

*A Letter from the Superintendent*



Dear Friends,

Old Man Winter has certainly not been overly kind to the Ozarks. While we have had our challenges with winter weather this year, we look forward to spring in Laker Nation. Due to the inclement weather that hit our area we had eleven days of school cancellations. As a result, our last day of classes for the 2013-2014 school year will be June 4th.

Even with our snowy weather, our building projects at Osage Beach and Hurricane Deck have progressed steadily. Both projects remain on time and on budget. At the March 10th regular Board meeting, the Camdenton R-III School Board accepted a bid from Bales Construction for the installation of secure entry points at Hawthorn and Oak Ridge. The bid was under our original budget estimate for these projects.

Budgets, balances, and facilities are valuable assets to a school district, but on the pages that follow you will see our greatest resource, our students. One exciting night in which our district highlights our students is our Education Foundation's Elegant Evening. This year's event will be on Friday, April 25, 2014, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fine sounds will delight the ear, fine art will delight the eye, and fine food will delight the palate. We hope to see you there.

In this issue we also celebrate the achievements of the Camdenton 4-H FIRST® LASER 3284 Robotics team, the speech and debate program, our science research students, and our winter student athletes.

We also introduce you to two of our district's newly named leaders for next year. We welcome Mrs. Jackie Jenkins who will serve as the new director of the Lake Career and Technical Center. We also announce the promotion of Mrs. Tracy Evans as the principal of Oak Ridge Intermediate School for 2014-2015.

Finally, please remember April 8th is Election Day. On this date patrons have the opportunity to vote on numerous items including the election of three Camdenton R-III School Board members. Being a member of the Board of Education is truly a labor of love for our students, staff, parents, and patrons.

Your Partner in Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Hadfield". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Timothy Hadfield, Superintendent  
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*Third Quarter 2014*

# CAMDENTON R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

## KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

**C**amdenton R-III School District is currently conducting **Kindergarten Screenings** for children who are five years old before August 1, 2014. Screening dates are available at Dogwood, Hurricane Deck, and Osage Beach Elementary schools. Appointments for screenings at any of these locations may be made by calling the Parents as Teachers office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call today for your child's vision, hearing, and developmental screening at 346-9268.



## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

**O**rientation for 2014-15 kindergarten students and their parents will give families the opportunity to hear about the kindergarten program and tour the building they will be attending next fall.

<b>Dogwood Elementary</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Osage Beach Elem.</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>5:30 - 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Hurricane Deck Elem.</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</b>



At the orientation, your child will be able to meet the principals and counselors as well as get a tour of the building and one of the busses. Contact Parents as Teachers at 346-9268 for more information.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

**K**indergarten enrollment will be held at Osage Beach Elementary April 28 - May 2 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Dogwood Elementary April 28 - May 2 and May 5 - 9, and Hurricane Deck Elementary April 28 - May 2 from 8:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. In order to enroll, your child must be five years old before August 1, 2014. You will need to bring the following with you:

- . **An official copy of the child's Birth Certificate**
- . **Social Security card or number**
- . **Immunization Record**
- . **Proof of Residency** (one of the following):  
tax statement, telephone bill, legal property description, utility bill/contract, real estate contract, rental agreement

## DON'T FORGET THE JUMPSTART PROGRAM

FOR "SOON TO BE" KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.

JUMPSTART is tentatively scheduled for June 6 - 30 during Summer Academy 2014. To be eligible, the child **must** be enrolled in kindergarten in the fall of 2014.

JUMPSTART is a pre-K program that works on basic skills and familiarizes children with the school. Transportation is provided at limited pick-up and drop-off points in all directions. Nutritional snacks are provided. Enroll for Jumpstart during Kindergarten Registration.

