

Camdenton R-III School District

“Everyone Learning Every Day”

A Letter from the Superintendent



Dear Friends,

When I reviewed the draft of this newsletter I was reminded of a book I recently read. The book written by Daniel Coyle is entitled, “*The Talent Code*.” In this book Coyle wrote we can grow our talents through deep practice, high motivation, and by having a master teacher. Our abilities are not fixed

at birth, but rather our abilities can be cultivated, developed, and nourished. On the pages that follow in this publication you will read about our staff members who inspire and instruct our students. You will also be informed about our students who have practiced and achieved in our classrooms, on the court, in our community, and beyond.

It is our honor to introduce to Laker Nation our new building and program administrators for the 2016 - 2017 academic term. Shanna Weber will become our district’s new director of special services. Matt Stacey will assume the duties of principal of Camdenton Middle School. Lucinda Varner will serve as principal of Dogwood Elementary School. These leaders will assist our staff and students in developing their talents as we strive to meet our district’s vision of “*Everyone Learning Every Day.*”



On February 28th, the district held a very special ceremony. On this date our school community dedicated Hurricane Deck Elementary School. The expansion and renovation of this building have given our staff and students a modern facility in which to build talent and develop skills to meet the challenges of the future. We thank our community for the support of the April 2013 bond issue, which made these upgrades possible.

Over the winter we have also put in security upgrades at Lake Career & Technical Center in order to create a safer environment for our students, faculty, and staff. These upgrades were possible thanks to the bond issue and through a grant from the Missouri Center for Education Safety. With these funds the district has installed a camera system that recognizes staff and students who have permission to come into the building. The system will keep our doors secured if it does not recognize a visitor. For guests to enter the building they will be “buzzed” into the building by office staff in the same manner that our other buildings grant access.

The district is also proud to announce we will offer swimming as an extra-curricular sport for both boys and girls at Camdenton High School beginning with the fall 2016 season. At the March regular board meeting the Camdenton R-III Board of Education approved this program as another opportunity to help our students grow and further develop their talents and abilities. The Ozark Conference recently approved swimming as a conference sport. The high school has several students who are interested in pursuing this extra-curricular activity.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the Camdenton R-III Education Foundation’s Elegant Evening on April 22nd. This is the sole annual fundraiser for the Foundation. The event is a wonderful event that highlights the hard work and dedication of our staff members, our students, our alumni, and our community partners. Come experience the art, music, demonstrations, presentations, and culinary delights of the event.

We hope you enjoy this latest installment of the Lakers’ Letter. As always, it is a great day to be a Laker!

Your Partner in Education,

Dr. Timothy Hadfield,
Superintendent
TEH/III



Third Quarter 2016

Camdenton District Introduces New Director of Special Education Shanna Weber



The Camdenton R-III School District is pleased to introduce the new Director of Special Education Ms. Shanna Weber, effective July 1, 2016.

Ms. Weber is coming to this position after serving the students and staff of Warren County R-III School District in Warrenton, MO, as their director of special education. Prior to her service at Warren County she served as the director of special services in the Winfield R-IV School District from 2011 - 2013. She also served the Winfield School District as an intermediate building principal from 2007 - 2011 and as a special education teacher from 2006 - 2007. Ms. Weber also served the Orchard Farm School District as a special education teacher from 1994 until 2006.

Shanna received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Missouri. She obtained her master's degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with an emphasis in administration. She received her specialist degree from Missouri Baptist University with an emphasis in administration. She is completing her Doctorate in Administration degree from Missouri Baptist University.

Shanna was interviewed by a team which consisted of representatives from the interventions department, building administrators, members of the central office leadership team, and a representative from the school board. Ms. Weber surfaced as someone who can lead the special education department and meet the challenges of the future.

Camdenton District Introduces New Principal at Middle School Matthew Stacey

The Camdenton R-III School District is pleased to announce Matthew Stacey as the new principal at Camdenton Middle School for the 2016 - 2017 academic term. Currently Mr. Stacey serves as assistant principal at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City. Prior to his administrative service, Mr. Stacey served as a science teacher at Simonsen Ninth Grade Center in Jefferson City and also as a middle school science teacher at Lewis and Clark Middle School.

Matthew is originally from St. Joseph, Missouri, where he graduated from Lafayette High School. Mr. Stacey received

his Bachelor of Science degree from Central Methodist University in Fayette and his master's degree from William Woods University.

