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# Board at Work



News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

## More Pattonville students earning paid college tuition

**S**tudents continue to sign up for the A+ Schools program at Pattonville High School, said Becky Krohn, A+ coordinator at the school, in an update report to the Board of Education on Sept. 28. More than 110 seniors in the class of 2004 were eligible to receive the A+ incentive, which provides two years of paid tuition to any Missouri community college or vocational technical school, provided requirements for attendance, citizenship and volunteerism (tutoring and mentoring younger students) are met.

The number who completed eligibility requirements has increased from 65 in 2002, the first year of the program in Pattonville, to more than 110 last spring. Currently, 412 sophomores, juniors and seniors are enrolled in the program and working toward completing the eligibility requirements. Freshmen are allowed to enroll in the program during their second semester.



The A+ Schools Program was initiated by the state of Missouri to help high schools reduce the dropout rate, eliminate the general track curriculum and provide better "career pathways" for all students. The key goal of A+ Schools is to assure that all students, when they graduate, are well prepared to pursue advanced education or employment or both. A school that has programs in place to meet the goals of the A+ Schools program can be designated an A+ School. Pattonville High School received that designation in 2002.

An evaluation of the program showed that Pattonville High School is meeting all 11 state requirements for being a part of the A+ Schools program, including having a challenging curriculum at the high school and assisting students in developing a four-year plan and selecting courses that lead to a career path of their choosing.

The evaluation also showed that the program provides many "spin-off" benefits to not only Pattonville High School, but also other schools in Pattonville. Among those benefits are increased challenge in the curriculum, decreased absenteeism and the provision of tutoring for many elementary and middle school-aged children. Krohn also said the program benefits many students who are planning to go to four-year colleges, as many of these institutions, such as Truman and Webster universities, now offer scholarships to A+ students.

## More opportunities available for vocational learning

Pattonville High School is fortunate to have several programs and courses that are recognized by the state as vocational education programs - business education, marketing education, family and consumer sciences and pre-engineering. Programs are considered vocationally approved when they meet certain criteria by the state.

Educators at the high school are working to expand programs available to students interested in different vocational career fields. Last year, the high school added a pre-engineering program. Vocational teachers are now exploring adding an information technology academy for students interested in computers and the technology field.

Increasing the number of vocationally approved programs is one of six areas being emphasized in

Pattonville's vocational education program. Nathan Hoven, assistant principal at Pattonville High School, and business education teachers Holly Martinez and Sheila Reed were on hand at the Sept. 28 board meeting to present an evaluation of the vocational education program.

Other areas being emphasized are:

- Increasing the enrollment in vocational courses;
- Increasing the number of articulation agreements with post-secondary institutions (which enables students to receive credit from a college or other post-secondary institution for courses taken at Pattonville);
- Increasing student participation in career and technical student organizations;
- Increasing or maintaining a high level of placements of vocational students in post-secondary institutions; and
- Continuing to meet the standards for program areas as outlined in the self-monitoring checklists established by the state of Missouri.

An evaluation of the program showed that, in general, most of these areas are being met. In addition, all of Pattonville's vocational programs now have articulation agreements with a post-secondary institution. Pattonville is currently working with the carpenter's apprenticeship school about the possibility of an articulation agreement as well.



## **Kinney's Corner**

### **An Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney**

Here's a look at what's going on in Pattonville:

- Homecoming is just around the corner, and we're expecting a great event. The day starts off at 10 a.m. with a parade down McKelvey Road to the high school. Nearly every school in Pattonville will be represented in the parade this year with a float or walking group. We're also celebrating 50 years of Pirate football, and I know we'll have many alumni joining us that day for the parade and football game at 1 p.m. The Pattonville Alumni Association will also host a barbecue starting at 11:30 a.m. I hope you all come out to join us in the fun and festivities.
- Great news! We have a record number of teams (23) signed up for the Pattonville Education Foundation Golf Tournament this Sunday at 1 p.m. at Bear Creek Golf Course in Wentzville. If you still want to sign up, please contact Nathan Hoven at the high school, who has done a great job as chairperson of the Foundation's golf committee this year.

Next week we will be welcoming more than 20 new tutors in our OASIS intergenerational tutoring program. These older adults volunteer to work one-on-one on a weekly basis with elementary students to improve reading skills. This week, they will undergo a two-day training to learn how to best meet the needs of their special students. Thanks to Miriam Kerns, who coordinates the program for the district, as well as all the building coordinators for their hard work on the training. We appreciate the time our staff and our volunteers put forth for a program that's vital to our mission for improving student achievement for all students.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh A. Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive.



# Calendar of Events

## **Thursday, September 30**

OASIS tutor training, 9 a.m., Pattonville Learning Center  
VICC parent meeting, 6:30 p.m., Salad Bowl  
Remington Parent-Teacher University, 7 p.m.

## **Friday, October 1**

End of first reporting period, middle school  
OASIS tutor training, 9 a.m., Pattonville Learning Center  
Bridgeway Skate Night, 5:45 p.m., Coachlite

## **Saturday, October 2**

Parkwood Fun Fair, 11 a.m.

## **Sunday, October 3**

Pattonville Education Foundation Golf Tournament, noon, Bear Creek Golf Course

## **Monday, October 4**

Pattonville Heights PTA, 6:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday, October 5**

Board Coffee, 3 p.m., Pattonville Heights  
Willow Brook PTO, 6 p.m.  
Pattonville Education Foundation, 7 p.m., Pattonville Learning Center

## **Wednesday, October 6**

High school parent-teacher conferences, 5 p.m.

## **Thursday, October 7**

High school parent-teacher conferences, 5 p.m.  
Parkwood PTA, 6 p.m.  
Rose Acres third-grade concert, 6:30 p.m.  
Pattonville Alumni Association, 7 p.m., Pattonville Learning Center

## **Friday, October 8**

No school for high school  
Bridgeway spaghetti dinner, 5 p.m.  
Rose Acres PTA Skating Party, 5:30 p.m., Coachlite  
Public astronomy night, 7 p.m., planetarium/observatory at Pattonville Heights

## **Saturday, October 9**

Pattonville High School Homecoming - parade, 10 a.m., barbecue, 11:30 a.m., game, 1 p.m.

## **Monday, October 11**

Middle school parent-teacher conferences, early dismissal at 12:50 p.m.  
High School Band Boosters, 7 p.m.  
PAGE PTA and Enrichment Night, 7 p.m., Holman

## **Tuesday, October 12**

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Pattonville Learning Center



## Business Bits

### Paying the Bills

The Pattonville Board of Education on Sept. 28 approved paying:

- \$28.50 to Tueth, Keeney, Cooper, Mohan & Jackstadt for legal services; and
- \$11,296.49 to Kohn, Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis and Giljum for legal services.

### Other

The Pattonville Board of Education on Sept. 28 voted to:

- Rescind Policy JFCA (Student Dress Code), as the dress code is addressed in the district behavior guides; and
- Approve an annual field trip by the Pattonville High School business education department to Chicago in March 2005.

### New Hires

- **Debra Roth**, executive secretary, Remington
- **Christine Trauterman**, physical education/paraprofessional, Parkwood and Willow Brook
- **Antuan Roby**, custodian, Holman
- **Tara Schillhahn**, counselor, Rose Acres

### Your Board of Education

- Pat Bryant, President
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