## Hawthorn Elementary Excels at Math Contest

Hawthorn Elementary School placed 2nd overall in the Morgan Co. R-2 Math Contest. The contest was held Saturday, March 1st at Versailles Middle School. There were 45 fourth grade students participating. Schools that participated were Versailles, Cole Camp, High Point, Sacred Heart, School of the Osage, Eldon, Tipton, Osage Beach Elementary, Hurricane Deck and Hawthorn Elementary. In addition to Hawthorn placing 2nd as a team, four students placed individually. Mia Walters received a 2nd place award, Hailey Bender received 4th place, Nick Faiferlick received 7th place, and Sarah Holmes received 10th place. The team was coached and sponsored by Megan Jolly, Tammy Stone, and Deborah Wonderly.



# Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc.

## “Stars” Will Shine April 25th



Please come see Camdenton School District's many “stars” at the Education Foundation's Elegant Evening on Friday, April 25, 2014, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Camdenton High School (CHS) commons area.



The CHS Jazz Band will be the featured dinner entertainment with, for the first time, the opportunity to open the dance floor. Our very talented art department will perform a live demonstration with audience participation in addition to exhibiting work from all ages throughout the Gallery walk.

Lake Career and Technical Center culinary students will prepare and serve a four-course meal that has received rave reviews at past Elegant Evenings. In addition, the numerous talents of our students district-wide will be showcased in the areas of woodworking, agriculture, and science research.

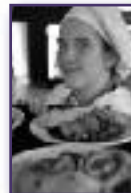


During the evening, the Foundation will also be inducting Jody Nichols Newman into the prestigious Hall of Leaders in the category of Outstanding Education Professional. Ms. Newman served Camdenton School District for 28 years, 18 of those as principal of Osage Beach Elementary.

This will be the 12th annual Elegant Evening, which serves as the one and only fundraising event for the Education Foundation. Serving the district for 12 years now, the Foundation has distributed more than \$140,000 toward scholarships to graduating seniors and educators, classroom grants, individual Outstanding Students Awards for those who participate extensively in the Elegant Evening, and other worthy activities that fall outside the district's operating budget.



To secure tickets, contact Linda Leu at the district's administration office (573-346-9213). We hope to see you there!



For more information, please visit [camdentonschools.org](http://camdentonschools.org), click on District Information at the left, then Education Foundation.



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## Culinary Arts Team Achieves First Place in State Competition



One hundred and forty students from around the state competed in the Missouri ProStart Culinary Competition held in Springfield, Missouri. The competition required students to cook a three-course meal in an hour on two burners without access to running water or electricity. The menu started with an Asian slaw in Parmesan cheese cup with smoked duck breast and elderflower jelly with an edible orchid. The main entrée was veal roulade with herbed cherry stuffing and cherry port sauce, bleu cheese mashed potatoes, sautéed brussels sprouts with bacon, and honey-glazed carrots. Finally, the dessert consisted of coffee caramel mousse in a chocolate teardrop with a candied hazelnut, and a brandy caramel bonbon. The students were to demonstrate restaurant leadership skills in a fast-paced environment.

The Lake Career and Technical Center Culinary Arts Team took first place in the competition! **Taylor Searcy**, **Phelan Huntsman**, and **Arizbeth Jimenez** made up the winning team from the Camdenton School District. This team will represent the state of Missouri at the national competition in May in Minneapolis, Minnesota!





## LASER Trifecta!

accompanied the team's buses as they traveled through the entire county to honor them for their incredibly successful weekend at the 2014 St. Louis FIRST® Robotics Regional on March 13-15.

The high school FIRST® Robotics Competition LASER team members were excited as they traveled to St. Louis after participating in the Central Illinois Regional, where the team won the Underwriters Laboratory Industrial Safety Award for the fourth year. This year's game, Aerial Assist, proved to be a challenge while in Illinois due to mechanical issues and drive team experience. After returning from this competition, the team troubleshot the mechanical and shooting issues. The team was able to perfect shooting to 90 percent accuracy by working on the practice robot for the St. Louis Regional.