Mr. Stacey was interviewed by a team of administrators and a team of teachers from Camdenton Middle School. He was identified as someone with extensive knowledge in effective instruction and middle school practices.



Camdenton District Introduces New Principal at Dogwood Elementary Lucinda Varner



The Camdenton R-III School District is pleased to announce Lucinda Varner as the new principal at Dogwood Elementary School. Mrs. Varner continues her administrative service after serving the district at Hawthorn Elementary School as assistant principal and director of gifted

education. She has served the district as an instructional coach and also as a fourth grade teacher at Hawthorn Elementary. Mrs. Varner is active with afterschool services in the district as she serves as a site coordinator at Hawthorn.

Prior to coming to the Camdenton R-III District, Lucinda taught in the Eldon R-1 School District, the Adrian R-III District in Missouri, and in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Varner holds a Specialist in Educational Administration degree from William Woods University and a master's degree from Central Missouri State University. She also holds a Bachelor in Elementary Education degree and a Bachelor in Early Childhood Education degree.

Lucinda interviewed with a team of administrators and staff members from Dogwood Elementary.

Mrs. Varner has proven herself in the district as a vibrant leader who has a wealth of instructional knowledge. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Varner to her new position.

Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc.

“Elegant Evening”, April 22nd, make your reservations NOW!



Remember when your child or grandchild, niece or nephew was so excited about an upcoming event? They just could not wait to share with you what they had been practicing / working on for so long. You arrived at the event, excited too, holding your breath to see if their dream was realized! Of course it was or pretty close to it. Then the celebration and fun ensued!

Well, we have many students anxiously awaiting to share with you their masterpieces of artwork, their musical talents and suavely-served decadent appetizers, dinner, and dessert. In other words, it's Elegant Evening this April 22nd, and you and yours are cordially invited. Please visit our school's website at www.camdentonschools.org for any questions and to order tickets. The Education Foundation is listed under the district information tab. You may also contact Linda Leu at 573-346-9213.



This event is by the students and for the students with the distinct highlight of inducting incredible individuals into our 2016 Hall of Leaders. We are pleased to share and hope you will join us in congratulating: Outstanding Educator **Mary Lou Edwards** and two Distinguished Alumnus, **David Bennett** and **Tim McDuffey**.

This April 22nd event is the sole fundraiser for the Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc. Because of your generosity, our 501(c)(3) entity has, through the years, compassionately awarded these financial gifts: 50 students who participated during the evening event received monetary awards; 100 scholarships for students who attended post-secondary universities, colleges and schools; 18 classroom impact grants; and 11 educator scholarships for our staff.

As our students strive for excellence, we sincerely wish them the very best with our highly deserved financial gifts to empower them in their life endeavors.

Will you please join us in their zest and zeal? Will you enjoy their Elegant Evening excitement for doing the best they can? Will you call Linda or let your fingers fly across the keys to our website? We hope so because we will be there to meet and greet you in just a few weeks and show you some of Camdenton's finest youth at our Elegant Evening! It's a few weeks that are full of giddy practicing and perfecting talents that will astonish you. Share your evening with family and friends, and think this world is going to be just fine as we have Lakers leading the way ahead of the wave of today and tide of tomorrow!

See you very soon,

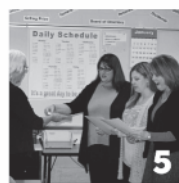
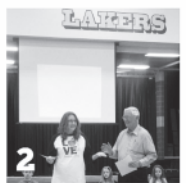
Selynn Barbour
President, Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc., and Treasurer, Camdenton R-III School Board

Foundation Awards Impact Grants

Five ingenious Classroom Impact Grants were recently awarded as the Education Foundation directors made surprise classroom visits sharing the fun news.

Hawthorn Elementary Makerspaces was one such grant (picture 1). Others included: “Get in Touch” at the High School (picture 5), “I’m ready for my Close-Up,” at LCTC (picture 4), “Making Research Available,” at Dogwood Elementary (picture 3) and at Hurricane Deck, the “Leveled Reading” grant (picture 2).

Over the years, the Foundation has awarded 19 project grants benefiting thousands of students reaching the entire district. The classroom impact grants are graciously funded by district staff's voluntary payroll deductions and matched up to \$2,000.00 annually by the Foundation. The Foundation's revenue is generated by our sole fundraiser, Elegant Evening, coming up April 22. We hope to see you there to continue funding these worthy educational grants.



