Continuing excellence
Annual report to Board of Education on Pattonville curriculum and instruction program shows Pattonville continues to improve upon its success

Pattonville educators on Oct. 28 presented an evaluation report to the Pattonville Board of Education on the district’s curriculum and instruction program. While educators will continue to develop and implement plans for improvement, the report demonstrated the district is high achieving and continues to make progress in ensuring all students are successful. The report showed:

- Pattonville scored among the Top 10 highest scoring districts in the St. Louis metropolitan area on its MSIP 5 Annual Performance Report (APR) issued by the state of Missouri. Pattonville’s score was 96.8 percent (out of 100). MSIP (Missouri School Improvement Program) is the process the state uses to accredit school systems. Pattonville’s score this year includes a perfect score on Standard 1 (Academic Achievement) and 11 out of 14 points on Standard 2 (Subgroup Achievement).
- Pattonville is fully accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Pattonville is among the 5 percent of districts in the state that have earned Missouri’s Distinction in Performance Award for academic achievement every year it has been given.
- Pattonville High School was ranked in the Top 3 percent of high schools in Missouri and among the Top 10 percent in the nation on U.S. News and World Report’s 2013 Best High Schools List.
- Four schools scored greater than 90 percent on their building APR reports (Parkwood Elementary School, 94.3 percent; Pattonville High School, 97.9 percent; Remington Traditional School, 100 percent; and Rose Acres Elementary School, 100 percent).
- District-wide student achievement results in English language arts, mathematics and science decreased from the previous year, however, Pattonville’s slight decline was consistent with the rest of the state.
- District End of Course (EOC) assessment scores improved in English I, English II, Geometry and Government. Scores on these four assessments are the highest since the inception of the EOCs.
- Pattonville’s four-year graduation rate increased 3.9 percent to 87.9 percent, which is the highest four-year graduation rate on record.
- The graduating Class of 2014 had an average ACT composite score of 22.4, which is the second highest on record for Pattonville High School.
- Pattonville’s MSIP 5 attendance rate increased 1.5 percent to 91 percent, which is the highest in the five years this methodology has been used.

For more information
To view the report, go to Pattonville’s BoardDocs website (www.boarddocs.com/mo/psdr3/Board.nsf/Public) and click on the agenda for Oct. 28.

High Achieving
How do we compare with others?
Pattonville placed among the Top 10 scoring school districts in the St. Louis metro area, including St. Louis and St. Charles counties, on its APR (Annual Performance Report) from the state of Missouri.

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Pattonville to review school attendance boundaries

In the spring of 2013, Briar Crest Elementary School closed as a cost-saving measure and its students were redistricted into Drummond and Bridgeway elementary schools. This change required moving some of Drummond’s attendance area into the Bridgeway and Parkwood elementary school attendance areas. The middle school boundaries were left unchanged at the time. This school year, Pattonville will work within its Comprehensive School Improvement Program (CSIP) process and with the School Improvement Teams (SIT) at each school to evaluate current attendance boundaries and make recommendations for any changes to the Pattonville Board of Education in March 2015. This process enables Pattonville to forecast challenges that may arise in the future, outline facility needs or issues and develop a thoughtful plan to ensure student and building needs are addressed. The goals of the redistricting process this year are:

- Evaluate middle school boundaries, determine if adjustments are necessary to meet programming needs and make a recommendation to the Board of Education;
- Evaluate elementary school boundaries (especially Willow Brook Elementary School, which will be home to a major new subdivision), determine if adjustments are required to meet programming needs and make a recommendation to the Board of Education; and
- Evaluate programming locations (i.e., early childhood, special education, etc.) and recommend any needed adjustments in facility usage.

Timeline for Process

- Nov. 10, 2014 – CSIP (Comprehensive School Improvement Plan) meeting (overview of redistricting process)
- Jan. 12, 2015 – CSIP meeting (review range of scenarios/provide feedback)
- Feb. 9, 2015 – CSIP meeting (finalize scenarios/communicate scenarios to school communities)
- April 20, 2015 – CSIP meeting (share feedback from school communities/finalize recommendation)
- March 10, 2015 – Recommendation is brought to the Board of Education

Holman unveils new look, food options in cafeteria

Holman Middle School began operating a newly reorganized cafeteria with expanded options for healthy lunches on Oct. 16. The school was the first in Pattonville to implement fully new food concepts under a new partnership with Chartwells School Dining Services.

