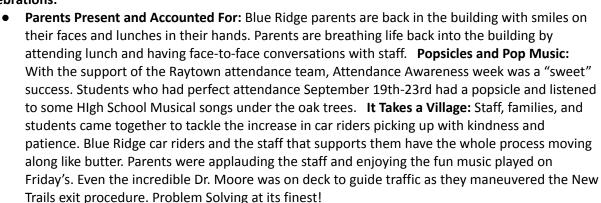
Blue Ridge Elementary

Celebrations:



Academic Focus:

- Team Title For the Win: With our new curriculum and new testing platform up and rolling. Math and Reading Title staff was onhand to problem solve tech glitches and support teachers with the materias arriving while learning was happening. Both Mrs. Homan and Mrs. Cairer (and their IA's) were cool, calm, and collected. This helped staff stay focused and supportive while students took their first NWEA assessments on-line! Blue Ridge is off and running with its new curriculum!
- Trauma Smart has Arrived: Blue Ridge staff has been waiting for the opportunity to become
 Trauma Smart and it has arrived. Staff is working to shift their lens when students struggle,
 attune to students they do not know well, and treat one another with the knowledge that we
 are all here for student success.

Parent/Community Focus:

- Vocabulary Victory: Third grade students will know more words and spell them correctly thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution members who gifted brand new dictionaries to each student. In person no less. The smiles on their faces as they presented to the classes was prodigious (and third graders can look that up in their dictionary! :))
- Bombas + Backpacks = Learning Ready Students: Blue Ridge community partners equipped Blue Ridge Blue Jays with brand new backpacks at Back-to-School night and outfitted all students and staff with a pair of Bombas socks. Students have socks on their feet and packs on their backs and are all set to be a great learner. Thanks so much!

Upcoming School Events:

• October 7 Dr. Martin Knox Student Forum

• October 10 Attendance Dance Party

• October 20 Trail of Treat

• October 24-28 Red Ribbon Week



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Eastwood Hills Elementary

Celebrations:

- PTA Fun Run Eastwood Hills' students and families raised over \$3,000 as part of our annual Fun Run!!! Eastwood students participated in the Fourth Annual Fun Run Friday, September 30th during Specials classes. Family members and friends pledged donations to EWH students for their running efforts. One hundred percent of proceeds will come back to the school. This year students are raising money for a rock wall to be built in the gym. Last year students raised money for a book vending machine!
- Career Day Community and parent visitors came and spoke to Eastwood students Thursday,
 September 29th about their careers. Over 20 community members spoke about their jobs,
 including local firefighters, police officers, the director of the Humane Society, and a baseball
 scout for the Colorado Rockies! Twenty parent guest speakers included a mechanic, a manager
 at Quick Trip, an IT software engineer, and a respiratory therapy technician.

Academic Focus:

- Vertical Teams Eastwood teachers participated in their first session of Vertical Teams
 September 14th. In reading and math groups, teachers worked in upper and lower elementary
 vertical teams to discuss differentiation and pacing with the new CKLA reading curriculum and
 focused on no excuse skills in math. Eastwood teachers will meet monthly in vertical teams to
 refine and specialize instruction through a vertical lens.
- Peer Observations Eastwood teachers participated in their first round of peer observations in September. Peer observations are scheduled to occur monthly, to allow teachers to observe their colleagues within and across grade levels. The focus of observations is to allow teachers to give one another feedback on their instruction techniques, including teacher and student clarity, teacher modeling, chunking, student independent practice, and learning monitoring.

Parent/Community Focus:

• Back to School Barbeque - It is a yearly Eastwood tradition for community members to gather for a meal on the school playground as part of the District Back to School Night. Due to the longstanding nature of this tradition, returning students frequently join the outdoor dinner portion of this event. This school year, some of the school's community partners from ABMay and Dialectic Engineering assisted in grilling hot dogs and serving food. A special thank you shout out goes to our community partner and owner of Smokeybynature for preparing and serving pulled pork to our families as well!!

