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Blue Ridge Elementary



Inspiring Students: Blue Ridge Blue Jays were recognized for Inspiring others while at school! Students received a certificate and were celebrated at an all-school assembly! Inspire is the fourth vision word we focus on at Blue Ridge.

Fifth Grade Farewell: Fifth grade students were honored with a final school celebration. They performed a cardio drum routine that blew everyone's socks off. On their final day, the entire school clapped them out one last time at dismissal. Best of luck flying to middle school Blue Jays.

Field Day Fun: Blue Ridge Blue Jays had a day of fun in the sun to celebrate and enjoy each other as a whole school. Students raced on inflatables and played zesty water games. Even teachers were spotted racing on the obstacle course while their students cheered them on!

Teacher Appreciation: Teachers were celebrated in a tropical “tikki-riffic” way the second week of May. Families, building administration, and district administrators made sure teachers were celebrated for what they do here in Raytown! It was wonderful!

Blue Jay Bikes: Three lovely young ladies were celebrated for their 100% perfect attendance for the entire school year! They received bikes, helmets and baskets for the front of their bikes! What a great way to start the summer!

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Eastwood Hills Elementary

Bike to School Day Eastwood students and staff met at Shiloh Daycare so that we could Bike or Walk to school together May 3rd. This is an annual tradition and is so much fun!

Student Celebrations Quarterly, we celebrate our students together as one school community. During our 4th Quarter PBS assembly, 41 students were recognized for academic growth or positive community behaviors; 78 students were recognized for perfect May attendance and 21 fifth graders received small gifts for attending Eastwood Hills since Kindergarten.

5th Grade Student-Led Career Fair Annually, Eastwood Hills fifth grade students research their career of choice and present to students in grades kindergarten through third. Our younger students listened to presentations about careers including but not limited to: pediatrician, cosmetologist, writer, football player, nurse, fashion designer, and the president of the United States of America.

Fun DAZE Eastwood students participated in our annual Fun DAZE on the final Tuesday of the year. This year was a little bitter-sweet as it was the final Fun DAZE hosted by Melissa Hunter, the Eastwood Hills PE teacher for the last 28 years!! We will miss Mrs. Hunter but celebrate her retirement with her!!

5th Grade Recognition Breakfast Yearly, we invite the family members and Eastwood fifth grade students to a breakfast and recognition ceremony. Community members enjoy a slide show presentation with highlights from the school year. Students are recognized and encouraged to continue to be their very best as they move on to middle school, highschool, college and career!

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Fletridge Elementary

Perfect Attendance - Ten students were awarded Royals tickets for attending school every day this school year with attendance above 99%. Two students had 100% attendance.

Fifth Grade Fun Day - Fifth graders worked together to raise enough money to purchase T-shirts and unlimited-play tickets at Main Event for 5th Grade Fun Day. Students started preparing in September for the May event by purchasing \$1 Friday Fun snacks and treats. Students also organized a concession stand at ELA Night in the spring. Parents donated food for the concession stand, and the 5th graders banked 100% of the concession stand proceeds.

Principal's Breakfast-Sportsmanship - Two students per classroom were recognized for showing sportsmanship at a donut breakfast with Mr. Lor and Mrs. Glasco. Students received a special certificate.

Fletridge City - Students participated in a mini-society style Fletridge City event during the last week of school. Students saved Starbucks school currency earned during fourth quarter to spend at the Fletridge City shops that included a soda shop, nail salon, temporary tattoo shop, game room, art gallery, photo booth, cookie shop, and basketball court.

Fifth Grade Recognition-Fifth graders were recognized at a 5th grade promotion ceremony. Music teacher Ryan Morrill led the students in a musical performance during the ceremony. Students enjoyed a cookie and punch reception after the ceremony.

Field Day - PE teacher, Stephen Anselmi organized a fun field day. Parent volunteers facilitated twenty different activities at stations located throughout the campus. Students especially enjoyed the water games with water balloons.

Talent Show - There was a talent show at every grade level at Fletridge for a second year in a row. Two acts from each grade level were chosen to participate in the all-school talent show. Student Council leaders emceed the show that included dancing, singing, instrumental performances, jokes, and tumbling.

