great job preparing the boys' and girls' wrestlers for future success by teaching them the beginnings and fundamentals required for success. This season was a learning experience and will be chalked up as a great inaugural year for Bulldog Wrestling. No seniors were on the team, so the future is bright for these Bulldogs and the wrestling team. We are all looking forward to the upcoming seasons of Bulldog Wrestling.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

- 20—Volleyball Open Gym for grades 6-11 from 6:15-7:30
- 21—Stover Showcase
- 21—Senior Scholarship Work Night from 3:30 to 4:30
- 21—Baseball at Fayette at 5:00
- 21—JH/HS Track at Versailles Open at 4:00
- 22—6:45-8:00—Pastries for Parents in the Elementary Gym
- 22—FFA Area Contest from 9:00-4:00
- 22—Soccer at Moberly at 5:00
- 23—Golf at Cole Camp Tri at 4:00
- 23—Baseball at Climax Springs at 5:00
- 23—JH Track at Osage Open at 4:00
- 24—Elementary Awards Assemblies
- 24—FFA CDE at Tipton at 8:00
- 24—Jostens delivers Announcements at 2:30
- 24—Softball with Conway at 5:00
- 24—Baseball at Versailles at 5:00
- 24—Soccer at Belle at 5:00
- 24—HS Track at Osage at 4:00
- 27—No BEAT
- 27—Soccer with Dixon at 5:00
- 27—PK-2 Spring Concert at 6:00 in the high school gym
- 28—NO BEAT
- 28—Conference Science Contest
- 28—FFA District CDE at UCM
- 28—Senior Scholarship Work Night from 3:30 to 4:30
- 28—Golf Match at Versailles at 4:00
- 28—Softball with Dixon at 5:00
- 28—Baseball at Mack Creek at 5:00
- 28—3-5 Spring Concert at 6:00 in the high school gym
- 28—JH Track at Warsaw at 4:00
- 29—FFA Seasoning Fundraiser starts
- 29—Math and Spelling Bee at Lincoln for grades 3-6
- 29—Russellville Golf Tournament at 9:00
- 30—FFA District LDE at Crest Ridge at 4:00
- 30—Soccer at Osage at 5:00
- 30—Grades 7-12 Spring Concert in the high school gym at 6:00
- 30—HS Track at Buffalo at 4:00
- 31—Co-Mo Electric Assembly for fourth grade
- 31—Soccer with Lone Jack at 5:00
- 31—HOMETOWN HERO SPIRIT WEEK—Grades PK-12
- 31—HOMETOWNHERO SPIRIT WEEK—EMS—Wear white



APRIL ACTIVITIES

- 1—Baseball at Vienna and will play Richland also at 11:00
- 1—Lady Bulldog Soccer Classic—Boonville, Laquey, Smithton, and Stover
- 1—District Music Contest for solos
- 3-10—No School
- 4—Softball and Baseball at Lincoln at 5:00
- 5—Versailles Golf Invitational at 9:00
- 9—Happy Easter
- 10—Staff Workday
- 10—Baseball and Softball at La Monte at 5:00
- 10—Soccer with Clinton at 5:00
- 11-14—HOMETOWN HERO SPIRIT WEEK—Grades PK-12
- 11—HOMETOWN HERO SPIRIT WEEK—Police--Wear blue.
- 11—FFA Plant Sale from 3:30-5:30
- 11—Golf Match at Tipton at 4:00
- 11—Softball with Green Ridge at 5:00—SENIOR NIGHT
- 11—CTA Tailgate
- 12-- HOMETOWN HERO SPIRIT WEEK—Firefighters: Wear Red
- 12—FFA Officer Interviews from 4:00-6:00
- 12—Reading Celebration from 5:30-7:00
- 12—HS Track at Skyline at 4:00
- 12—Volleyball Open Gym for Grades 6-11 from 6:15-7:30
- 13-- HOMETOWN HERO SPIRIT WEEK—Dispatch—Wear gold
- 13—Conference Golf Tournament at Mules National
- 13—FFA Plant Sale from 3:30-5:30
- 13—Softball and Softball at Cole Camp at 5:00
- 14-15—Conference Softball Tournament at Lincoln and Cole Camp
- 14—HOMETOWN HERO SPIRIT WEEK—Military—Wear purple
- 14—Midterm
- 15—The band and choir go to Six Flags
- 15—District Scholar Bowl
- 16-18—FBLA Leadership Conference at Springfield
- 17—Author Visit for HS Book Club—April Henry
- 17—Elementary MAP Assembly for grades 3-5
- 17—Baseball with Warsaw at 5:00—SENIOR NIGHT
- 17—Softball with Macks Creek at 5:00
- 17—HS Track at Versailles at 4:00
- 18—MAP 5th grade ELA, and 4th grade ELA
- 18—Softball and Baseball with Windsor at 5:00
- 18—Tri Golf Match at Windsor at 4:00
- 19—NWEA K-2 Math
- 19—MAP 3rd grade ELA and 5th grade ELA
- 19—Soccer at Laquey at 5:00
- 19—High School Track at Cole Camp at 4:00
- 19—Volleyball Open Gym for Grades 6-11 from 6:15-7:30
- 20-21—FFA State Convention at Columbia
- 20—NWEA K-2 Math
- 20—MAP 3rd grade ELA, 4th grade ELA, and 5th grade Math
- 20—Softball and Baseball with Tipton at 5:00
- 20—Versailles JH Track Invite at 4:00
- 21—Third Grade Field Trip
- 21—Book Club goes to Kansas City Library
- 21—Golf Match at North Callaway at 4:00
- 21—Baseball with Stoutland at 5:00
- 21—Softball at Osceola at 5:00
- 21-22—Soccer at Marshfield Invitational
- 22-28—Conference Baseball Tournament at Lincoln and Cole Camp