Upcoming School Events:

• October 10 Peer Observations

• October 17 Picture Day & Onesight Vision clinic

• October 17-21 Red Ribbon Week

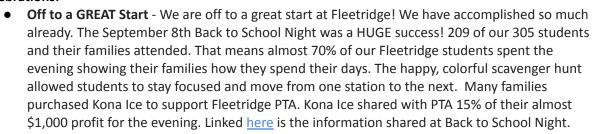
October 20 Family Fun Night, Trunk or Treat

• October 26 PTA Chipotle Night



Fleetridge Elementary

Celebrations:



- Attendance Awareness Week Fleetridge celebrated Attendance Awareness Week September 19-23. The 197 students with perfect attendance that week each received a special sweet treat during lunch Monday, September 26th. The perfect attendance students were also entered in a drawing for a Dominoes Pizza lunch on Tuesday, September 27th. Two students per class enjoyed the Dominoes pizza lunch with Counselor Laura Greeson during their regular lunch time.
- **Students of Character** Two students per class were recognized as Fleetridge Students of Character for the month of September. The September character focus is dependability. The students received a special certificate and a donut during the September Principal's Breakfast.

Academic Focus:

NWEA - Fleetridge students participated in NWEA testing during the week of September 12-16.
 Teachers spent time learning how to navigate NWEA reports during PD on September 21st.
 Teachers are using the data collected to support students during small group instruction. Title math and reading teachers have begun supporting students in small groups as well.

Parent/Community Focus:

Caring for Kids - Principal Melissa Glasco and Counselor Laura Greeson recently attended the
Caring For Kids Kickoff celebration. We are excited to continue our partnership with Sterling
Acres Baptist Church, and we are thrilled to partner with Norfleet Baptist Church. Pastor Welby
(SABC) and Pastor Keith (NFBC) plan to work together, with the help of their congregations, to
provide a delicious lunch for Fleetridge teachers Thursday, October 27th during Parent-Teacher
Conferences.

Upcoming School Events:

• October 6, 8:00 a.m. Walk to School Day - Begin @Norfleet Baptist Church

October 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 October 17
 Fleetridge PTA Meeting
 Fall Picture Retakes

• October 19 UCM Student Observations

October 20
 Kdg Field Trip-Faulkner's Pumpkin Patch

• October 24 Cerner "Healthe" Kids

• October 25 4th Grade Field Trip-Science City



Laurel Hills Elementary

Celebrations:

- Attendance Awareness Week Laurel Hills celebrates the great attendance of all our Leopards. During the week of September 12 September 16 we celebrated Attendance Awareness Week. Each afternoon lucky winners were announced over the intercom to receive an attendance prize. Additionally, our school social media accounts shared daily attendance tips.
- LH Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month Laurel Hills is proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 October 15. Each day this month our community is learning about a different aspect of the large, diverse Hispanic community through morning announcements, a morning slide desk, and literature.

Academic Focus:

 Trauma Smart Training - Staff have been eagerly participating in Trauma Smart modules on select early release Wednesdays. So far, the LH faculty has been trained on four of the ten modules. Faculty is working to implement their learning by using "Brain as a Car" language and check-ins with students.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **Donuts with Grown Ups** Laurel Hills students and adults had fun at our first morning event on Thursday, September 29. Students invited their special grown up to join them for a milk and a donut. We had fun seeing moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and more at the event! We will hold a second Donuts with Grown Ups event in the second semester.
- Caring for Kids Kickoff Recently Mr. Britt and Mrs. Sanders attended the annual kickoff event for Caring for Kids. The Laurel Hills Caring for Kids partners assist with a wide variety of activities and projects throughout the school year to benefit our Leopards. We're excited for the projects that 22-23 has in store for us!