5th vs Staff Kickball Game - 5th Graders played hard, but the Fletridge Staff won the annual kickball game, 26 to 10. Staff members each chose a walk-up song that played while they were at the plate. Students danced and cheered as the whole school filled the playground for this fun final day event. Fletridge 4th Graders are hopeful that the Golden Kickball will be theirs next year.

5th Celebration Walk - Students in grades K-4 lined the hallways to cheer as 5th graders took one final walk through the Fletridge hallways on the last day of school. The Green Day song with the lyrics, "I hope you had the time of your life," played as students proudly exited the building. The cars in the car rider line honked and parents cheered. It was a special end to the fifth graders' elementary school years.

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Laurel Hills Elementary

4th Quarter Academic Awards-Each teacher was able to choose two students-one that showed growth/progress in reading and one student who showed growth/progress in math. Our Reading and Math Specialists were also able to choose one student per grade to recognize as well. Students were recognized with a certificate and round of applause from their peers.

Student of the Month Breakfast -Integrity-Students were recognized for showing Integrity with a donut hole breakfast and a certificate.

Excellence in Character Awards-Each teacher was able to choose one student that showed Excellence in Character for the entire year. They received a certificate as well as two vouchers to a Kansas City Royals Game this summer. Because the Royals organization was so generous, we were also able to extend this reward and recognition to one primary and one intermediate student in each of the Specials areas.

Fifth Grade Picnic/Recognition-Fifth graders celebrated the end of their time at LH with a picnic lunch and an extended recess. They were also part of a celebration where each student received a certificate of promotion. At this time we also recognized 23 "Lifers." These were students that had been at LH since Kindergarten

Fun Day-Fun Day is always the most fun day of the year. Students were able to participate in many wet activities, including an inflatable water slide as well as many dry activities including an inflatable obstacle course. Fun was had by all!!

Summer Fun Raffle-LH uses the money that REF donates for students to have a Summer Fun Raffle every year. Students were able to use their "Laurels" as entries in the raffle. This year we were able to give out approximately 55 toys.

5th grade Clap-out-At the end of the last day of school, we have started a new tradition: our 5th graders walk down the halls where the entire student body and staff are standing. Everyone then claps and cheers them on. There were many tears shed as this was the last time they were considered an elementary school student.

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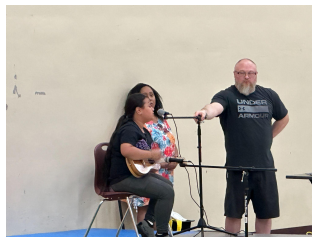


Little Blue Elementary

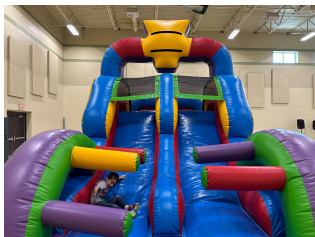
Fourth Quarter PBIS Parties- Little Blue students who were being safe, respectful and responsible for the 4th Quarter earned their attendance to the PBIS party! Students who attended the party had a picnic outside with their classmates and teachers, played around on the playground and got Shivers snow cones!

5th Grade Fun Day/Kickball Game vs Staff- Fifth graders who attended Little Blue since day one of kindergarten got to put their hand print on the gym wall as well enjoying games, snacks and tie-dyeing shirts as a whole grade level! After all the fifth grade fun they got ready to face some staff members in the Annual 5th grade vs Staff kickball game! It was a highly competitive game with the staff coming out on top.

Talent Show- Mrs. Bartz, Mrs. Martin, Miss Newton and Coach Marcusson help put together this year's Little Blue talent show! It was full of dancing, singing and sport skills demonstrations. There was even a performance from a teacher led band!



Field Day- Coach Marcusson did an amazing job of setting up Little Blue's 2023 Field Day! Students participated in water games, bag toss, scooter racing and even a bounce house...and based off the photos...the students had a blast!



