

Camdenton R-III School District

A Letter from the Superintendent



Dogwood Elementary teachers during early release collaboration

Dear Friends,

On the pages that follow you will read about our District's greatest resource, our students. This newsletter is somewhat of a microcosm of our entire District. You will note the impressive academic achievements of our students. For example, students from Camdenton Middle School, Oak Ridge Intermediate School, and Hawthorn Elementary School recently not only competed, but also succeeded at mathematics competitions. Also, our *FIRST* Camdenton 4-H LASER 3284 robotics team is highlighted. While this team is an afterschool organization, team members utilize the skills they learn in our classrooms every day.

Academic achievement is the thrust of our work. We all know academic achievement is raised not only by academic rigor, it is also elevated by practical application in a well-rounded educational experience. The mission of the Camdenton R-III District is to create a learning community that maximizes each individual's performance for future success. The educational experience our students gain in our District not only includes basic skills, it also includes opportunities in the arts. This newsletter highlights a number of our students' achievements in choir and band. You will also note our 6th grade Oak Ridge Intermediate ensemble's performance at the Missouri Music Educators Conference. Their performance was truly impressive. Involvement in the arts not only broadens our students' perspective, as shown by numerous studies, it also improves academic achievement.

On April 19, the Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation will host its 10th annual Elegant Evening. This is the sole fundraising event of the Foundation. This event highlights the strength of our arts departments including our phenomenal culinary arts department. This evening not only pleases the palate and entertains the eyes and ears, it also illustrates the link between the arts and academics. We warmly encourage you to attend this evening.

Finally, faculty collaboration is discussed in our newsletter. Collaboration is the fuel which sustains our improvement efforts. Each month our District typically has two early release days in order to provide staff with invaluable time to review, construct, and modify curriculum, instruction, assessment, and interventions. Faculty collaboration is the vehicle to sustaining and improving all of the wonderful achievements and activities in the pages that follow.

Your Partner in Education,

Timothy Hadfield
Superintendent



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GRADUATION
CLASS OF 2012
MAY 19, 2012
BOB SHORE STADIUM

PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION IN THE CAMDENTON R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS

Our teachers are using the time allotted for collaboration to improve the learning environment for our students. During early release, teachers specifically discuss student performance on various forms of assessment. From these discussions in which teachers share ideas and what works for them, collaborative teams are able to create specific academic strategies to address the needs of the students they serve. Andrea Kurtz, Kindergarten teacher at Dogwood Elementary, shares, ***“Collaboration gives our Kindergarten Team the opportunity to discuss results of our assessments and create intervention groups based on students’ needs.”***

In addition to interventions, collaboration allows teachers to talk and share effective instructional strategies. JD Hunter, High School Language Arts Instructor, writes, ***“Collaboration has helped me as an instructor because it has taken me off the island which has been my classroom and put me in an environment where I am surrounded by other instructors who teach the same course as I do.”*** A colleague of Mr. Hunter’s, Nikki Hubbard, comments, ***“I really feel like I have come to know my peers, and I have a whole new respect for them as a result... You truly come to see each person’s strengths.”*** By facilitating an atmosphere where teachers can share their best instructional practices, we are able to make public the most effective practices of our classrooms and share those with all teachers, which improve the level of instruction across the school.

Due to the overwhelming amount of research to support the effectiveness of collaboration toward improving student performance, our District has committed time for teacher collaboration. Three hours each month are set aside for collaboration

through early release. When early release was approved, by our school board, the time for collaboration was created by using a portion of professional development time already guaranteed to teachers in the District; therefore, the professional development time is utilized in a different form without taking additional time away from students in the classroom.

While teacher support for collaboration in our District has been substantial, positive feedback has also come from our students. Several Camdenton High School seniors, having experienced the collaboration early release schedule for the past four years, express a positive perception of teacher collaboration time. Cheye’ Ann Phillips states, ***“I think it positively affects students because it is helpful for teachers to hear what works and doesn’t.”*** Charlie Collins says collaboration is ***“usually good because the teachers come together and think of better ways of teaching us.”*** Another Camdenton senior, Kristi Lotz, expressed the advantages of collaboration through access to teachers: ***“As a student, I feel that I can find help from any teacher in a specific department because they each understand what material the other teachers are covering. For example, each of the history teachers is open to questions, and if one teacher doesn’t know the answer, he or she is sure to know which teacher to ask.”***

The Camdenton School District continues to be a district grounded in tradition and reaching toward excellence. The collaborative release time provides our teachers with a vital tool for sharing outstanding practices and meeting the needs of our students. The District appreciates the support of our parents in regard to collaboration.



