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Blue Ridge Elementary



Celebrations:

- Lucky Ducks: Blue Ridge staff met some lucky ducks this St. Patrick's Day! Staff members picked ducks with the numbers 1,2, or 3 on the bottom and won a prize! We love our super staff!
- March Madness: Students who were safe, respectful, and responsible gathered together and played March Madness games in the gym and cafeteria to celebrate their success.
- Rockin Reading: Blue Ridge Blue Jays raised over \$11,000.00, read 221,050 minutes collectively, and had 362 sponsors. What a Blue Jay success!
- Women's History Month: Blue Ridge students learned about influential women in our country via the school announcements.

Academic Focus:

- Teacher Leaders: Blue Ridge teacher leaders presented "Tight Transitions and their Correlation to Spikes in Building Behavior". The action research project was a part of the district teacher leader initiative and has decreased the number of behavioral incidents by half.
- Trauma Smart Update: Staff met as a group to discuss the impacts of death, moving, and incarceration on young students. Staff learned ways to support grieving students and their peers when needed.
- Calming Boxes: All staff and students were introduced to Trauma Smart "calming boxes" and have been using them successfully to support student needs.
- Give Get Grow: Staff gathered for professional development provided by the building ILT committee. Staff learned about the importance of community building in the classroom and its impact on achievement and student success. It was powerful!

Parent/Community Focus:

- Athlete Visitors: Local minor league soccer team, the KC Comets paid a visit to Blue Ridge and read with students of various grade levels, gave autographs, and answered about a billion questions!
- Barnyard Moo-sicle: Families and community members gathered to watch the kindergarten and first grade students perform the musical "Barnyard Moo-sicle". It was a packed house! Or should I say, a packed barn? :)

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 5, 9:30 a.m.** LEAD Assembly
- **April 22** Earth Day Clean Up

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Eastwood Hills Elementary



Celebrations:

- **Read-A-Thon:** Eastwood Hills' students and families raised nearly \$3,000 as part of the Read Across America Read-A-Thon! These funds will add to building savings in the hope of purchasing a rock wall for the school gymnasium.
- **Q3 PBS Assembly:** Sixty-two students were recognized this month for attendance, behavior and/or academic progress at our Quarter Three PBIS Assembly! These assemblies have been an Eastwood Tradition for the past twelve years. We love celebrating our students' success!!!

Academic Focus:

- **March Vertical Teams:** This month teachers collaborated in vertical teams to clarify learning intentions, success criteria, and common assessments for prioritized standards in the area of mathematics. Because many students at EWH are not yet grade level proficient in the area of mathematics, we have developed a systematic schedule to provide instruction to students on priority standards in every grade level to close achievement gaps.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **ELA Curriculum Night:** Many students and families attended our ELA Curriculum Night this month! Students and their families engaged in activities that showcased the district's new ELA curriculum, visited stations that provided parenting tips on how to reinforce basic reading skills, attended read-alouds by Dr. Coleman and shopped at the book fair. All attendees were also served a meal as part of this event. It was a great night!
- **BIST Site Visit and PBIS Walk-Through:** Visitors from Virginia Beach toured Eastwood Hills this month as part of the annual BIST conferences. Eastwood has been showcased as a model school for BIST implementation for a number of years. Visitors met with Dr. Coleman and select Eastwood students to discuss implementation of BIST for the benefit of students and school community. Additionally, visitors from the KCRPDC visited Eastwood to examine PBIS implementation. Based on conversations with teachers and students, Eastwood earned an implementation score of 100%!

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 11** 1st Grade field trip to Science City
- **April 25, 5:00-8:00 p.m.** EWH Culver's Night @ Independence location

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Fleetridge Elementary

Celebrations:

- **Perfect Attendance:** 84 students were recognized because they had perfect attendance in February. The 84 students did not miss even one minute during the month of February.
- **Read Across America:** RQS administrators visited Fleetridge daily during Read Across America Week. They read stories and interacted with students. Students participated in a spirit week and a donation drive. Students donated 161 items for River of Refuge, a transitional housing program.
- **Field Trip Fun:** First graders visited Kaleidoscope at Crown Center. For many, it was their very first field trip ever. Students enjoyed exploring, discovering, and creating art during the 50 minute session.
- **Yearbook Club:** Eight 5th graders participated in the Fleetridge Yearbook Club. They recently submitted the final draft of the 2022-2023 yearbook.
- **PBS Celebration:** Students used the Starbucks they earned during the third quarter to purchase snacks at the concession stand before watching a movie together in the gym.