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Norfleet Elementary

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: Norfleet celebrated all staff members during the first week of May. Staff enjoyed daily surprises in their mailboxes, a breakfast and self-care bar from PTA, and a taco bar lunch. We also celebrated our completion of Trauma Smart training with treats from an ice cream truck. It was a fun week to recognize the efforts of every adult in our learning community.



Farewell 5th Grade: Norfleet has several annual traditions to mark the end of elementary school for our fifth graders. They enjoyed their Fifth Grade Fun Day on May 5th. They started the day by spending the MAP dollars earned for strong effort and positive attitudes during state testing. Next, they went skating at Rink Ratz. Upon returning to school students enjoyed pizza and a movie. We hosted a Fifth Grade Recognition ceremony on May 24th both in person and virtually so all could attend from both near and far - families, friends, and the school community. The students received their Recognition certificate and some students received the Presidential gold or silver award given out for outstanding performance in reading, math, and/or attendance.

The annual staff versus fifth grade kickball match was a hit on the last day of school. This year, the students were the champions. Norfleet said farewell to our fifth graders as we clapped them out during Fifth's Final Walk through the halls on the last day of school.

Field Day: Norfleet held their annual Field Day on May 17th and it did not disappoint. Students had a blast playing various games, such as ring toss, tug of war, and balancing races all in the sunshine. Once back inside, students watched a movie, had a picnic in the classroom, and enjoyed popsicles to finish off the day. We appreciate Mr. Duncan's leadership in this event.



Garden Project: Norfleet first grade classes partnered with the Kansas City Community Garden to plan and build three fruit and vegetable gardens. One was for strawberries, one was for slow growing plants (carrots, beets, snap peas), and the other was for fast growing plants (radishes, onions, lettuce, mustard greens). The students enjoyed this project and we look forward to our fall planting season!

PBS Assemblies: Due to MAP testing, Norfleet had two assemblies this month. It was great to see so many students recognized for birthdays, good attendance, or being selected for Student of the Month for their class.

MAP Concludes, Career Day, and Transition Talks: School Counselor Mrs. Suydam led Norfleet through MAP testing which ended on May 11, then organized Career Day which took place on May 19, and she also taught students about what to expect in the next grade. It has been so nice to see students show what they know and then for them to hear about the possibilities in the near and not so distant future! It has been a great 2022-2023 school year! Thank you for your support and have a restful summer!

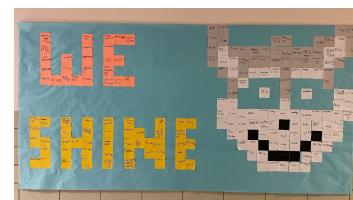
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Robinson Elementary

Character Trait Lunch: Throughout this year we celebrated 138 students for showing respect, responsibility, perseverance, and cooperation in all common areas at Robinson. These students were selected by their peers and teachers at the end of each quarter. The students selected enjoyed lunch with Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Williamson along with ice cream, a t-shirt, and a certificate.

Robinson Rockstars: We have continued the board of greatness this year by recognizing students that have shown amazing work and improvement in academic areas. Each Monday, one student from every classroom gets the opportunity to be selected. Each winner has their name read on the intercom and then places a square on our Robinson Rockstar board. Students each received a personalized certificate with their Rockstar reason and we worked toward revealing our mystery picture. Way to Shine, Raccoons!



School Yard Garden: Wow! We have quite a few “green thumbs” here at Robinson. Our School Yard Garden Grant has been an amazing opportunity for our fourth graders to contribute to our school, learn perseverance and patience, and take home delicious and healthy fruits and vegetables. Our students have grown lettuce, radish, strawberries, tomatoes, cilantro, and that is just naming a few. Next year, our fourth and fifth graders will continue growing during Robinson’s first ever Gardening Club. Our mouths are watering with all the delicious foods heading our way.



5th Grade Farewell: We celebrated these students with a “Moving On” assembly at Robinson with family and friends. Each student was recognized for their successful completion of elementary school with a certificate. Awards were given out for 14 students that had been at Robinson since Kindergarten, 18 rewards were given for exceptional attendance, and finally five certificates were given for Physical Education records that were set this year. Robinson PTA also made sure our fifth graders felt the love with an end of the year party at Main Event! We can’t wait to continue seeing all the great things this class will accomplish.