MATH CONTESTS = SUCCESS FOR CAMDENTON STUDENTS



Participants in the SBU Math Contest from Camdenton Middle School, left to right - front row: Edawna Armes, Skylar Colyer, Emily Zaretsky, and Kenneth Khor. Back row: Sponsor Karin Brambilla, Brenden Barbour, Abe Morris, Colt McCorkle, and Jonathan Upp

CMS - Camdenton Middle School students have been having fun with numbers! On Saturday, January 21, eight CMS students participated in Southwest Baptist University's 13th Annual Math Competition. Seventh grade students **Skylar Colyer**, **Emily Zaretsky**, **Brenden Barbour**, **Kenneth Khor**, **Jonathan Upp** and eighth grade students **Edawna Armes**, **Abe Morris**, and **Colt McCorkle** competed.

Students at the SBU competition participated in four events: Sprint, Target, Team, and Countdown. In the Sprint event, students answered 30 questions in 40 minutes without using calculators. Abe Morris placed 7th in the eighth grade category, and Kenneth Khor placed 5th in seventh grade. The Target event required students to answer two questions every six minutes. The students answered eight questions total. Three students placed in the Target competition: Abe Morris placed 2nd, Kenneth Khor placed 5th, and Colt McCorkle placed 8th. For the Team event, the students split into three groups. CMS had one eighth grade team and two seventh grade teams. Countdown was the last event of the day and the most exciting. The top ten students from the day's events participated in a game show-like competition. Eighth grade student Abe Morris and seventh grade student Kenneth Khor represented CMS in the Countdown round. All the students did a fantastic job representing Camdenton at SBU and are looking forward to their next math competition.



First place Hawthorn Elementary math team, left to right - front row: Matthew Holloway and Brandon Pasley. Back row - coach Tammy Stone, Anthony Yates, Blake Crowson, Pierce Taylor and sponsor Beverly Eichholz

Hawthorn Elementary School placed 1st overall in the Morgan County R-2 Math Contest. The contest was held Saturday, February 4, at Versailles Middle School with 38 fourth grade students participating. Schools that participated were Versailles, Cole Camp, High Point, Sacred Heart, School of the Osage, Osage Beach Elementary, Hurricane Deck, and Hawthorn Elementary. In addition to Hawthorn placing 1st as a team, all five students placed individually. **Brandon Pasley** received the 1st place award, **Pierce Taylor** received 2nd place, **Anthony Yates** received 3rd place, **Blake Crowson** took 4th place and **Matthew Holloway** received an 8th place award. These students were coached by fourth grade teacher Tammy Stone and sponsored by fourth grade teacher Beverly Eichholz.



Second place winning Camdenton School District Oak Ridge Intermediate sixth grade math team from left to right: Michael Price, Ezra Prather, Justin Kilpack, and Cory Eskridge.

The fifth grade math team from Camdenton School District's Oak Ridge Intermediate School proudly brought back the 1st place trophy they earned while competing at the Morgan County R-2 Math Contest on February 4th. The sixth grade math team carried home the 2nd place trophy. Students individually earned the following in addition to the team awards. From the fifth grade team -- **Vincent Khor** - 1st, **Lucas Mosher** - 3rd, and **Kelli Alford** - 9th. **Jessica Parker** and **Melissa Stout** also contributed to the team's success. From the sixth grade team -- **Justin Kilpack** - 2nd, **Ezra Prather** - 3rd, **Michael Price** - 9th, **Cory Eskridge** - 10th. **Lucy Sinner** also contributed to the team's success.



First place winning Camdenton School District Oak Ridge Intermediate fifth grade math team from left to right: Jessica Parker, Lucas Mosher, Vincent Khor, Melissa Stout, and Kelli Alford.

Music Madness

All-District Choirs

Fifty-one students from Camdenton High School were selected as members of Central District of Missouri Educators Association All-District Choirs. For the eighth consecutive year, Camdenton had more students place in the All-District Choirs than any of the other thirty schools that make up the CDMMEA.