Upon arrival in St. Louis, the drive team and pit crew set up the LASER pit and prepared the robot for practice rounds while the safety crew and chairman's team prepped for interviews and presentations. The scout team immediately began to collect statistics and other information on all forty-five robots and teams in attendance. The practice rounds went well and LASER quickly

The Camdenton 4-H FIRST® LASER 3284 team returned from St. Louis with a very special escort. The Henry County Sheriff's Department

established itself as one of the top five robots at the challenge.

To begin their amazing weekend, the LASER alliance set the highest score for week three among all the FIRST® Robotics regional competitions taking place internationally, with a score of 305. At the end of elimination matches, LASER found itself in the number four slot and then was selected by the number one team (1501) to form an alliance. Scout captains for 1501 and

3284 asked team 4500 to round out the alliance for the semi-final matches. Only one round was lost in the semifinals due to loss of communication with the LASER robot while on the field. Throughout semis and finals, the LASER alliance won the



last four matches by an amazing 70+ points per match. This 2014 alliance win goes in the record book for the LASER team, as few teams have been regional champions four out of five years!

The second honor of the competition earned by the LASER team was the coveted "Chairman's Award" banner. The regional Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award at FIRST®; it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST®.



LASER 3284 will compete for the International Chairman's Award at the World Championship.

To complete their successful weekend, 3284 was also honored to have LASER President Garrett Johnson named as a finalist for the prestigious Dean's List. This award is given to team members to celebrate outstanding student leaders whose passion for and effectiveness at attaining FIRST® ideals is exemplary. Garrett will compete for the title of Dean's List Winner at the upcoming international competition in April. This is the second time that Camdenton has had a student named to the Dean's List in the last two years. Garrett joins 3284 alumni and current mentor Kyle Gulshen on the list.

By winning the regional championship and the Chairman's Award, LASER 3284 double-qualified for the World Championship for the fourth time in the program's short five-year history. The World Championship will take place April 23-26, 2014, at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. Seventeen countries will participate in this 2014 international challenge.

LASER would like to thank all of the team sponsors: Camdenton R-III Schools and Afterschool Services, Speedline Technologies, Sakelaris Ford, Missouri Afterschool State Network, Metaltech, AT&T Cellular Connections, Boeing, The Camdenton Optimist Club, Lake Professional Engineering, Nihon Superior, 4-H, and WRG/SES.

The LASER team would also like to recognize the many professional mentors who give hundreds of

hours to support all four progressions of the district's FIRST® programs. At this time, one in every 20

students out of the total 4,200 Camdenton R-III student body is a LASER robotics team member. Afterschool Director Sherry Comer notes, *"Without our sponsors and mentors we could not exist. It is because of the unselfish giving of their time and resources that our LASER afterschool robotics teams have achieved so much success."*

The LASER team will partner for the fourth year with Sakelaris Ford of Camdenton as they host the annual LASER fundraiser "Drive 4 UR School" event on May 3, 2014, at Camdenton High School. For every valid test drive of a Ford vehicle, Ford donates \$20 to the LASER program up to \$6000.

All four progressions of the FIRST® LASER programs, along with off-season FIRST® LEGO® League and FIRST® Tech Challenges, will be on display at the fundraiser. This year's St. Louis Regional Championship robot the "Scorpion" will also be available for a "test-drive" at this event! LASER is asking the community to help us raise funds for this terrific program

by stopping by the high school and test-driving a new Ford vehicle.



# Camdenton District Introduces New Director and New Principal



The Camdenton R-III School District is pleased to introduce Mrs. Jackie Jenkins as the new Director of the Lake Career & Technical Center for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Jenkins is a graduate of Jefferson City High School and pursued her undergraduate degree at Southwest Missouri State University in

Springfield, Missouri. She holds a Master's degree from Southwest Missouri State University in Educational Administration and a Specialist's degree from William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri, with an emphasis area in Educational Administration.