Pattonville began contracting with Chartwells this school year to manage the district’s food services program while retaining its own local food service employees.

Pattonville food services employees have been receiving training on incorporating more homemade, healthy options into their menus, as well as marketing tips and strategies to give a restaurant-like appearance to the schools’ food and serving lines.

“Our emphasis is to grow the food service program, market it well, meet student and parent expectations, meet all guidelines and standards and keep (the program) financially whole,” said Bridget Jordan, food service director from Chartwells at Pattonville.

The evolution of Holman’s cafeteria includes new signage, new line setup and expanded meal options. Students can now choose one of three lines to enter and select a full meal that includes a protein, grain, two vegetable side dishes, one fruit side dish and a choice of milk flavors. Lines are set up to highlight fruit and vegetable offerings and show what a healthy, balanced meal looks like.

“The whole idea is to get fruits and vegetables everywhere they look,” Jordan said. She added that the homemade pizzas, which are made with a whole grain crust and lowfat toppings, have been a huge success already, and they are hoping to eventually add a made-to-order deli line.

“The team at Holman exceeds all expectations,” Jordan said. “They are open to new ideas, willing to change, contribute … I could go on and on. I am proud to work with them.”

Jordan said Rose Acres and Bridgeway elementary schools will be the next schools to unveil new looks and new options.

To date, all elementary schools have begun offering three entree options each day, as well as a variety of fruits and vegetables. The high school has also incorporated new food items to its daily choices and seen increases in student participation. Plans are being developed to introduce display cooking to the high school with a guest chef.
Pattonville sponsors “Pre-Candidate Forum”

Pattonville will host a “Pre-Candidate Forum” for persons interested in running for a seat on the Pattonville Board of Education. The forum is set from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Pattonville Learning Center, 11097 St. Charles Rock Road in St. Ann. Those interested in attending should RSVP by calling (314) 213-8001.

Pattonville Board President Tami Hohenstein and Dr. Michael Fulton, superintendent, will discuss topics related to serving on a Board of Education, including what a school board does, characteristics of an effective school board, board relationships and governance, expectations of board members, strategic planning, history of Pattonville board and bond issues, time commitments and state-required training.

Filing for positions on the Board of Education begins at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16 and ends at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20. Candidates may file to run for office during normal business hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Pattonville Learning Center. There will be two positions up for election on the April 7, 2015 election ballot. Each position is for a three-year term.

Mark your calendars

November
• 4 - Staff development day (no school)
• 4 - Election Day
• 12 - Parent-teacher conferences for elementary/Remington (school in session)
• 13 - Parent-teacher conferences for elementary and Remington (elementary dismisses at 11:55 a.m., Remington at 11:10 a.m.)
• 14 - No school for elementary/Remington following conferences
• 27-28 - Thanksgiving holiday (no school)

Alumni Success
Graduates in the news

Heather Fulton, Class of 2006 - Fulton was named an investment counselor at Fisher Investments in Portland, Oregon. She previously served as assistant portfolio manager for Trust Company of the Ozarks in Springfield, Missouri.

Matice Morris, Class of 2007 - Morris was a local model for Shan Keith, a St. Louis fashion designer and Lifetime Network television finalist on “Under the Gunn.” Photos of Morris in Shan’s fashions were featured in the St. Louis American newspaper the week of Oct. 23.
Bridgeway, Rose Acres, Willow Brook take part in Safety Day

Fourth-graders from Bridgeway, Rose Acres and Willow Brook elementary schools recently participated in safety training through the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day. Held at Willow Brook, the program was a full-day event designed for students to learn safety and health lessons they can use every day while at home and school and in the community.

Students visited a variety of activity stations where they learned about safety topics ranging from fire and first aid, bicycle safety, lawn mower safety, home alone safety and electrical safety. Every student received a new bicycle helmet, T-shirt and take-home goodie bag. To kick off the event, the students participated in a presentation by inspirational speaker John O’Leary, who at the age of nine accidently lit a can of gasoline on fire, causing his family home to burn and him to be burned on 100 percent of his body. Given less than a 1 percent chance to survive, O’Leary beat the odds and has since graduated from college, started a business and is married with children.