Academic Focus:

- **Teacher Leaders:** On March 8th, Fleetridge Teacher Leaders presented information about the year long Fleetridge data review team reboot. We also enjoyed the New Trails, Laurel Hills, and Westridge project presentations.
- **Dyslexia Training:** Fleetridge Reading Specialist Kelly Anderson presented information about Dyslexia to the Fleetridge instructional staff.
- **Every Minute Matters:** Fleetridge teachers are working to make every minute matter in their classrooms. They are working to create tight transitions, and they are making brain breaks fun and educational.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **Skate Night:** Fleetridge PTA sponsored a Skate Night at Olahrama. More than 150 students and family members skated. Fleetridge PTA earned a portion of the proceeds for the evening.
- **Music Program:** Second and third graders performed in a wonderful music performance. The second graders sang and danced, and the third graders sang and played instruments. The third graders stole the show with a fun interpretation of the book The Stinky Cheese Man.
- **McTeacher Night:** Fleetridge PTA earned \$717.87 at the March 21st event. Fleetridge families enjoyed a fun night together.

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 10** Spring Pictures
- **April 17-21** Book Fair
- **April 20** ELA Night and Art Fair

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Laurel Hills Elementary



Celebrations:

- **Read-A-Thon Success:** Laurel Hills students raised more than \$2,600 dollars during our February Read-A-Thon campaign. The top readers and top fundraisers were celebrated during a pizza party awards ceremony before spring break. We will add these funds to student activities for use on our Leopards. Way to read, all!
- **Teacher Leader Project Shines:** The teacher leader team of Laurel Hills recently presented their final project to peers at the spring Teacher Leader meeting. The focus of the teacher leadership project was increasing student attendance. The team researched, organized, and planned their strategy before presenting their project.

Academic Focus:

- **MAP Preparations:** Teachers have been collaborating on their specific GLA preparations for the upcoming spring assessment. This includes spiraled review and goal setting. Primary classrooms will also be getting into the action by sponsoring an intermediate grade classroom to cheer on. The state level assessment is a “whole building lift” at Laurel Hills, and we look forward to seeing our Leopards show what they know.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **Donuts with Grown Ups:** On March 23 we held our second “Donuts with Grown Ups” event. This morning event is designed to connect families with our school in a relaxed setting. Students and their grown ups enjoyed donuts from Lamars and milk or juice. We had just under 300 folks attend.
- **PBIS Fidelity Walkthrough:** On March 21 Laurel Hills had a SW-PBS consultant here to complete the Tiered Fidelity Inventory. The purpose of the TFI is to provide a reliable measure of the extent to which we are applying the core features of PBIS. The consultant spoke to staff and students on different components of our school’s PBIS program. We scored a 90% on our evaluation.

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 13** Second Grade Field trip to Kemper Outdoor Education Center
- **April 13** Art Fair / Grandparents Night
- **April 13** Kindergarten and First Grade Music Performance
- **April 10-14** Scholastic Book Fair

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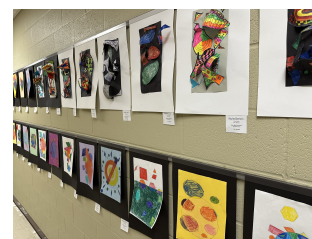
Little Blue Elementary

Celebrations:

- **Terrific Kids!**- Each month at Little Blue we celebrate a student who is representing that month's character trait. The month of March's character trait was Inquisitive! Teachers nominated one student from their class that represented that trait and will be getting a certificate and t-shirt!
- **PBIS Party!**- On March 24, students who were being safe, respectful and responsible at Little Blue Elementary will go to the GLOW PBIS party! They will be playing games, making crafts and enjoying some lemonade/snacks all under black and neon lights!

