

Camdenton R-III School District

*“Everyone Learning
Every Day”*

A Letter from the Superintendent



Dear Friends,

On January 22nd, 2013, the Camdenton R-III School Board voted to place an issue on the April ballot. This decision was made due to input received through community meetings where patrons expressed their desire to have similar facilities and opportunities for our children at Hurricane Deck and Osage Beach as our children do at the Camdenton campus. We are also facing enrollment capacity issues at Osage Beach Elementary and Dogwood Elementary.

The district is asking our patrons to consider a “No Tax Increase” bond issue to build a new Osage Beach Elementary School and refurbish and expand Hurricane Deck Elementary School. This issue would also provide funds to redesign entrances at our elementary, intermediate, and middle school buildings on the main campus. These upgrades would help improve the safety and security of these buildings.

Currently, our district has one of the lowest tax rates in the State of Missouri. The tax rate for the Camdenton R-III patrons would not change due to the passage of the ballot issue.

Election Day is April 2 and will quickly be upon us. The bond issue proposal requires a four-sevenths majority vote (57.143%) to be approved. If approved, construction would begin in September of 2013 and the project completion date is planned for July 2015.

Walter Cronkite was quoted as saying, “Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.” Mr. Cronkite’s quote exemplifies the investment we must make as a nation to our educational institutions in order to meet the challenges of our future. In this newsletter you will find additional information regarding this “No Tax Increase” issue.

Also inside this issue, you will read about the greatest resources we have as a school district, our students and staff. The district has experienced many positives thus far this school year. On the pages that follow you can find information regarding our Pride of the Lake Marching Band’s trip to Orlando, our award-winning staff members and students, and our 11th Annual Elegant Evening facilitated by the Camdenton R-III Education Foundation.

As always, thank you for your support.

Your Partner in Education,



Tim Hadfield, Superintendent
TEH/III



Second Quarter 2013

School Safety Our Highest Priority

December 17, 2012

Dear Members of the Camdenon R-III Family,

For the past 20 years I have been blessed to work with students as an educator. When I remember my first day as a teacher I recall the profound sense of responsibility entrusted to me. As an administrator, I feel like a “misplaced” teacher.

Each year I have the pleasure of taking a picture with each Laker kindergarten student. Each year I have the honor of shaking hands of Laker graduates. The challenges of our profession are great. After the events of Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary our challenges are even greater, but we will remain vigilant.

There have been times when there has been debate and differences in our district about curriculum, grades, programs, funding opportunities and numerous other issues. While different ways of thinking and different opinions are natural, we all agree the safety of our children is our highest priority.

Tragedies, like the one in Connecticut, cause all school districts to examine their practices. Our district was already in the process of reviewing our safety practices. We are fortunate to have strong support from our local law enforcement agencies. Our School Resource Officers offered a strong and reassuring presence on Friday, just as they do every day we are in session. Our school counselors are available to our students to help them not only today, but every day. Our talented teachers are, as always, the first and foremost line of support for our kids. Finally, our administrators are available to assist our students and parents.

Unfortunately evil will always exist in this world. How we respond as a community is what helps us battle horrific events. We need your assistance. Our staff and students need your continued support. I, like many of you, am a parent of Camdenon R-III students. Parents expect their children will be safe at school. As parents we need to also offer our help and support to make certain this happens.

Our teachers, counselors, administrators, and support staff are here to continue to work with our students. We will take care of our students and work continually to keep them safe.

Your Partner in Education,

Timothy Hadfield
Superintendent of Schools

Ryan Neal named Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services



The Camdenon R-III School District is pleased to introduce Mr. Ryan Neal as Assistant Superintendent in charge of Academic Services for our district, effective July 1, 2013.

Mr. Neal is coming to this position after serving the students and staff of the Lake Career and Technical Center during this present school term. Ryan has experience as a building principal in the Iberia R-V School District and the Eldon R-I School District. While at Iberia, Ryan served as the building leader for students in grades 7-12. Ryan held this position from 2007 until 2009. In 2009, Ryan was hired to serve as High School Principal in the Eldon R-I School District. Mr. Neal held this position until 2012 when he accepted a position as Assistant Director at LCTC. Prior to becoming an administrator, Mr. Neal served the Camdenon R-III School District for ten years as a social studies educator and a varsity assistant football and wrestling coach. Mr. Neal also has a strong background in effective instructional practices and team building which will serve him well as a leader in academic services.

Mr. Neal received his Specialist's degree in education from William Woods University in 2009. He earned his Master's degree in Educational Administration in 2005, also from William Woods University. Mr. Neal received his Bachelor's degree from Central Methodist University in 1997. Ryan is currently pursuing his Doctorate from William Woods University.