Currently, Jackie serves as the Director of High School Programs for Ozarks Technical Community College. While in this role, Mrs. Jenkins oversees both the OTC Career Center and the Middle College on the OTC campus. The Middle College serves approximately 125 students who complete their high school diploma on the college campus while also receiving training in a technical education career pathway. Jackie has served as the Assistant Director of the OTC Career Center and the Coordinator of Tech Prep and Dual Credit at OTC. Mrs. Jenkins has also served at Reeds Spring School District and the Gibson Technical Center as the Adult Education Coordinator and as a Business Technology Instructor.

Mrs. Jenkins was interviewed by a team which consisted of representatives from LCTC, building level administrators, central office administrators, and a school board representative. Jackie surfaced as someone who can help lead LCTC to meet the challenges of the future.



The Camdenton R-III School District is pleased to announce Mrs. Tracy Evans as the new Principal at Oak Ridge Intermediate School.

Mrs. Evans began her career with the Camdenton R-III School District in August 2012 as Assistant Principal at Oak Ridge.

Tracy has served in this capacity for the past two years. Prior to her move to the Camdenton District, Tracy served as a 4th, 5th, and 7th grade teacher in the North Kansas City School District from 2006, through 2012. From 2004 to 2006 Mrs. Evans served as a 7th grade math teacher in the Park Hill School District.

Tracy is a graduate of Kearney High School. Her post-secondary training includes an Associate's degree from Gulf Coast Community College and a Bachelor of Art's degree from the University of Florida in 1999. Her graduate degrees include a Master's degree in Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2009 and a Specialist's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2012 with an emphasis in Educational Administration.

Mrs. Evans was interviewed by a team which included building level representatives, principals, central office administrators, and a representative from the school board. Mrs. Evans has proven herself at Oak Ridge as a vibrant leader who is able to work well with staff and students.



The National Forensic League Speech & Debate Honor Society is

proud to announce the Camdenton R-III School District's speech and debate program has earned significant recognition by the National Forensic League.

Each year, students earn points and degrees in this honor society based on competitive and service-related activities -- ranging from the Degree of Merit with 25 or more points to the Degree of Premier Distinction with 1,500 or more points.

Because Camdenton's chapter achieved 100 or more degrees last year, it has ranked among the top 10% of schools nationwide and earned membership in the League's prestigious 100 Club. This milestone is remarkable because it demonstrates outstanding commitment to learning essential life skills -- including communication, research, listening, writing, and organization.

*"The hard work you have invested to achieve this distinction will pay dividends for years to come. I encourage you to build upon this momentum to ensure that even more students are empowered to become effective communicators, ethical individuals, critical thinkers, and leaders in a democratic society.*



Tom Martin  
Speech/Debate  
Coach

## Duo Nationals Bound



Nick Horne and Alexis Lumley

*The National Forensic League commends your leadership of an active speech and debate program. Keep up the good work, and best wishes for another successful season,"* states J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director for the National Forensic League Speech & Debate Honor Society.



# Science Research Students Dominate

The Camdenton Science Research team had an outstanding performance at Missouri state symposium (Junior Science, Engineering, & Humanities Symposium) this year. Over a third of all statewide awards were given to the Camdenton School District students. Four students (Sydney Zuraski, Daniel Hall, Morgan Henry, and Katie Chappell) will be traveling to the National Junior Science & Humanities Symposium this year which runs from April 23-27 in Washington D.C. In total, \$11,500 in cash and scholarships was awarded to the Camdenton School District students. Awards received were:



Sydney Zuraski

1st place in Biology  
3rd place over all categories  
*Determining the Behavioral Response of Drosophila Melanogaster to Blue Light (470nm) as a Wake Enhancing Stimulus*  
(\$7,000 cash and scholarships)



Daniel Hall

1st place in Environmental Science -- *Determining the Effects of Oxidizing Graphene on the Efficiency in a Dye Sensitized Solar Cell*  
(\$1,000 cash)