The auditions were held on Monday evening, September 26, at Rolla High School. Approximately 600 students from Central District schools auditioned. Only 100 students were selected for the All-District Honor Choir and 100 students were selected for the All-District Concert Choir. The audition process involves each student singing a prepared vocal solo in a blind audition for three judges and then sight singing in front of an additional judge. The students who were selected for the two choirs traveled to Rolla High School on November 8 for a rehearsal and then to Waynesville High School on November 12 for the All-District Clinic. The conductor for the All-District Honor Choir was Dr. Jim Henry, Director of Choral Activities at UMSL, and the conductor for the All-District Concert Choir was Dr. Claude Westfall, Director of Choral Activities at CMU. A concert was presented on Saturday, November 12, at 5:00 p.m. at Waynesville High School.

All-District Honor Choir

Dan Doran	Shanna Parson
Chantal Enriquez	Laura Pool
John Fritz	Raine Prather
Katelyn Goodwin	Kaitlin Robinson
Dalton Gray	Justin Rothove
Laura Green	Adam Shields
McKenzi Huey	Laura Spraggins
Devon Humiston	Tyler Thielen
Eric King	Murphy Ward
Sammie Mankey	Ryan White
Meredith Marrs	Alex Wilson
Kristin Moulder	

All-District Concert Choir

Matthew Allen	Ty Eidson	Jessica Ogden
Chris Bachtel	Sarah Gericke	Gabe Pryor
Zach Bailey	Brooks Green	Jordan Shoults
Felicia Baltzell	Jordan Hammerstone	Chris Smith
Jessica Baxter	Zach Hansen	Michaela Stevens
Kendra Brown	Nicholas Horne	Mitchel Summers
Ashlei Bruewer	Shelby Huey	Marcus Wyatt
Hannah Byrne	Luke Johns	Heather Williams
Katie Chappell	Morgan Laughlin	
Kaite Cocks	Rebecca Molt	

CAMDENTON STUDENTS SELECTED TO AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS NATIONAL HONOR CHOIRS

The following Camdenton students earned the honor to travel to Dallas, Texas to participate in National Honor Choirs from February 29 - March 3. Each one of the choirs consisted of 100 select students who represented a seven-state region. The following students were selected for the Southwest Division of American Choral Directors Association Honor Choirs:

Grades 5-7 Treble Honor Choir

Gabi Cicerelli

Grades 7-10 Men's Honor Choir

Darren Figgins	Jared Kilpack
John Fritz	David Schlenfort
Dalton Gray	Jacob Smothers
Mason Hadfield	Tyler Thomas
Zach Hansen	Luke Wilson

Grades 8-10 Women's Honor Choir

Edawna Armes Rachel Buttram Shelby Huey

Grades 11-12 Mixed Honor Choir

Chris Bachtel	Kaitlin Robinson
Hannah Byrne	Justin Rothove
Sarah Gericke	Adam Shields
McKenzi Huey	Tyler Thielen
Devon Humiston	Murphy Ward
Meredith Marrs	Ryan White
Raine Prather	Boyd Wilson

2012 Missouri All-State Choir

The following students were selected as members of the prestigious 2012 Missouri All-State Choir. There were only 190 students selected for this honor from across the state. The elite All-State Choir performed as the finale of the Missouri Music Educators Conference.

Laura Pool - Soprano

Raine Prather - Bass

Adam Shields - Bass, *2nd year in All-State*

Boyd Wilson - Tenor

Laura Green - Soprano Alternate

Kaitlin Robinson - Soprano Alternate

Justin Rothove - Tenor Alternate

Tyler Thielen - Bass Alternate

All-District Bands

The Camdenton High School Band program was once again well-represented in District honors, with ten students earning a place in the top Honor Band. CHS also placed 28 students in the District Concert Band, once again giving Camdenton the highest student representation in these prestigious groups.

Camdenton also placed four students in District Jazz Bands, with three students in the top Honors group and one student in the second Studio band. It was our band's best showing in these ensembles in several years. The event was held at Camdenton High School for the fifth year in a row, with students from more than twenty central Missouri schools participating.