Ryan was interviewed by a team which consisted of representatives from elementary, middle school, high school, special education and career and technical education along with members from the central office leadership team. Mr. Neal surfaced as someone who can help lead our district and meet the challenges of the future.

Maintaining Excellence

Camdenton R-III School District



Proposed “No Tax Increase” Bond Issue

- Construct a new elementary school at Osage Beach
- Repair, renovate and add to Hurricane Deck Elementary School
- Furnish and equip said facilities
- Upgrade safety and security at existing school facilities
- Retire outstanding leasehold financing obligations

Did You Know...

The “No Tax Increase” Bond Issue equals:

- \$0 - Increase to business owners
- \$0 - Increase to landowners
- \$0 - Increase to homeowners

NO TAX INCREASE TO VOTERS

- Value the Tradition of Excellence in Accomplishments
- Take Pride in the Excellence in Planning



Did You Know...

The “No Tax Increase” Bond Issue means:

- Retire outstanding debts
- Technology for students
- Security
- Adequate gymnasiums
- Community areas
- Adequate cafeterias
- Additional classrooms
- Equity and Parity



Did You Know...

Local funding is required for major construction, technology, or other infrastructure projects

When needs are identified, a public vote is required

Bond issue questions and answers are available under Headlines at camdentonschools.org.



Ballot Language

Shall Camdenton Reorganized School District No. R-3 of Camden County, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$43,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a new elementary school at Osage Beach, repairing, renovating, and building additions to Hurricane Deck Elementary School and furnishing and equipping said facilities; upgrading safety at existing school facilities; and acquiring buildings, improvements, furnishings and equipment now leased to the District by paying off and retiring outstanding leasehold financing obligations?

The authorization of the Bonds will authorize a debt service tax levy in addition to the other taxes provided for by law on all taxable tangible property in the District sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the Bonds as they fall due. The District's debt service tax levy is estimated to increase approximately 11 cents, from \$0.20 to \$0.31 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Lake Transition Fair

On Friday, January 25, the Lake Transition Network (LTN) and State Fair Community College hosted their third annual Transition Fair at the State Fair campus in Osage Beach. Lake Transition Network began when they received a grant in 2009 from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to form a community transition team that promotes collaboration between agencies, parents, self-advocates, businesses and schools to improve postgraduate outcomes for students with disabilities.

Five school districts participated in the Lake Transition Network Transition Fair this year. Camdenton, School of the Osage, Eldon, St. Elizabeth, and Tuscumbia brought students and many parents to the event. The purpose of the fair was to make students and their parents aware of resources available for students with disabilities. Presentations from Vocational Rehabilitation, AO Employment Services, State Fair Community College, Missouri Career Center and the Senate Bill 40 Board agencies from Miller, Morgan, and Camden County focused on transition services available and how to access this information. In addition, there were about twenty booth participants including various community colleges, technical centers, and developmental disability agencies. You can find a list of all participants and pictures on the Lake Transition Network Facebook page.

The Lake Transition Network is comprised of representatives from school districts, agencies, and parents of students in Camden, Morgan, and Miller counties. The group meets monthly at Camdenton High School to discuss and plan for better ways to meet the needs of transitioning students. People with disabilities are at a greater risk of dropping out of school and have a higher incidence of unemployment and underemployment. The team's goal is to bridge any gaps that may exist in assisting transitioning students to achieve and maintain successful employment, attain postsecondary training and education, and live and navigate independently within the community. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Lake Transition Network may call Camdenton High School at 346-9225 or email: bleuwerke@camdentonschools.org.



Community Education Classes Begin



Why not make one of your goals this year to learn something new (basket weaving, ceramics, Dutch oven cooking, golf, turkey hunting, crappie fishing, couponing, genealogy). The Lake Career & Technical Center offers affordable classes for your personal enrichment and enjoyment through the Community Education Program. The majority of these courses are offered during the evening, with the exception of motorcycle safety courses which are held certain weekends April-October.

The 2013 Spring Community Education Brochure is available at various locations throughout the Lake area, including Lake Media racks and at LCTC. It is also available on the district website at <http://www.camdentonschools.org>. Most courses have a maximum enrollment, so don't delay in calling 573-346-9271 to enroll.