Culinary Program Takes First Place Lake Career & Technical Center



Missouri hosted its annual ProStart® Invitational in Springfield, Missouri, on Friday, February 19, 2016. The state competition

was held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Oasis Convention Center. More than 175 top ProStart® students from across the state demonstrated their mastery of restaurant leadership skills - culinary and management - in a fast-paced competition, vying for their share of the more than half a million dollars in scholarship opportunities. This state contest was the largest in the history of the state of Missouri, with 28 teams competing.

First-place in Culinary Arts this year went to Lake Career & Technical Center (LCTC) in Camdenton, and first place in Hospitality Management went to Parkway North High School in St. Louis. Both teams will be traveling to Dallas, TX, in April for the 2016 National ProStart® Invitational.

The Lake Career & Technical Center ProStart® Culinary Team consists of Alyssa Faes, Brianna Flug, Mason Tibben, and Shawn Venenga. This is the youngest team ever to compete from Camdenton, with Shawn being a junior, and the rest of the team all being sophomores.

The annual competition is jointly sponsored by the Missouri Restaurant Association and the Office of College and Career Readiness, Division of Family Consumer Sciences and Human Services at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This year's competition was judged by chefs from across the state as well as Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management professors from the top university and college programs in Missouri.

For a taste of the competition, please visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3VO504TtRY&feature=youtu.be>



Help Culinary Arts students make their way to Dallas in April!

Culinary students will hold a fundraiser dinner on Friday, April 8, 2016, at Tan Tar A, Salon C. Doors will open at 6:00 PM with a cash bar, and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Proceeds from this event will help pay expenses for our state champions from the LCTC Culinary Arts program.

The team will cook and serve their winning menu which consists of:

Appetizer

Smoked Pacu Ribs with Orange Chipotle Glaze
Sweet and Spicy Slaw
Orange Creme Fraiche with Orange Supremes
Avocado Mousse
Black Pepper Tuile

Entree

Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Coffee Chili Rub and Chimichurri
Forbidden Rice
Agave Glazed Sweet Potatoes
Sautéed Haricots Vert
Pineapple Relish
Fried Shallot Rings

Dessert

Key Lime Panna Cotta on Graham Macadamia Crumble
Fresh Blueberries and Blueberry Coulis
Margarita Sugar Glass
Coconut Bonbon

Events of the evening will include a presentation and demonstration by the team, a silent auction, and a raffle.

Cost of the tickets is \$50 each, and can be purchased by calling LCTC at 573-346-9260.

Please come and support our LCTC students. Proceeds from this event will help the team go on to represent the state of Missouri at the National ProStart® Invitational in Dallas, TX, April 29 through May 1, where they will compete against approximately 48 other winning teams from across the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Department of Defense schools in Europe.

Impressive Results from DECA Students



Pictured above: Carter Williams, Grant Burton, Ryne Myers, Jillian Selander, Kaitlyn Schimmel, Emily Mullins, Katherine Lucas, Yaslynn Wooten, Daphne Dinsdale, Alysa Jackson, Erin Rasmussen, Sydney Woods, Ariana Ernst, Cody Roberts, Ethen Pineda, Conner Graves, Corey Ginnings, and Max Wheeler.



Pictured above: Ryne Myers, Grant Burton, Katherine Lucas, Ethen Pineda, Kaitlyn Schimmel, Jillian Selander, Conner Graves, and Erin Rasmussen

Camdenton had eighteen students participate in the DECA State Career Development Conference located at the Lodge of Four Season on March 13-15, 2016. During these three days students were able to showcase their abilities in marketing, finance, hospitality, management, and entrepreneurship. Students also had the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills through workshops and networking with fellow students from across the state.

At the DECA State Career Development Conference the following students received recognition for placing in the “Top 8” in their events: Ryne Myers (4th Place), Grant Burton, Katherine Lucas, Ethen Pineda, Kaitlyn Schimmel (4th Place), Jillian Selander, Conner Graves, and Erin Rasmussen. Three of the students, Ryne Myers, Katherine Lucas, and Kaitlyn Schimmel, will be advancing to the DECA International Career Development Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 23-26, 2016.