Upcoming School Events:

• October 14 Laurel Hills Student Forum with Dr. Martin-Knox



Little Blue Elementary

Celebrations:

- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser- Little Blue Mustangs and their families participated in the World's Finest Chocolate Bar fundraiser during the month of September. A total of 197 students participated and sold 300 boxes! A kindergartener out of Mrs. Martin's class sold the most boxes with a total of 11 boxes!
- Terrific Kids!- Each month at Little Blue we celebrate a student who is representing that month's character trait. The month of September's character trait was Thoughtful! Teachers nominated one student from their class that represented that trait and will be getting a certificate and t-shirt!

Academic Focus:

- NWEA- Kelly Schoolcraft and Holly Maring both went to training to learn the in's and out's of the NWEA test and the types of data teachers can collect after administering the test. Both Mrs.
 Schoolcraft and Mrs. Maring have done an outstanding job of making sure our teachers were prepared to deliver the test and their students were given the tools they needed to take the test.
- The Dot- Our art teacher, Mrs. Hanning wanted our school to shine with student's artwork so she had them create their own dot. Mrs. Hanning read the book The Dot, by Peter H Reynolds, and then students decorated their own dot. They were then hung in the back of the school for parents to see during Back to School Night!



Parent Community Focus:

Back to School Night: After the last couple years, the parent involvement nights have been few
and far between so it was fantastic to welcome families to Little Blue's Back To School Night. It
was a night where families could meet with teachers to discuss where that classroom was at and
where they were going! It was also a night where they could enjoy some family time eating
hotdogs and chips outside with other Little Blue friends and families.

Upcoming School Events:

October 20 PBIS PartyOctober 26 Picture Retake



Norfleet Elementary

Celebrations:

- Norfleet was excited to bring back in person assemblies this year! Last week, we recognized 13 children as the September Students of the Month for how well they demonstrate respect. Students also enjoyed a breakfast with Mrs. Kang and Mrs. Burke.
- We hung a Gratitude Wall in the front hallway. It's a great space for students and staff to post a celebration for something that they are thankful for.

Academic Focus:

- **NWEA Testing:** 1st -5th grade students completed fall benchmark testing using our new NWEA Assessment in September. Teachers have also assessed students on reading foundational skills and the phonics survey. Teachers have been analyzing this data as a part of the Data Review Team and using it to plan instruction.
- Professional Learning: Norfleet teachers participated in two Trauma Smart Training sessions this
 month, one was on Caregiver Affect Management and the other was on Attunement. 12 district
 staff members are also a part of our training group. Staff have been using "My Brain as a Car"
 language with students and colleagues. Teachers have also had sessions on CKLA/Amplify
 Reading, DRT Processes and NWEA Reports.
- Teacher Leader Training: This month our new teacher leaders were able to attend the first in a series of trainings that were led by Dr. Greiner and the Instructional Coordinators. The Teacher Leader program is a key component in our teachers feeling empowered and encouraged to lead others.
- **Field Trips:** P.E. Teacher Darryl Duncan accompanied 4th and 5th grade students on a field trip to the Kansas City Chiefs Sports Lab. It was a great experience for students to use their math, science, and physical education skills out in the community.

Parent/Community Focus:

 Norfleet's Caring for Kids partnership officially kicked off at the annual kick off celebration last month. Our partners are planning to support both students and staff throughout the year with needed items, as well as tokens of appreciation.

Upcoming School Events:

October 7
 October 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 October 18
 Picture Day
 PTA Skate Night
 Papa John's Night

• October 20 Hallo-Wheels Drive-Thru



Robinson Elementary

Celebrations:

• New Baby Raccoon - Mrs. Whitesell, fourth grade teacher, welcomed her second baby at the beginning of the school year. A baby girl named Natalie. We are thankful to our long-term substitute and other building staff that have jumped in to help support our students during this transition. You Make Robinson Bright Board - Our amazing staff helped put together a school wide welcome board located at the front at the front office. Our theme this year is "You Make Robinson Bright!". We have been talking about all the ways our staff and students make our school great. Our board includes pictures of staff and students here at Robinson. It's great to see all those smiling faces as you walk our hallways each day. You Make Robinson Bright