Academic Focus:

- **A Night For The Arts!**- Mrs. Bartz, Miss Gish, Mrs. Hanning and Mr. Barber did a fantastic job of getting students ready for a big night that featured artwork from grades K-5, a percussion club performance, a 5th grade orchestra performance and a 4th/5th grade music performance. This took place on March 9th and Little Blue was full of families watching their students sing, view their artwork and see their students create little pieces of art at different stations around the building.



- **Teacher Leader Project Presentation!**- On March 8th, Little Blue's Teacher Leaders (Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Saddler, Miss Kinghorn and Mr. Saddler) presented their data collected from teachers about their thoughts, their implementation and their knowledge gained from Comprehension Thinking, Strategies PD, Differentiation PD and Social Emotional Learning/Behavior PD.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **Animal Shelter Donations!!**- Little Blue Student Council is collecting items for Midwest Animal ResQ from March 6-24. Items they are needing are: Dog treats, Kong toys, metal food and water bowls, ziploc bags, spray cheese, tall kitchen bags, paper towels, clorox wipes. Definitely showed what it means to be a Little Blue Mustang!

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 10** Spring Pictures
- **April 11** Second Grade Prairie Fire Field Trip
- **April 13** Little Blue Get Air JUMP Night
- **April 14** National Library Workers Day
- **April 27** First Grade Zoo Field Trip

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Norfleet Elementary



Celebrations:

- **Social Worker Day & Behavior Specialist Day:** Norfleet celebrated Social Worker Sarah Thompson and Behavior Interventionist Dominique Agee with their own special days on March 8 and March 20. We appreciate all they do for our students and families.
- **PBS Third Quarter Incentive:** 245 students were recognized for having great behavior during the third quarter of school. These “lucky” students enjoyed playing bingo and a Lucky Charms like snack mix.
- **PTA Spring Parties:** Norfleet celebrated spring and Spring Break with classroom parties the day before break. Students enjoyed a snack, decorating a flower pot, and lots of games. A fun time was had by all!

Academic Focus:

- **RAA Week:** Students participated in a fun week focused on reading with the theme “Books Can Take You Places” during Read Across America Week. The spirit week included dress up days to recognize how we have fun and play in all different places. Students enjoyed hearing stories from guest readers during this special week. Norfleet would like to celebrate LMS Stephanie Howell and Library Clerk Anna McIntyre for their creativity and organization in making this week a success.
- **Professional Learning:** Norfleet teachers continued our professional learning with a session on Cultural Competency, led by Sarah Oliver. Staff also participated in two Trauma Smart sessions in March.
- **Women’s History Month:** Our Knights have been learning about women in history through biographies and student-read facts on the morning announcements.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **RAA Comfort Items Drive:** During Read Across America Week, Norfleet students and staff collected hygiene items for the River of Refuge, a transitional housing program in Raytown. We collected 117 items!

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 6 , 5:00-8:00 p.m.** PTA Get Air
- **April 11** Papa John's Night
- **April 13 , 6:30-8:30 p.m.** PTA Skate Night
- **April 24-27** Book Fair
- **April 25, 7:30-8:10 a.m.** Donuts with a Grown Up & Book Fair
- **April 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Book Fair & Art Fair

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Robinson Elementary



Celebrations:

- Fourth Graders had the opportunity to visit GEHA Stadium and the home of the Super Bowl Champions! Students toured the stadium, got to see local artist's work on display, and were able to participate in a mock press conference. Students reported back that they had SO much fun and can't wait to watch the Chiefs play this Fall!
- Countdown to Spring Break Spirit Week - Students and Staff participated in 5 days of themed spirit days to push through and continue working hard to achieve our academic and behavior goals before break! It was fun to laugh and connect through Mismatch Day, Switch It Up Day, Hawaiian Day, and PJ Day. We have worked so hard this quarter and we know this break is well deserved.

Academic Focus

- 4th Grade Math Mastery - Our fourth graders took their Unit 9 Math assessment on adding and subtracting fractions and 100% of the class mastered the priority standard. Way to go, fourth graders!
- Kindergarten Math Mastery - Robinson Kindergartners hit 84% mastery on their Unit 9 assessment on teen numbers! Wow, look at those littlest learners!
- First Grade Math Mastery - First grade had 74% of students hit mastery for Unit 7 in addition within 20. We are so proud of our students!