Approximately 60 volunteers from sponsor Bunge North America, an agribusiness and food-processing corporation, were on hand to assist students during Safety Day. Several other companies cosponsored Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, including Crop Production Services, Agrium, Farm Credit, John Deere, CHS Inc., Monsanto, Pioneer and Toyota. This is the third year in a row Pattonville’s school-business partnership office has worked with the schools, Bunge and its cosponsors to arrange the day.

PHS staff assist seniors in applying for community college

Approximately 100 seniors took time during school on Oct. 16 and used their school laptops to apply to attend a community college after graduation. A special session was held for interested students in the school cafeteria. There, they received assistance in applying online by both Pattonville and community college staff. Among those assisting the students in the application process were Pattonville college/career counselor Julie Kampschroeder, Pattonville senior counselor Stacey Thomas, counseling intern Mackenzie Martin and St. Louis Community College representative Erika Malone.

“Approximately 35 percent of our senior class of 375 seniors will opt to attend community college next fall to earning their general education courses at a reasonable price,” said Kampschroeder about why the school offers the help session. The adults assisted the students with filling out the applications and sending their transcripts. The next step for the students will be taking a COMPASS placement test before selecting community college classes in April. For more information on Pattonville’s college/career program, contact Kampschroeder at (314) 213-8051 or jkampschroeder@psdr3.org.

Pirate football players take part in Hall of Fame induction

A group of students from Pattonville High School had the chance to be part of history by celebrating Kurt Warner’s induction into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame. Pattonville football coach Steve Smith and several of his varsity players were invited by local businessman Barry Roufa of Fast Signs to attend the luncheon festivities. Students from approximately 15 area high schools were among the 400 special guests in attendance, and Roufa sponsored the Pattonville students’ participa-
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Michael A. Fulton, Ed.D., Superintendent

tion. Former St. Louis Rams player Warner was inducted into the Hall of Fame at a special event on Oct. 13 at the Missouri Athletic Club featuring Coach Dick Vermeil. Warner quarter-backed two teams to three Superbowl appearances, including a victory, and was named a Superbowl MVP.

**PHS students among handful of high schoolers to take part in HackMizzou**

Four Pattonville High School students and one alumnus were among approximately 350 students who participated in HackMizzou on Oct. 3 through 5 at the University of Missouri. Daniel Herzberg, Grant Matthews, Ethan O’Dell and Mark Raymond, students in Pattonville’s AP computer science class, participated in the event along with 2014 graduate Warren Li.

HackMizzou is a weekend college hackathon, hosted every year at the University of Missouri. A hackathon is an event where developers and designers collaborate in teams to build mobile apps and websites. College and high school students of any level were welcome to attend, however fewer than 15 high school students total participated in the event. The students collaborated in teams to develop new ideas with the only bounds being that they had to be legal and safe. Mike Swift, commissioner of Major League Hacking, was quoted in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* calling the event an “invention competition.” Participants were asked to provide their resumes upon signing up because the event sponsors provide the resumes to “companies sponsoring HackMizzou who are looking to hire awesome students like you.”

**Orchestra students take part in Scottish music workshop**

Middle school orchestra students in the Pattonville School District recently participated in an after-school music workshop with Brian McNeill, a renowned Scottish fiddler, songwriter, author and founder of the Battlefield Band.

Students from Holman Middle School, Pattonville Heights Middle School and Remington Traditional School worked for three days after school with McNeill to learn about and practice Scottish music. McNeill is a famous Scottish fiddler and founder of the Scottish Music Program at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD). After the workshop, students presented a concert for family and friends. Students also performed during an assembly for Heights sixth-grade students the day after the workshop.

The workshop was funded and organized by Diane McCullough and the Scottish Partnership in Arts and Education (SFAE) of St. Louis, with grant money from the Missouri Arts Council, Arts and Education Fund and other private donations. Students who took part in the event were, from Holman, Terryn Gollaher, Jarred McCormick, Lydia McCullough, Aedea Talukder and Jacob Wilfong; from Pattonville Heights, Aliza Ahmed, Stacy Bamberger, Maya Blumenthal, Mikayla Bridges, David Chien, Valeri Felix, Nicklaus Foster, Madeleine Freund, Justine Gacho, Lars Gindler, Lacey Harder, Alex Nickolay, Kaitlyn Kloda, Brayden Procter, Andrew Schmitz, William Skaggs, DJ Smith, Morgan Sommer, Abby Surllet, Daphne Washington, Trinity Wessler and Tyler Wright; and from Remington, Kendrick Bearpaw, Michaela Godwin, Hannah Jones, Wyatt Kirkus, Nathan Moser, Lauren Moton, Sandra Polanco, Lena Ridley, Aubrey Tendiel, Lily Wheeler and Dalton Wood. Staff members who organized the event were orchestra teachers Anna Allen and Kim Gindler.