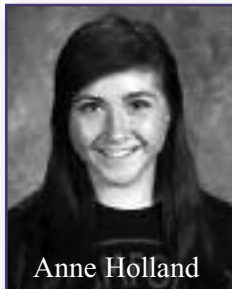
Morgan Henry

2nd place in Biology  
*The Development of Alternate Planting Methods for Conspecific Crop Species: An Investigation of the Evolutionary Function of Kin Selection on Arabidopsis and Zea Mays* (\$500 cash)



Katie Chappell

2nd place in Environmental Science -- *Marine Reserves: A Photographic Survey to Determine the Efficacy of the Glovers Reef Atoll Marine Reserve (Belize) on Coral Diversity and Abundance*  
(\$500 cash)



Anne Holland

1st place Missouri Coatings Award -- *The Development of an Epigallocatechin Gallate Antimicrobial Acrylic Coating for Surface Application*  
(1,500 cash)



Paula Zaretzky

1st place Missouri American Water Award -- *An Investigation of the Effects of Pharmaceutical Interactions between Fluoxetine (Prozac®) and Ibuprofen on the Sensitive Macroinvertebrate Caddisfly (Trichoptera) Larvae*  
(\$1,000 cash)

## 2013-2014 Winter Sports Awards and Honors

### Wrestling

**Ozark Conference Tournament 3rd Place**

**1st Team All-Conference**

- 106 Dillon Briscoe
- 132 Anthony Franicevich
- 138 Kris Paschel

**2nd Team All-Conference**

- 126 Trevor Casady
- 195 Kegan Ray

**Honorable Mention All-Conference**

- 152 River Darby
- 160 Trenton Casady

**Honorable Mention**

**Academic All-Conference**

Zion Vasquez

**All-State**

132 Anthony Franicevich 5th

**All-District**

132 Anthony Franicevich 3rd  
195 Kegan Ray 3rd

### Basketball, girls

**Ozark Conference Champions**

**Academic All-Conference**

- Blair Kurtz Sophie Shore
- Austin Moulder Kendall Spraggins
- Alyssa Ripley Natalie Spraggins

**Honorable Mention**

**Academic All-Conference**

- Abby Moulder
- Bailey Rezabek
- Whitney Snow

**1st Team All-Conference**

Whitney Snow

**Honorable Mention All-Conference**

- Bailey Rezabek
- Sophie Shore

**All-Ozark Conference Defensive Team**

Alyssa Ripley

**1st Team All-District**

- Bailey Rezabek
- Whitney Snow

### Basketball, boys

**Won Consolation Round-Blue and Gold Tournament**

**Academic All-Conference**

Bobby Johnson

**Honorable Mention**

**Academic All-Conference**

- Zachary Brown
- Jonathan Pinson
- Jake Decker

**1st Team All-Conference**

Kullen Carlock

**1st Team All-District**

Kullen Carlock

**Honorable Mention All-District**

Zachary Brown

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### Camdenton R-III School District Calendar 2014-15



## School Starts Tuesday, August 19, 2014

August 12, 13, 14, 15, 18		Teacher Work Days
August 19		School Starts
August 29	No School for Students	Professional Collaboration
September 1	No School	Labor Day
September 12	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
October 16	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
October 17	No School for Students	Teacher Work Day
October 21	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Elementary and Intermediate Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 23	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Middle School and High School Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 28	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Elementary, Intermediate, Middle School and High School Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 31	No School	No School

November 25	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
November 26-28	No School	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 19	Early Release	Christmas Vacation
January 5		School Resumes
January 19	No School for Students	Prof. Dev./Collaboration
February 13	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
February 16	No School	Presidents' Day
March 12	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
March 13	No School for Students	Teacher Work Day
April 1	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
April 2 - 6	No School	Easter Break
May 20	Early Release	School Term Ends
May 25		Memorial Day

Make-Up Schedule for Missed Days					
1st Day	May 21	4th Day	May 27	7th Day	June 1
2nd Day	May 22	5th Day	May 28	8th Day	June 2
3rd Day	May 26	6th Day	May 29		