Parent/Community Focus

- We had 275 students and families come to ELA/Math Night this past month. Families participated in Bingo to win books, visited our Book Fair, and learned new ELA and Math games that were then taken home to continue learning. We had such a great night connecting with families and eating pizza.

Upcoming School Events

- **April 13, 6:00 p.m.** Fourth and Fifth Grade Music Performance

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Southwood Elementary

Celebrations:

- **Quarter 3 PBIS Assembly:** Students were recognized this month for attendance, character, and academic progress during our Quarter Three PBIS Assembly! The school kicked off with our Southwood song. It was such a special day to celebrate!
- **Experiences Galore:** Southwood 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students were able to attend field trips this month. 3rd and 5th Grade students visited the Nelson Atkins Museum. 3rd Grade learned about Ancient Asia and then created dragons from clay. 5th Grade learned about abstract art and then created scribble art pieces. 4th Grade students visited the School of Economics where they ran their own city. Students were able to use skills in math, reading, writing, problem solving, communication, and teamwork to specialize in jobs such as mayor, health inspector, business people, and much more. It was a great time for all students!

Academic Focus:

- **Teacher Leader Project Presentation:** On March 8th, Southwood's Teacher Leaders, Samantha Reames, Samantha Maloney, and Amanda Stine presented data regarding Southwood's math scores (NWEA and MAP/ GLA) and how Southwood has begun implementing prioritized essential planning to help teachers focus in on top standards for each unit. They then shared the feedback of staff and the progress students have been making on prioritized standards since the implementation of this intentional planning.
- **Trauma Smart Facilitator's Training:** Three Southwood staff members attended Trauma Smart Facilitators training this month. This will help provide professional development and refreshers next school year for staff as well as develop new staff on their understanding of trauma and social emotional understanding. They are excited to share their knowledge with others!

Parent/Community Focus:

- **Reading Fundraiser:** Southwood has been participating in a Reading is Fundamental fundraiser highlighting the importance of reading!
- **Southwood McTeacher Night:** Thank you everyone for supporting our Southwood McTeacher Night! Our PTA was able to raise a little over \$500 to support staff and students.

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 6, 5:30- 7:30 p.m.** Fine Arts Night; 4th/5th Grade Music Performance/ Art Show & Fair
- **April 18, 6:30 p.m.** PTA Meeting
- **April 20, 6:00 p.m.** Bingo for Books

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Spring Valley Elementary

Celebrations:

- **March Staff of the Week:** SV celebrated the following staff members: Shelby Dyer, Kristen Lockyer and Erika VanDeVyvere for their leadership and perseverance. They each enjoyed a shout at over announcements, front row parking and a prize from Gabbert's Goodies.
- **Black History Bingo Winners:** We had several classrooms that covered their boards completely and enjoyed extra recess and freeze pops for researching the clues announced daily of African-Americans who have made positive contributions to our country and world.
- **Courage Chew & Chat:** SV students learned about our monthly life skill word, Courage. We celebrated forty students who were selected for showing courage during the month at our donut & juice breakfast. They also received a certificate.
- **Shiver Me Timbers: 3rd Qtr PBIS Incentive:** 220 students who showed safe, respectful and responsible behavior engaged in some friendly competition with Steal the Treasure & Swab the Deck, then sensory play with buried treasure and slimy gold and their final stop to enjoy fish and chips with ocean water.

Academic Focus:

- **Women's History Month:** Students learned about various influential women in our world that have made a positive impact in our world through a slide presentation created by the SV Cultural Competency Team.
- **Goal Setting:** Teachers have been working with students to set individual goals in Reading and Math. We celebrated 87 students who showed reading growth in the month either with foundational or fluency/comprehension skills. Goal setting that is intentional has paid off with our amazing students!