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Rose Acres Elementary School students and staff spell out the word “leader” to celebrate beginning the second year of the “Leader in Me” program.

**Rose Acres enters second year of Leader in Me program**

Rose Acres Elementary School kicked off its second year as a Leader in Me (LIM) school by holding a student assembly where students shared their class mission statements. The assembly followed a brief detour to the school playground where the entire student body and staff members spelled out the word “leader” for a photo opportunity while they were all wearing matching Leader in Me T-shirts.

Rose Acres began using the Leader in Me program last school year. The program is based on Stephen Covey’s “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” and is designed to help schools prepare the next generation to meet the great challenges and opportunities of the 21st century by instilling the following habits: Be proactive (I’m in charge of me); begin with the end in mind (I will make a plan); put first things first (I will work before I play); think win-win (everyone can win); seek first to understand, then to be understood (I will listen before I talk); synergize (together is better); and sharpen the saw (balance feels best). Schools that have imbedded the LIM program in their curriculum, traditions and school culture have experienced higher academic achievement, fewer discipline problems and increased engagement among teachers and parents.

Since the beginning of the school year, Rose Acres students have been learning about the Seven Habits, writing their own personal mission and goals and developing class mission statements, which they shared during the student assembly. During the event, the school was also treated to a performance by the kindergarten classes and a surprise song and dance by the teachers.

**Pride of Pattonville marching band takes sixth place in state contest**

The Pattonville High School Pride of Pattonville Marching Band and Color Guard placed in the Top 10 after competing at the Champion of Champions Marching Competition at Mizzou’s Faurot Field. In the band’s preliminary performance, students earned third place in their division and sixth place overall out of 26 bands from across Missouri. They were among the Top 10 bands who earned the opportunity to perform again later in the evening.

“Our students have earned a lot of awards this fall and this big honor was a really cool way for them to end their competition season,” said Dennis McFarland, band director. “They put in a lot of time to represent their school and they work really hard.”

Marching band students finished out their season by performing for the home crowd on Oct. 23 during the Pattonville High School Band Spectacular concert in the Pattonville High School Community Auditorium. The event featured the jazz ensemble, concert band and the marching band and color guard.

**Seniors recognized for completing Pattonville College Academy**

Nine seniors from Pattonville High School spent a week in August getting ready for college during Pattonville High School’s seventh annual Pattonville College Academy. Students recently celebrated their participation in the academy with a reception with business partners who helped support the program and provide sponsorships and scholarships.

Each student who graduated from the College Academy received a $100 sponsorship from Pattonville’s business partners. Pattonville also supplied funds for an annual scholarship for a College Acad-

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Students take part in energy education event at Washington University

Nine Pattonville High School students recently participated in a field trip to Washington University to participate in an event hosted by the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE). They were accompanied by Pattonville math and engineering teachers Susan Mathis and Kara White.

The theme of the event was energy education and careers. Students heard from various speakers, each followed by a question and answer dialogue. A vice president from Peabody Energy discussed advanced coal technologies. A Monsanto representative talked about sustainable agriculture and how they need to meet the demand for food, fiber and fuel while reducing water and energy necessary to grow crops. The skilled craft coordinator from Ameren discussed non-traditional careers in energy including lineman, electrician, welder and technician and how Ameren pays for their training. The speaker also discussed Ameren’s program that pays for college tuition for those desiring to obtain a degree. Various AABE board members spoke about STEM careers and opportunities for minorities.

Students enjoyed a buffet breakfast and lunch. During lunch students took part in an interactive discussion with the speakers and members from the AABE board. At the end of lunch, two Pattonville students who volunteered to share what they learned during the event with the group were each given a $20 bill.

Parents invited to Nov. 3 drug awareness meeting

The Maryland Heights Police Department will host a parent meeting at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 3 in the Pattonville High School Community Auditorium. During the parent meeting, officials from the Maryland Heights Police Department will discuss several topics, all in an effort to help parents combat teen drug abuse. The presentation will include topics such as what to look for, drug effects, concealment and how to get help.