FFA Proficiency Award Winners

First Place Winners Advance to State Competition in April



*Sydney Brell
Nursery Operations*



*Lincoln McGuire
Fruit Production*



*Bailey Parish
Beef Production
Placement*



*Colton Boots
Agricultural Sales*



*Robert Crall
Community
Development*



*Tristen Lawson
Veterinary Science*

Second Place Winners

Fourth Place Winner

Camdenton LASER 3284 Robotics Team



The Camdenton **LASER 3284 Robotics Team** competed in March at the St. Louis FIRST® regional event with 49 teams from six states. The team made the number seven alliance with a team from Illinois and Kentucky. The alliance set high score for the event in their first quarter final match with a score of 145. But LASER robot Balista took damage to its camera in the following match and lost the best of three series, losing the last match 114 to 108. The team did, however, win the Safety Award and the most coveted Chairman’s Award which qualifies the team to attend the FIRST® Championships in April and compete with approximately 150 other teams for Chairman’s and a chance to become a Hall of Fame team. This is the third straight year that the Camdenton LASER team has won the Regional Chairman Award and the 6th time in seven years that they have qualified for the FIRST® World Championships. LASER member Brenden Barbour was also honored as one of two students selected to be a dean’s list finalist and will also be recognized at the FIRST® World Championships. He, too, will compete to earn a scholarship and prizes at the championships. Kylie Becker was a dean’s list semi-finalist.



Brenden Barbour



Kylie Becker



Pride of the Lake Marching Band Travels to Washington, DC, National Cherry Blossom Festival

“We are excited that the Camdenton *Pride of the Lake* Marching Band will be performing at the 2016 National Cherry Blossom Parade on April 16, 2016, in Washington, DC. With nearly half a million parade spectators, marching in the National Cherry Blossom Parade is quite an honor for our school, our band, and our community. The band will enjoy visits to the Smithsonian, the National Archives, Arlington National Cemetery, The National Mall, as well as a bus tour of our nation’s capital. The members, parents, and staff of the *Pride of the Lake* Band appreciate the entire Lake community for their continued support of this outstanding marching band!” shares Director of Bands Paul Baur.

High School Band Achievements

Director: Paul Baur

Assisted by Alisha Baur, Amanda Fall, and Mike Fenn

All-District Honors Band

Jacob Stauch
Caycee Roth
Lucy Sinner
Malachi Diehl
Connor Thill

All-District Concert Band

Karen Diaz
Megan Stude
Austin Friet
Matt Johno
Grace Tillet
Rob Baur
Darren Figgins
Dayton Armstrong
Tyler Nowak
Ben Warner

All-District Jazz Band

Austin Friet

High School Choir Achievements

Directors: Trent Clayton and Cheri Bonacker

CDMMEA All-District Choir - Rachel Buttram, Austin Allen, Michael Buscher, Nick Datt, Sid Ketcham, Josh Keys, Parker Pitts, Isaac Russell, Ashley Butterfield, Gabi Cicerelli, Violet Marquart, Malia Thompson, Rob Baur, Avery Brownell, Harrison Brownell, Darren Figgins, Anthony Hughes, Connor Thill, Nick Van Buren, Ben Warner, Kallie Davis, Savannah Ferguson, Jamie Illiff, Madi Jones, Shane Anway, Brandon Everhart, Ethan Folks, Garrett Mason, Noah Morgan, Alex Grzegorzcyk, Aidan Hammond, Hayden Barber, Noah Bentley, Faith Moore, Jillian Schmidt, Macey Short, Megan Stude, Zaven Plewa, David Schlenfort, Kaman Sheriff, and Cameron Stutesman

2016 Missouri All-State Choir - Malia Thompson, Rachel Buttram, and Connor Thill

2015 NAFME All-National Honor Choir - Malia Thompson and Rachel Buttram

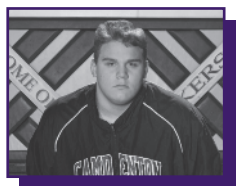
2016 SWACDA Honor Choirs - 11/12 Mixed Honor Choir - Nick Van Buren, Connor Thill, Rachel Buttram, Gabi Cicerelli, and Malia Thompson, **7/10 Men’s Choir** - Rob Baur and Jase Nicklas