Parent/Community Focus:

- **2nd & 3rd Together as ONE Music Program:** Families enjoyed seeing their student(s) perform March 9th in our musical performance. Students sang a variety of songs that focused on unity, peace and kindness. Several students also performed using various musical instruments that sounded amazing. We had over 98% of our students perform from 2nd and 3rd grade and they put smiles on everyone's face in the audience!
- **SV Spring Fling:** Families enjoyed our indoor carnival of games, bounce house with slide, snack stroll, free grilled hot dogs, chips, cookies and a drink. Families were also able to purchase Kona Ice at the event. Over 200 families participated!

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 5-19** World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
- **April 12, 5:30 p.m.** PTA Meeting
- **April 21** Class Pictures
- **April 27** K/1st Musical Performance

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Westridge Elementary



Celebrations:

- **Quarter 3 PBIS Assembly:** Students were recognized this month for behavior achievement and growth for the third quarter with a neon light dance party. Students took part in multiple glow in the dark activities while a former Westridge student DJ'd the event. It was a huge hit!

Academic Focus:

- **Kindergarten Math Mastery-** Kindergarten students showed fantastic growth in composing and decomposing numbers from 11-19. Proficiency percentages went from 19% to 73.1%!
- **First Grade Math Mastery-** Almost 76% of first graders mastered the ability to model an addition or subtraction story problem!
- **Fourth Grade Math Mastery-** In fourth grade, 75.4% of students can add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **4th and 5th Grade Musical Performance and Art Fair:** Fourth and Fifth graders performed their musical routines for parents and students as well as reviewed their best art work. The musical performance included an integration of PE and music, with a dribbling routine done to music. You can see the performance [here](#).

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 6, 8:00-9:00 a.m.** Pastries with Peeps
- **April 11** Kindergarten and First Grade Musical Performance

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New Trails Early Learning Center

Celebrations:

- Teacher Leader Project- New Trail's Teacher Leaders presented their project on improving the DRT process at NT. The teachers filled out RQS Collaborative Rubric in the fall and based on that feedback teacher leaders chose to focus professional development during our DRT/PLC meetings on creating meaningful commitment statements and use of data. The fall score was 16 for commitment statements winter 32; data use 22 winter 35. Great growth in those two areas but we will continue to work on strengthening those areas and improving our WIG writing.

Academic Focus:

- Four year olds WIG has been prepositions. 88% of their students have mastered prepositions.
- Three year olds WIG is 1 to 1 correspondence to 5. The pretest indicated only 49% had this skill.
- Staff is participating in a virtual training segment on Ready Bodies Healthy Minds. This 4.5 hour training is designed for preschool students.
- Our Social Worker attended professional development on using Feeling Buddies to help children with self-regulation.
- Staff completed the last module for Trauma Smart. We are working on our plans for implementation with our TIC team.

Parent/Community Focus:

- Read Across America we had guest readers from our Caring for Kids Partners, Raytown Retired Teachers and District Administrators come read to our students.

Upcoming School Events:

- April 5 15th Annual Staff Egg Hunt
- April 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Splash Into Spring parent event

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Three Trails Preschool

Celebrations:

- We celebrated our STAR Students this month! The students are working on making choices the teacher gives us even when it is hard.
- STAR Staff began this month-Staff members are nominating staff members they see practicing our commitment “I will provide my students with two positive choices”

Academic Focus:

- Three Trails Hawklets have been working on noticing and discriminating alliteration during our Building Unit. During small groups and Choice Time students are matching beginning sounds and identifying the beginning sound of a word. During the Building Unit, students are learning new vocabulary words such as sturdy, community, and location. Also, students created their own buildings out of construction paper using different shapes for windows, doors, and roofs.

Parent/Community Focus:

- This month at Three Trails we completed our virtual Head Start Smart Connections series to include Parents in our commitment to being Trauma Smart. We also completed Read Across America Week with volunteers from our Caring for Kids Partnerships. As the sick bug sweeps through our classrooms, this month's Social Work classroom lesson was about Hygiene and How germs and bacteria cause sickness. Celebrate Diversity-3T covered gender equality through “We all have muscles” and Pink is for Boys read aloud.

Upcoming School Events:

- **April 11** Three Trails Carnival hosted by RHS DECA
- **April 17-27** Classroom Zoo Trips