The parent meeting follows a student assembly that took place at Pattonville High School. The school hosted the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA) for an assembly to create awareness among students about the dangers of heroin and prescription drug abuse. As part of the assembly, the short film “Anatomy of an Overdose” was shown. The film explores both the science and human toll of drug abuse. In addition, representatives of NCADA, Maryland Heights police officers and Pattonville High School counselors were on hand to talk about drug abuse in the U.S. and how individuals can access help for themselves or someone they care for.
300 students take part in district-wide Choral Festival

Approximately 300 students in Pattonville elementary, middle and high schools took part in the seventh annual Pattonville Choral Festival on Oct. 25 at the Pattonville High School Community Auditorium.

Students from the following schools participated in the event: Bridgeway, Drummond and Willow Brook elementary schools, Remington Traditional School, Holman and Pattonville Heights middle schools and Pattonville High School. The event was organized by the vocal music teachers at these schools: Larry Knobel, Holman; Melynda Lamb, high school; Joanna Todd, Drummond and Willow Brook; Jessica North, Drummond; Jessica Nutt, Remington; Phyllis Pasley, Willow Brook, Shannon Senzig, Bridgeway; and Susan Zahringer, Pattonville Heights.

Students performed music from a wide variety of time periods and cultural backgrounds, including songs in Hebrew, Latin, Italian, Gaelic and English. The event began with the elementary school students singing selections together, followed by the middle schools and then the high school. At the end, all of the students joined together for a final song.

Heights inducts new members into NJHS

Pattonville Heights Middle School recently inducted 15 new students into its National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The following students were inducted during the sixth annual NJHS induction ceremony at Heights, bringing the total membership up to 22 students: Aliza Ahmed, Leslie Azwell, Nichole DeKoster, Ayana Griffin, Aric Hamilton, Lacey Harder, Andrea Hartmann, Owen Fuchs, Adam Kendrick, Kesley Kobielusz, Sam Mathis, Helen Nelson, Alex Newett, Abby Surlet and Savannah Wooten. To qualify to be selected for Heights’ NJHS, students had to have a 3.75 GPA, only 3s and 4s in behavior and a minimum of four extracurricular activities. They also had to write an essay detailing what leadership means to them.

Pattonville to host St. Louis premiere of documentary film

The Pattonville High School science department and Cinema St. Louis will host the St. Louis premiere of the award-winning documentary film “SlingShot” at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Pattonville High School Community Auditorium. The screening will be followed by a question and answer session with the film’s producer.

“SlingShot” is a 93-minute documentary that focuses on noted Segway inventor Dean Kamen and his 15-year quest to solve the world’s safe water crisis. He has invented a distiller that can turn unfit water sources into potable, safe water. The invention is life-saving because half of all human illness worldwide are a result of water-borne pathogens. The film is both an inspirational character study and a look at Kamen’s vapor compression distiller from its earliest development through recent trials in rural Ghana and beyond.

Pattonville High School chemistry teachers Rob Lamb and Kathleen Shearrer spearheaded organizing the event locally. The screening is free and open to the public. This is the second time Pattonville has hosted a St. Louis premiere for a documentary film on a science-related topic.
**Board Actions**
The Board of Education on Oct. 28:
- Reviewed upcoming trips by Pattonville High School students for a journalism trip and the Academic World Quest;
- Approved a resolution authorizing and directing the execution and delivery of tax and revenue anticipation notes for $13 million with $8 million to be issued on Oct. 31 at 0.65 percent and $5 million to be issued on Dec. 1 at 0.65 percent; with both notes maturing on Feb. 1, 2015;
- Approved the event workers pay scale for the 2014-2015 school year;
- Lodged for action revisions to Policy BBB (School Board Elections); a vote is expected during the Nov. 11 board meeting; and
- Approved, in compliance with Missouri State Board of Education procedures, the September 2014 transportation route miles for the 2014-2015 school year.

**New Hires**
- Lucy Allen, Program for Exceptionally Gifted Students (PEGS) paraprofessional, Remington
- Paul Derda, custodian, High School
- Matthew Parker, paraprofessional, Bridgeway
- Martina Sandheinrich, early childhood special education paraprofessional, Rose Acres

**Remember to vote!**
Information on absentee voting and the issues and candidates on the Nov. 4 ballot can be found online at the St. Louis County Board of Elections website (www.stlouisco.com/yourgovernment/elections). Absentee polling opened on Sept. 23 for the Nov. 4 election. On election day, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.