All-District Concert Band

Laura Pool - Flute
Shelby Huey - Flute
Elvy Ramirez - Flute
Alexis Jenkins - Flute
Kyle Gulshen - Oboe
Stephanie Gellerman - Clarinet
Rachel Harmon - Clarinet
Chelsea Goodman - Clarinet
Ashley Willis - Clarinet
Olivia Campbell - Clarinet
Autumn Stelmaszak - Clarinet
McKayla Humiston - Clarinet
Sarah Lottman - Bassoon
Bobby Johnson - Bassoon

Brian Dame - Bari Sax
Kristin Moulder - Trumpet
Mitchel Summers - Trumpet
Megan Prather - Trumpet
Sam Stovall - Trumpet
Connor Uberroth - Trumpet
Taylor Hughes - French Horn
Ashleigh Pool - French Horn
Charlie Collins - French Horn
Matt Riga - Trombone
Casey White - Trombone
Sarah Hockley - Baritone
Chris Smith - Tuba
Matthew Allen - Percussion

On Camdenton's Central District successes, director Paul Baur says, *"Our kids never cease to amaze us with their hard work and dedication. We are very proud and blessed to work with such wonderful students. The Pride of the Lake Band takes a new step forward each year, and our continued achievement has made us one of the premier band programs in the state. We owe all that success to outstanding student musicians like these."*

All-District Honors Band

Raschely Flint - Flute
Stephanie Creach - Clarinet
Kandice Ward - Bass Clarinet
Lacey Lopez - Bass Clarinet
Jesse Hughes - French Horn
Jackson Robbins - Trombone
Shane Sonksen - Trombone
J.J. Ryan - Baritone
Casey Becker - Percussion

District Honors JAZZ Band

Chase Fowler - Alto Sax
Shane Sonksen - Trombone
Boyd Wilson - Tenor Sax

District JAZZ Band

Jackson Robbins - Trombone



OAK RIDGE INTERMEDIATE ORFF ENSEMBLE 74TH ANNUAL MISSOURI MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

The Oak Ridge Intermediate Orff Ensemble had a banner year! Their performance at the Missouri Music Educators Conference was spectacular, to say the least. The event started with a motivational speech by Superintendent Tim Hadfield, which set the stage for the performance. The students performed with confidence, vigor, and musicality! In fact, the students received a long standing ovation at the end of the concert. Conductor and Oak Ridge Intermediate music educator Steven Greene said, *"It was an honor to be invited and perform at this event. Most of all, I am proud of our students on how well they represented the Camdenton R-III School District, our community and the fine arts department."*

As a result of the outstanding performance at the Missouri Music Educators Conference, the Oak Ridge Orff Ensemble has been invited to play at the Missouri State Capitol on March 20 for Fine Arts Day. The Orff Ensemble Spring concert will be held on April 26. *"The support of the fine arts in the Camdenton community is unparalleled in the state of Missouri. The Oak Ridge Orff Ensemble students are proud to be a part of that excellence!!!"*

CAMDENTON 4H *FIRST* LASER “SHOOTS” FOR SUCCESS!

The *FIRST* Camdenton 4-H LASER 3284 robotics team is comprised of 48 Camdenton High School students and 30 adult mentors. Over 6,000 hours have been logged during the last six weeks of build season afterschool and weekends by this dedicated team. The team should be commended for overcoming great obstacles in their most complicated design yet. This year’s robot utilizes vision tracking, gyro/accelerometer, photo sensors, and a wild swerve-drive system to play a 3-on-3 modified basketball challenge called “Rebound Rumble”. To better appreciate the work accomplished in the afterschool program in such a short timeframe, view a YouTube video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6cW18qo30&feature=youtu.be>



During the last six weeks (January 7 - February 21) the students designed, built, engineered, wired, marketed, business modeled, wrote, photographed, videoed, web designed, and programmed a 120 lb. robot under strict constraints from a 100- page rule book that shoots 8” foam basketballs in competition. The competition field measures 27’ x 54’ that includes balancing ramps and barriers as part of the game. A game animation explanation about this year’s challenge is available at:

<http://www.more.net/first-robotics>.

The *FIRST* (www.usfirst.org) robotics program involves over a quarter million students from 61 countries in grades 3-12. The FRC division that *FIRST* LASER competes in includes over 2,500 teams from six countries. The first

competition took place in Kansas City (March 1-3) and the second will be in St. Louis (March 22-24), where the team will face 110 teams from 10 different states.