Academic Focus:

- NWEA Teachers completed all student testing in September using our NWEA testing platform.
 We will now begin diving into the data and gearing our instruction to what our students need.
 We look forward to utilizing this platform to really pair down what our students know, what they need, and where we can take our daily instruction.
- Amplify CKLA Curriculum The content is amazing. For knowledge, our kids are learning about
 the human body. They can tell you about your skeletal, muscular, and digestive systems.
 They've made posters that are hanging in our room. For skills, the decodable readers are also
 fantastic. They've underlined the "tricky" words and the rest are all spelling patterns we've
 learned. I don't think I've ever had this many kids that can blend and segment this well.
 -From a Robinson First Grade Teacher

Calming Corner and Trauma Smart - We kicked off our second year of Trauma Smart with our Trauma Informed Team and classroom teachers co-teaching about our calming corner tools. Our students are able to utilize a box of calming tools and strategies in their classrooms when they are feeling overwhelmed and in their back seat. We have loved seeing these spaces come to life and our students using them to stay in class and gain strategies to help them in the future.

Parent/Community Focus:

• **PTA Welcome Back** - The Robinson PTA decorated the front lawn for the First Day of School with two different signs. "Welcome Back, Raccoons" and "First Day of School". This was the perfect spot for back to school pictures and put a smile on staff and students faces when they pulled up to the building. PTA provided a treat cart for staff the first week back, too. Thank you, Robinson PTA for the signs and for the welcome back staff treats.

<u>Back to School Night</u> - We had an amazing turn out for our Back to School Night kicking off our school year with building those relationships and showing off our building. Parents were able to hear about our curriculum, classroom and school expectations, PBIS, Social Emotional Learning, Trauma Smart, and Title Reading and Math. Parents were also able to ask questions at the end of each session.

Upcoming School Events

• October 3-14 Read A Thon Fundraiser

October 10-14 Book FairOctober 20 Boo Fest



Southwood Elementary

Celebrations:

- **Beep Beep Bootcamp:** Students participated in a back to school Beep Beep Boot Camp where they were able to practice common expectations in the halls, cafeteria, playground, and on the bus. Classes collected Roadrunner stamps to turn in for a special visit from our Roadrunner as well as a certificate.
- World's Finest Chocolate Bar Fundraiser: Southwood students and staff participated in the World's Finest chocolate bar fundraiser during the month of September. 140 students participated and sold 305 boxes!

Academic Focus:

- NWEA: Mrs. Reger and Mrs. Stine, our math and reading specialists, alongside our classroom teachers worked hard to help students successfully test on our new NWEA platform this Fall.
 Teachers and specialists have been analyzing the data to help focus and prioritize classroom and grade level standards for reading and math whole group and small group instruction.
- Amplify CKLA: Teachers are enjoying the progression of our new curriculum. Students are learning new vocabulary words and building background knowledge on content new and unfamiliar to them. Many parents are excited their students are coming home and sharing their learning of new topics.
- Math: Teachers and students are diving into Reveal Math this year and working to make stronger
 connections during our second year of rollout. Teachers are connecting Greg Tang strategies to
 the Reveal lessons to deepen the understanding of the concrete- pictorial- abstract (CPA) model
 during whole group and small group instruction.

Parent/Community Focus:

- **Southwood Staff Outing:** Southwood's September staff outing was to the Raytown High vs Raytown South football game. It was fun connecting with students and families that have gone through Southwood, as well as cheering on some of our Roadrunners during the Junior Cardettes halftime performance.
- Back to School Night: It was a pleasure to see our Southwood families while we shared food, fellowship, and Title I information. Students were able to show off school work, their classrooms, and even play on the playground while enjoying hot dogs and chips.