Final Week of 2022-2023: What a great year we have had at Robinson! We celebrated by completing a fun and successful final week of the school year. Coach Lantsberger put on an amazing field day with many community and parent volunteers. Our PBS team threw a great fourth quarter party with games, a prize walk, movie, and snacks. We enjoyed our Summer Read-a-thon on the playground where all students got to select a book of their choice to take home for the summer. We said goodbye to our 5th graders in our annual Staff vs. Students Kickball game and a final walk through the halls of Robinson. Thank you to everyone who made the 2022-2023 school year a success.

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4th Quarter PBIS Incentive - Southwood City: Roadrunners were able to experience activities such as nail painting, face painting, temporary tattoos, cakewalk, jumbo games, basketball and more. Students could also make Root Beer Floats courtesy of Hyvee's donation and decorate sugar cookies thanks to Price Chopper's donation. It was exciting .

Field Day: Students, teachers and staff enjoyed a fun and eventful day as we weathered a little rain for field day this year. Dry stations were set up inside including human bowling, tug of war, and many others. Our PE teacher, Mr. Jacobs did a fabulous job organizing the day and Ms. Amos and Mrs. Tarwater did great with helping shift activities inside.

KMBC 9 Weather Assembly: KMBC 9's Johnny Rowland and Bryan Busby visited to teach us about weather safety during tornado season. We got to watch a nice helicopter landing and it was displayed on KMBC News at 9.

5th Grade Celebration: Parents, students and staff recognized our fifth graders and their accomplishments as we celebrated them moving on to middle school. Students got to celebrate in the afternoon with a pizza and tie dye party. We can't wait to see what our Roadrunners do in their future!

Southwood has Talent: Southwood students participated in the annual talent show. Luke Skywalker came and gave us an amazing lightsaber reenactment, students displayed TikTok dances, gymnasts backflipped, and artists belted their best tunes. It was a pleasure to see many Roadrunners display their talent for others!

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Spring Valley Elementary

Staff Appreciation Week: We began May celebrating our staff with breakfast donated by our Caring for Kids Partner, Lane Ave. Baptist Church, Sonic drinks from our Caring for Kids Partner, Skyline Church, lunch provided by our Caring for Kids Partner, Grand Canyon University and a GC from our awesome PTA. It was a great week of gratitude.

Compassion & Pride Chew & Chat: We celebrated 77 students in our final Life Skill Chew & Chat w/ Admin with donuts and juice. Students were selected for showing compassion and pride to others, in themselves and in their daily actions at SV. Students were recognized with a certificate as well.

4th Qtr PBIS Incentive - Cougar Carnival ~Come One, Come All: 240 carnival goers were able to experience a variety of carnival games that included Skee Ball, Knock the Ball, Sensory Scoopin' Popcorn, Tic Tac Throw, Ping Pong Pan, Corn Hole and many more. It was so fun to see students visit the games of their choice and enjoy a variety of concessions on their own. It was an event full of cheer and smiles.

SV Cougar Talent Show: The Talent Show returned after a four year hiatus and was a spectacular sight to see. Students in grades 2-5 signed up to try out and perform a variety of acts in front of the school. We had amazing singers, gymnasts, comedians, actors, dancers and even a dancing juggler who threw in some cartwheels into his act. This brought great joy to everyone in our building. We have so many talented kiddos.

Field Day: Students, teachers and staff enjoyed the beautiful weather on our field day as we had numerous wet and dry stations set up. Wet stations were set up all across our playground and students thoroughly enjoyed the slip and slide inflatable. It was a hit with all as they were able to cool down from the hot sun. Dry stations included frisbee golf and bottle flipping that caused some healthy competition across all grade levels. Our PE teacher, Mrs. Heinze did a fabulous job organizing the day.