2015-2016 Winter Sports Awards and Honors

Wrestling

2nd Team All-Conference

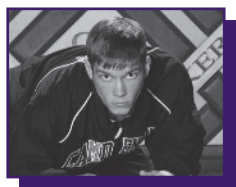
Josh Keys
David Prather



Josh Keys

All-Conference Honorable Mention

Gabe Kurtz
Daniel Meier
Zion Vasquez



Daniel Meier

All-District

Josh Keys
Daniel Meier
David Prather

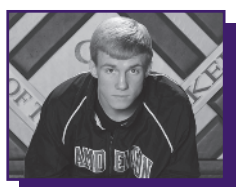
All-State

Josh Keys
Daniel Meier

Boys' Basketball

All-Conference

Michael Hake
(Defensive Team)



David Prather

All-Conference Honorable Mention

Dyllan Decker

1st Team All-District

Dyllan Decker
Brady Kempf

KJEL All-Star

Brady Kempf

Girls' Basketball

All-Conference

Bailey Rezabek
Alyssa Ripley

Blair Kurtz
(Defensive Team)

All-Conference Honorable Mention

Sophia Shore

1st Team

All-District
Bailey Rezabek
Alyssa Ripley
Sophia Shore

KJEL All-Star

Bailey Rezabek
Alyssa Ripley

All-State Qualifiers

Josh Keys, Daniel Meier, and David Prather qualified for State Championship Wrestling. All three finished in the top four of their weight classes this March at the District Tournament at Oak Park HS (Kansas City). Daniel finished 3rd (160 lbs.), David 4th (132 lbs.) and Josh (heavy weight) was the District Champion!

State Tournament

The Lakers had a great State Wrestling Tournament with their highest team finish ever. The athletes won a total of ten matches, all by pin, to finish 12th in the state as a team. Eight of the top 13 schools in the state came from the Kansas City District!

Josh Keys finished the tournament with a 3rd place medal. His only loss was to Devin Savage from Farmington, who went on to win the State Championship. Josh lost to Devin 1-0 in the semifinals.

Daniel Meier finished with a 4th place medal. He had just two losses in the tournament. Both were to the same opponent, Charlie Henson. As a side note on Charlie - his uncle, Sammie Henson, was a two-time NCAA Champion, 1998 World Champion, and Silver Medalist in the 2000 Olympics. Daniel wrestled great in this tournament!

David Prather contributed to the team total with a pin in his second match of the tournament. David is a junior so hopefully he will be back in the tournament next year to get a medal!



Swimming



The Board of Education approved swimming as an extra-curricular activity at Camdenton High School beginning fall, 2016.

2015-2016 Winter Sports Academic Honors

Ozark Conference All-Academic

Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.85 to 4.0 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Brady Kempf
Blair Kurtz
Blake Lapine
Abbie Miller

Alyssa Ripley
Tegan Shockley
Sophia Shore
Kendall Spraggins

All-State Academic

Brady Kempf



Ozark Conference All-Academic Honorable Mention

Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.5 to 3.84 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Gabe Kurtz
Kylie Meier

Bailey Rezabek
Ryan Rothove

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Camdenton R-III School District Calendar 2016-2017



School Starts
Tuesday,
August 23,
2016

August 16-19, 22
 August 17

August 18

August 23

September 2 **No School for Students**
 September 5 **No School**

October 21 **No School for Students**

November 23-25 **No School**

Teacher Work Days
 Meet the Teacher Night:
 Middle School
 Meet the Teacher Night:
 Dogwood, Osage Beach,
 Hurricane Deck, Hawthorn,
 Oak Ridge Intermediate,
 High School, and Horizons
 School Starts
 Professional Development Day
 Labor Day

Teacher Work Day

Thanksgiving Vacation

December 21	Early Release 12:30 p.m.	Christmas Vacation
January 2	No School for Students	Professional Development/ Teacher Work Day
January 3		School Resumes
January 16	No School	Martin Luther King Day
February 20	No School	Presidents' Day
March 10	No School for Students	Teacher Work Day
April 13-17	No School	Spring Break
May 18		Graduation
May 19	Early Release 12:30 p.m.	School Term Ends
May 29		Memorial Day

The Camdenton District will have Early Release/ Collaboration each Friday at 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Make-Up Schedule for Missed Days					
1st Day	Jan. 16	4th Day	May 23	7th Day	May 26
2nd Day	Feb. 20	5th Day	May 24	8th Day	April 13
3rd Day	May 22	6th Day	May 25		