Upcoming School Events:

• October 4, 8:15 a.m. Walk to School Day

October 6 Picture DayOctober 10-14 Book Fair

• October 12, 8:00 a.m. Donuts with Grownups

October 20 Trunk or Treat



Spring Valley Elementary

Celebrations:

• Staff of the Week: The following staff members were recognized for going above and beyond for our students or our school community during the month: Emily Johnson, Shontay Mikula, Jessica Douglas, Sharmin Rowland. Each staff member of the week enjoyed front parking and a treat. SV Bootcamp: Spring Valley students participated in our annual SV Bootcamp on September 2nd by modeling our schoolwide expectations at each area within our building, i.e. cafe, bus, hallways, restrooms, playground, kitchen, etc. Students celebrated in the afternoon with a popsicle. Friendship Admin Chew & Chat: Our August Life Skill was Friendship and classrooms focused on friendship during community building. Forty five students were honored and celebrated being nominated for displaying and showing others how to be a friend. Each student received a donut and certificate.

Academic Focus:

- **NWEA Testing:** SV's Title Team worked diligently with staff to help train and assist with NWEA Reading and Math Assessments. Our team was pleased with how patient and positive staff and students were during the process. Spring Valley completed all student testing prior to the end of the testing window which was a win, win for all involved.
- Amplify CKLA: Staff have worked hard to implement our new Reading curriculum with fidelity
 and our students are engaged and making connections that have been amazing to witness.
 Teachers and students are enjoying the topics they are covering. Learning is coming alive during
 Knowledge and Skills daily!
- Trauma Smart: SV is in our 3rd year of TS and we are excited for the opportunity to continue our work on calming corners and attunement. Staff have continued our commitment to ensure that we are using common language and utilizing this important aspect of social emotional learning for our students. Staff also enjoyed a self care refresher by creating their own Favorite Quote Canvas Painting creation.

Parent/Community Focus:

- SV Back to School Picnic: After having to cancel the past two years, SV families were excited to continue the tradition of our annual back to school picnic. Over 255 individuals enjoyed a hot dog, chips and dessert provided by our amazing PTA. Kona Ice was also available to families during the event. Our Caring for Kids partner, Smiles Doctor also attended and passed out goodies to our families. It was a wonderful evening of community building with families and staff.
- Health. Moves. Minds. Fundraiser: We ended September with our Health. Moves. Minds
 Fundraiser where students participated in physical movement, learning about healthy foods and
 how they affect having a healthy mind. Students participated in several activities to raise money
 for STEAM activities at SV that included bingo, online and offline donations, spirit week and a
 coin war to pie a teacher in the face. We surpassed our goal of \$800 raised.

Upcoming School Events:

- October 12 Fall Picture Day
- October 20 3rd Annual Spooktacular Drive Thru Parade (Candy donations appreciated)





Westridge Elementary

Celebrations:

- Start of the Year- Westridge might be experiencing the best start of the school year. New staff has quickly gelled and connected with returning staff, students have been eager and ready to learn and grow, and the overall feeling is of positivity.
- Monthly Assemblies: Each month we have a monthly assembly to introduce our SEL trait or skill for the month and recognize students who have shown growth in math and reading. This first month we focus on Brain as a Car and self regulation. Students in each class will be recognized for their hard work in math reading, and keeping themselves in the front seat

Academic Focus:

- **Title Supports:** Our Title Team worked hard to support teachers and students with NWEA assessments and have groups up and running. This year our Specialists worked hard to be creative with their schedules to find as much time as possible for supporting students both in small groups and during push in time in the classroom.
- Extended Planning Sessions: Starting the first week of October, teachers are following our CPL plan with extended two-hour planning sessions during the day. During this time, Specialists, classroom teachers, admin, and district support meet to review specific instructional strategies for math and develop a plan of implementation throughout the unit, and align the end of unit assessments with each skill. This work helps teachers better understand how to teach to the standards for all students, and how to measure learning progress, and allow us to proactively plan so the plane doesn't have to be built as we fly.