24-28—BOGO Book Fair
 24—Golf Quad at Windsor at 4:00
 24—JH Track at Russellville at 4:00
 25—First Grade Field Trip
 25—MAP 4th grade ELA and 5th grade Math
 25—EOC English 2
 25—Crocker Invitational Golf Tournament at 9:00
 25—Softball with Northwest at 5:00
 25—Soccer with Lone Jack AT 5:00
 25—CTA Tailgate with Lone Jack
 25—FFA Meeting at 7:30 a.m.
 25—FFA Plant Sale 3:30-5:30
 26—MAP 3rd grade Math, 4th grade Math, 5th grade Science, and 8th grade ELA
 26—Conference JH/HS Track at Smithton at 1:00
 26—Volleyball Open Gym for grades 6-11 at 6:15-7:30
 27—Kindergarten Field Trip
 27—MAP 3rd grade Math, 4th Grade Math, 5th grade Science, 6th Grade ELA, & 8th grade ELA
 27—EOC Algebra I
 27—FFA Plant Sale 3:30-5:30
 27—Soccer with Smithton at 5:00
 28—Second Grade Field Trip
 28—MAP 8th grade ELA
 28—EOC Biology
 28—Conference Track Make-Up Date
 29—Prom—6:30-10:30—Crowning at 10:15

MAY ACTIVITIES

1-5—YOU MATTER—MENTAL HEALTH SPIRIT WEEK—GRADES PK-12
 1—YOU MATTER--Moving your body and getting adequate exercise helps to fend off mental health symptoms and promotes overall wellness- Make a Move- Exercise Gear
 1—Golf Match at The Oaks with Cole Camp at 4:00
 1—Baseball with Prairie Home at 5:00
 1—Softball at Crest Ridge at 4:30
 1—Soccer with Fatima at 5:00—SENIOR NIGHT
 2—YOU MATTER--Having a positive support system can build you up and keep you encouraged- Favorite Group/Team/Duo/TV show Cast
 2—Fifth Grade Field Trip
 2—MAP 6th grade ELA, 7th grade ELA, and 8th grade Math
 2—FCCLA 8th grade Recruitment Lunch
 2—Softball and Baseball at Smithton at 5:00
 2—Soccer with Sacred Heart at 5:00
 3—YOU MATTER-- You matter! Wear Green: Mental Health Awareness
 3—MAP 6th grade Math, 7th grade ELA, and 8th grade Math
 3—FFA Banquet at 6:00
 4—YOU MATTER-- Reflection is a good way to see how far you've come and remind yourself there are good days. Throwback Thursday: Wear your favorite Decade.
 4—Last day of BEAT
 4—MAP 6th grade Math, 7th grade Math, and 8th grade Science
 4—FFA Plant Sale 3:30-5:30
 4—Baseball with Sacred Heart at 5:00
 4—Soccer at Knob Noster at 5:00
 5—YOU MATTER-- Your future can be bright! Focus on good things moving forward and the possibilities before you! Wear neon- The future is Bright!
 5—Softball Districts
 5—MAP 7th grade Math and 8th grade Science
 6—District Track
 8—Golf Districts
 8—Soccer with Crocker at 5:00

- 8—Baseball with Climax Springs at 5:00
- 8—Decision Day for the Seniors
- 8—Senior/Faculty Basketball Game
- 8—Talent Show at 6:00
- 9—Senior Finals for hours 5-7
- 9—FCCLA End of the Year Party at 3:30
- 9—Baseball with Otterville at 5:00
- 9—Soccer at St. Paul's at 5:00
- 9—Sixth-grade Concert at 6:00 in the elementary gym
- 10—Senior breakfast at 7:15 a.m.
- 10—Senior Finals for hours 1-4
- 10—Seniors' Final Walk
- 10—Sports Night for basketball, cheer, softball, baseball, wrestling, cross country, track, golf, volleyball, and boys' soccer
 - 5:30—Boys' Basketball, boys' soccer, baseball,
 - 6:30—Track, golf, wrestling, and cross country
 - 7:30—Softball, volleyball, and cheer
- 11—Awards Assembly for grades PK-5

3rd Grade	8:45-9:15
2nd Grade	9:15-9:45
5th Grade	10:00-10:30
1st Grade	10:45-11:15
Kindergarten	11:45-12:15
4th Grade	12:15-12:45
Preschool	2:00-2:30
- 11—Finals for hours 5-7 for grades 6-11
- 11—Baseball at Northwest at 5:00
- 11—Soccer at Southern Boone at 5:00
- 12—Finals for hours 1-4 for grades 6-11
- 12—Last Day of School
- 12—Early Dismissal at 12:36
- 12—Baseball Districts
- 13—Soccer Districts
- 15—State Golf
- 19—Graduation practice at 10:00
- 21—Graduation at 3:00

Dates and times may change

IMPORTANT DATES

April 3-10--Spring Break

May 12--Last day of school



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