Space Shuttle Test Tile On Display at CHS



Camdenton High School recently received a high-temperature reusable surface insulation tile from NASA. This particular tile came from a test panel that was built up during the Columbia investigation. It is modeled based on a lower wing tile. Test panels were built up with 57 tiles total, and used for impact testing to determine the amount of damage that would occur for various sizes of foam, impacting at different velocities and impact angles. Additional information about the tile can be found at: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/shuttle/reference/shutref/orbiter/tps/hrcitiles.html>

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE 11TH ANNUAL ELEGANT EVENING

It's a new year, and another fresh start for the Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation. We have been very active reviewing Hall of Leaders nominations and Classroom Impact Grant applications. We have also started the process to award scholarships to some very deserving graduating seniors.

Our biggest project that is well underway is our exciting annual fundraiser called the **"Elegant Evening"** scheduled for **Friday, April 19, 2013**, in the Camdenton High School commons area.

This prestigious event will showcase the numerous talents of our students in the areas of art, music, drama, academia, culinary arts, woodworking and agriculture. If you attended in the past, you know what a treat it is, and if you haven't joined us, then you're in for a delightful evening. We received rave reviews last year on the exceptional dinner that rivaled the best local restaurants, fully prepared and served by LCTC culinary students. The entertainment from the minute you walk through the doors is icing on the cake . . . artists working at their easels and pottery wheels . . . remarkable big band, drama and chorale performances . . . K-12 art galleries, robotics demos, and more.

A regular attendee, Janell Bednara, commented about previous Elegant Evenings, ***"I'm always so impressed by how gifted these student are. I consider it to be a 'don't miss' event, and walk away inspired every year."*** So please consider this as an opportunity to experience an extremely memorable evening

while supporting the Foundation's mission to enhance learning opportunities for the district's students and staff. To secure tickets, contact Linda Leu at the district's administration office (573-346-9213). We hope to see you there!

For more information about the Foundation, visit our website at camdentonschools.org, click on District Information, then Education Foundation. We look forward to working with all of you to create the best possible learning environment/experience for the students throughout the Camdenton R-III School District.

With Laker Pride,

John R. Porth, President
Camdenton R-III Education Foundation

Pictured left to right: Janell Bednara with her husband Mick, as they visit with John Blair during the 10th Annual Elegant Evening.



Opportunity of a Lifetime!



The day after Christmas, the ***Pride of the Lake*** Marching Band loaded up three charter buses with 122 students, 10 chaperones, seven directors and

instructors along with their nine family members. Guided by a tour director, they embarked on a six-day round trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. Once they arrived, a three-day hopper pass allowed everyone to enjoy Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, Epcot Center, and/or The Magic Kingdom. On Friday, December 28, students were plotting what area they were going to visit first as the buses traveled to Universal Studios

Orlando! Most teenagers and even some of the traveling adults were all abuzz about The Wizarding World of Harry Potter and were ready for the ride on the Forbidden Journey, but one chaperone had no idea what was in store after the 120-minute wait in line. ***"I have never read a Harry Potter book, nor have I watched a Harry Potter movie, but I can now say that I have flown with Harry Potter!"*** stated chaperone Rhonda Wilkening.

On Saturday, December 29, the band and color guard awoke to 40° temperatures and rain but marched in the Epcot parade with PRIDE! After changing out of their uniforms and eating lunch, students took part in another exciting activity, the "Instrumental Workshop" taught by an entertainment professional from Disney who led them in a hands-on session. Students received a video of themselves playing the music to a section of the

Disney movie, "Aladdin". The group spent the rest of the day at Epcot Center and visited one or more of the 11 countries represented. After the final day at Walt Disney World the band loaded up for the ride home. What memories they made during this experience. They are thankful for being allowed this opportunity of a lifetime from the support of their parents, chaperones, faculty, staff, administration, and the Camdenton R-III community!



Kyle Gulshen - Candidate in the 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program



Kyle Gulshen, a graduating senior at Camdenton High School, the son of Bart and Ann Gulshen, has been named one of more than 3,000 candidates in the 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.4 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2013.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 49th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors.

Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities. Specifically, selection takes into account exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment. In addition, each Chief State School Officer (CSSO) was invited to nominate three male and three female candidates, based on their outstanding scholarship, residing in the CSSO's jurisdiction. Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations, and school transcripts.

A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 500 semifinalists in early April.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will make final selection of the Scholars. They will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; 15 students at-large; and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts. The U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, DC, for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in events and activities with their elected representatives, educators, and other leading individuals in public life.

For more information about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, parents and students can call the U.S. Presidential Scholars Office at 319/341-2PSP (319/341-2777), or send an e-mail to PSP@act.org.