Parent/Community Focus:

Back to School Night - Westridge had a great Back to School Night and Ice Cream Social.
 Sessions were full across all grades as parents joined us to kick off the school year by focusing on curriculum, classroom and school expectations, PBIS, Social Emotional Learning, Trauma Smart, and Title Reading and Math. At the end of each session, families went to the gym to enjoy an ice cream sundae provided by Westridge PTA.

Upcoming School Events:

• October 31 - November 4 Book Fair

New Trails Early Learning Center

Celebrations:

• Back to School Night- We had Reading Rocket, SB6, PAT and Giving the Basics available for families. Raytown Mid-Continent Public Library gave books out to every family. Families went on a scavenger hunt around NT to learn the building and meet all the staff. We didn't have the best turn out but the class with the highest percentage of parents attend received an extra recess. Ms Megan Butler's class won with 60% of her parents attending.

Academic Focus:

- All teachers have given benchmark assessments to every child. We have used ASGI to look at
 where children are on our major learning objectives. We currently have 3 different benchmarks3 year olds assess Print Concepts, math- 1 to 1, counting, shapes, patterns and school readiness
 skills. The benchmark for 4 year olds assesses phonemic awareness, letter recognition, fine
 motor, school readiness and math in the areas of number sense, counting, 3D shapes, and
 patterns. Teachers choose complete AB patterns for 3 year olds and identify and 4 yr olds
 choose to describe 3D shapes using key math vocabulary.
- NT staff have completed modules 1-4 of Trauma Smart training. We have learned about the importance of self-care and how to check ourselves before we try to help or support a child that is struggling. We also learned about Noticing which is a component of Conscious Discipline. It has been helpful to see the strong connection between Conscious Discipline and Trauma Smart.
- Staff has been learning how to use ESGI to track progress on benchmark and other skills.
- Staff participated in PD on the importance of free play and how that improves language skills, social skills, motor skills and problem solving.

Parent/Community Focus:

- We hosted our back to school night and have hosted several play groups.
- We met with our Caring for Kids partners to plan our school events for the year.

Upcoming School Events:

• October 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Outside Playgroup at NT

October 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 October 20, during the day
 October 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 SB6 Playgroup
 Fall Parties
 Trail of Treats





Three Trails Preschool

Celebrations:

• Three Trails staff, families and students have worked together to improve our arrival and dismissal process. This year a new route and 50 additional children were added to the route. With support from Homeland security, students and families have remained safe and Three Trails has been able to complete arrival and dismissal for over 200 students on time.

Academic Focus:

- Three Trails has begun our 2nd year of Trauma Smart training and has set a goal for the 22-23 school year to increase student's ability to self-regulate using routines and rituals. Teachers created a standardized building routine matrix. With each routine teachers worked together to create poster visuals, desk visuals, teacher visuals and social stories for all staff and classrooms.
- Three Trails teachers have begun learning to create an electronic portfolio for each student.
 Teachers have been learning to take observational notes on students and will be using those notes as instructional data.
- As part of creating a positive culture for our staff and students, Three Trails has committed to
 creating a school family. As part of our school family, staff and students have pictures of family
 members hung throughout the building. All classrooms participate in Brain Smart Start each
 morning. During our Brain Smart Start Routine, children learn to connect with adults and peers
 through daily rituals focused on self-regulation and creating relationships.

Parent/Community Focus:

• Three Trails hosted Curriculum Night. Three Trails teachers hosted 2 sessions for families. Families were able to learn about their student's day, curriculum, assessment and daily nuts and bolts. Parents also were able to gain more information about volunteering. Each parent left with a Take and Make Breathing Wheel to connect rituals from home to school.

Upcoming School Events:

• October 6, 7:15-7:45 a.m. Special Person Breakfast

October 10 School Pictures
 October 11 and October 13 Fire Truck Visit

• October 17-20 Walking to Cave Springs for Tree Unit

• October 20 Trunk-n-Treat

October 27 Swope Medical and Dental Van