4th Quarter Awards: At our final assembly of the school year, students loved hearing their name called to receive awards. Students received academic awards in Reading and Math, NWEA Growth, Improvement Awards in academics and behavior as well as other recognition awards. Royals tickets were given to our top 25 students with the best attendance. Our Perfect Attendance Winner received a bike and helmet from our CFK Partners. Every student at the 4th quarter assembly was recognized for some type of achievement.

5th Grade Celebration: Parents, students and staff recognized our fifth graders and their accomplishments as we celebrated them moving on to middle school. We wished them the best on their life adventures in middle school, high school, college and beyond.

5th Grade vs. Staff Kickball and Clap Out: Fifth graders fought a hard battle of kickball, but eventually the staff took the W. The fifth graders were great sports and had an exciting time. At the conclusion of our final day, staff and K-4 students lined the halls to clap out the fifth graders and wish them the best. There were many tears, hugs and smiles as we sent them off to the next chapter in their lives.

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Fourth Quarter PBIS Parties- This quarter, students took part in an outdoor celebration for their hard work in being safe, respectful, and responsible. Students could participate if they had zero recovery visits or one visit could be “bought back with Eagle dollars. This celebration included games outside and a special treat.

5th Grade Fun Day- Each year 5th graders have a special event celebrating all their hard work and achievements in elementary school. Although each year is slightly different, these days always include the tradition of making tie-dye shirts and painting their hands to place on the walls. This year we were able to include dance parties, pizza, and games.

Kindergarten Countdown- Every year kindergarten counts down the end of the year with a letter of the day. Starting with Z, students participate in a special activity related to each letter of the alphabet. In addition, we have an end of the year celebration with parents and students over zoom reflecting on all the hard work and accomplishments they’ve had.

Talent Show- We recently wrapped up Talent Show auditions. Each year on the last day of school we host a talent show celebrating the students of Westridge. This year we will record the performance to later share with families.

End of Year BBQ- Families came out to Westridge for an end of the year celebration that included hot dogs, chips, drinks, yearbook signing and more. All staff and families attended the event.

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New Trails Early Learning Center

Staff Appreciation Week: We began May celebrating our staff with Olive Garden lunch provided by Olive Garden in Blue Spring. All week staff were celebrated by donated treats: Papa Johns, Chick Fil A, and Price Chopper. Our Caring for Kids Partner, Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church donated baked goods and the Kwiannis got Sonic drinks. It was a great week of gratitude.

Moving On: Those students moving on to kindergarten were celebrated May 11 in the evening with their parents. Students sang songs for their parents and performed I love You Rituals in their classrooms. Students were given a certificate and scrap book. Families enjoyed cookies provided by REF. There were picture opportunities for families to take pictures of their future 2036 Graduate. We had 88% attendance.

Attendance - We celebrated 45 students with 95% or higher attendance. We also met our WIG of 90/90 goal by May!

End of School Picnic- We had our annual school picnic. REF helped by purchasing our hotdogs and buns. Parents donated juice, cookies and chips.

Water Day- Students had a great day playing in sprinklers, water tables, misters, splash pads. Students enjoyed popsicles donated by our Caring for Kids Partner, Kiwanis.

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Three Trails Preschool

Celebrations:

Final Week of 22-23-3T student celebrated the final week of the school year by participating in Spirit Week. We had a day to dress in our tye dye, Summer Vacation Attire, Wild Prints, and Neon! Also, students participated in Water Day! 3T staff help set up a variety of activities for students to participate in! They played in the sensory tables, enjoyed popsicles, and splashed on the splash pads. Students also went home with a “Summer Bag” filled with fun items to use during the summer (chalk, bubbles, books, and play dough)

3 T Star Students-This school year every Wednesday, we had STAR Student drawings. Students' names were put into the 3T mailbox by their teachers who were looking for students who were helpful, making choices, using breathing strategies, or following our 3T monthly Commitment. Each Wednesday students' names were called on the intercom and they were able to walk down the hallway for a picture and a prize!

Academic Focus:

To finish the 22-23 school year, students participated in the “Water Unit”. Students investigated ways we use water, how water helps people and animals, and how water changes.