Ways to Support Project Graduation

**February 28 - Dinner at Chili's
Osage Beach
3:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**March 29 - Project Graduation
Fish Fry and Silent Auction
Knights of Columbus**

Project Graduation is an all-night, chaperoned, substance-free celebration for the graduating seniors of Camdenton High School

For more information visit:
camdentonprojectgrad.com

Camdenton High School Choir Presents...

*A Murder Mystery
Dinner*

**Saturday and Sunday
March 9 and 10, 2013**
Camdenton High School
Commons at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations required
For more information visit
camdentonschool.org
or call 573-346-9296



Jeff Shore 2012 District 4 Football Coach of the Year

Music Educator Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Camdenton High School Assistant Band Director Mike Fenn for being named the Missouri Music Educators Association - Central District-Teacher of the Year. Each January, members of the Central District are asked to nominate music teachers who they feel best exemplify Outstanding Music Educators in the area of music. Nominees are required to submit a resume and answer a series of questions which are mailed to every music teacher in the Central District. The award is presented at the Missouri Music Educators In-service held in late January at Tan-Tar-A. The Central District includes schools from Waynesville to Owensville to Herman to Jefferson City and all in between.



FIRST LASER 3284 A National Model!

University of Missouri Extension has announced that the Camdenton 4-H LASER (Laker Afterschool Science Engineering & Robotics) program is a national model for engaging students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Bill Pabst from the 4-H Center of Youth Development, University of Missouri in Columbia, stated, "In addition to STEM topics the program excels in teaching students important life skills like teamwork, leadership, communication, and citizenship. With teams and groups for a wide range of ages, the program takes youth from initial interest in robotics to mastery of robotics and life skills. A climate of mentoring is a major key to their success. Committed teachers and volunteers encourage the high school participants to mentor each other and middle school and elementary school students. The adults and youth of the Camdenton 4-H LASER Robotics program have shared their knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm at state-wide and national events."

Michele Kroll from the Camden County University of Missouri Extension office met with members and mentors of the Camdenton 4-H LASER team recently to present a generous check to support FIRST robotics' competition season. The FIRST LASER team was awarded the funds for helping to plan the first annual 4-H Missouri Robotics Conference. Members of the LASER team from Oak Ridge Intermediate, Camdenton Middle School and Camdenton High School presented at the state conference. Attendees at the conference came from 13 states to learn more about robotics opportunities for students of all ages.

If you would like to help support the LASER robotic teams or would like more information, please contact the Camdenton R-III Afterschool Services office at 573-346-9233.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Camdenton R-III School District is now conducting

Kindergarten and Preschool Developmental Screenings.

The screenings are for children who are three to five years old before August 1, 2013. Screening appointments are available at Dogwood, Hurricane Deck, and Osage Beach Elementary schools. Appointments for screenings at any of these locations can be scheduled by calling the Parents as Teachers office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at 573-346-9268.



Call today to get your child screened for Kindergarten or placed on the preschool waiting list to be considered for the 2013-2014 school year. The appointment will consist of health, hearing, vision, and developmental screenings.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT



In order to enroll, your child must be five years old before August 1, 2013. Enrollment will be held at Dogwood, Hurricane Deck, and Osage Beach Elementary Schools April 15-19. Dogwood will also enroll April 22-26. 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, and Proof of Residency (one of the following): tax statement, telephone bill, legal property description, utility bill/contract, real estate contract, rental agreement.



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Camdenton R-III School District Calendar 2013-14



School Starts Tuesday, August 20, 2013

August 14, 15, 16, 19		Teacher Work Days	November 1		No School
August 15		Secondary Meet the Teacher Night	November 26	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
August 16		Elementary and Intermediate	November 27-29		Thanksgiving Vacation
		Meet the Teacher Night	December 20	Students released - 12:30 p.m.	Christmas Vacation Begins
August 20		School Starts	December 23-January 2		Christmas Vacation
August 30	No School	Professional Collaboration	January 3	No School for students	Teacher Work Day/Collaboration
September 2	No School	Labor Day	January 6		School Resumes
September 13	Early Release	Professional Collaboration	January 20	No School for students	Prof. Dev./Collaboration
October 17	Early Release	Professional Collaboration	February 14	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
October 18	No School for students	Teacher Work Day	February 17	No School	Presidents' Day
October 22, 29	4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Elementary and Intermediate	March 13	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
		Parent-Teacher Conferences	March 14	No School for students	Teacher Work Day
October 24, 29	4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Middle School and High School	April 16	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
		Parent -Teacher Conferences	April 17-21		Easter Break
			May 21	Students released - 12:30 p.m.	School Term Ends
			May 22		Teacher Work Day