FIRST robotics is a program that is overseen by the Camdenton R-III Afterschool Services department. The Camdenton LASER program boasts 250+ students in grades 4-12 in five schools. The Afterschool program provides the perfect setting for students to explore opportunities that will inspire them.

LASER (Laker Afterschool Science Engineering & Robotics) is a relatively new program at Camdenton High School that encourages students to investigate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) areas and apply classroom knowledge to real world applications. It is a sport where our student minds can be challenged and celebrated similar to our accomplished sports and fine arts programs.

“Gracious Professionalism” and “Coopertition” (cooperation and competition combined) are embodied in the *FIRST* robotics program. The *FIRST* FRC World Championships that were attended the last two years are referred to as the “Super Bowl of the Smarts”.

You can watch matches from KC Regional by visiting the MOREnet website at

www.more.net/first-robotics.

You can also view matches from last year’s Logomotion competition where *FIRST* LASER competed in the Championship match.

Qualification match 75 is a good match to watch as a high score was set for the event with LASER’S alliance partners. More information about our team and *FIRST* robotics can be found at www.team3284.org.



Please save the date of May 5 and support the team by participating in the Drive One 4UR School fundraiser sponsored by Ozark Ford and *FIRST* LASER team 3284!



Camdenton Education Foundation Tenth Annual Elegant Evening Promises to Inspire

Where can you enjoy celebrated stage and big band tunes, watch a choreographed chorale performance, and experience theatrical and forensic highlights? Where can you stroll through a gallery filled with creations of artists from elementary through high school and be thrilled by futuristic robotics? Where can you dine on a delectable four-course meal designed and executed by young, ambitious chefs?

All of this, and so much more, can be found on the program for the upcoming 10th Annual Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc., **Elegant Evening on April 19, 2012, at 5:45 p.m.** in the **Camdenton High School Commons**. Reservations are currently being accepted by contacting Camdenton School District Administration office at 573-346-9213. The purchase of single tickets, tables or sponsorships can be accommodated. The 10th Annual Elegant Evening is the sole fundraising event of the Camdenton R-III Education Foundation.



credit the Foundation's recognition of their academic and service excellence as an important confidence-builder toward their college journey.



Along with showcasing the amazing talents of hundreds of Camdenton School District's finest students, three outstanding individuals will be honored by the Foundation as inductees into the **Hall of Leaders**. Class of 1987 graduate **Brian Reeves** will be

inducted as a Distinguished Alumnus for his remarkable career in Vocal Music Education. **Richard D. Goins** and **Dr. Christopher J. Leslie** will be inducted as Friends of the District. Both of these men bring unique expertise to the students and staff of the Camdenton R-III Schools.

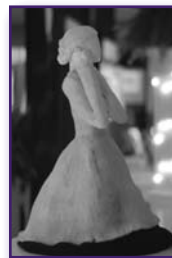
Since incorporating as a not-for-profit organization in 2001, the Camdenton Education Foundation has been true to its motto, "**Steering the Course for the Future**".

The Foundation serves as a critical School District partner providing supplemental funding for beneficial scholarships, educational programs and activities that fall outside the District's normal operating budget.

Since 2004, the Foundation has awarded 54 (fifty-four) scholarships totaling \$54,000 to graduating seniors. Many of those recipients



In addition to providing several scholarships since its inception, the Foundation has also supported numerous projects within the District. When the third through fourth grade elementary school, Hawthorn, was established, the Foundation was able to provide funding for books to add to the new library, impacting the 473+ students who attend Hawthorn every year. Testing and book fees for International Baccalaureate candidates who require financial assistance is one other way the Foundation continues to impact the students of the Camdenton R-III School District.



Starting in August 2011, the Foundation offered a payroll deduction option to the District's teachers and staff for a grant program designed to turn educators' innovative teaching ideas into reality. Thirty-nine individuals participated, resulting in \$2,000 in deductions. The Foundation matched those deductions and will be recognizing four worthy grant recipients at the Elegant Evening.

What many people might not know is that all proceeds from the Foundation's Elegant Evening go directly to scholarships and enhancing academic excellence for our area children. By attending this event, the community can make a difference, contributing to new and expanded educational opportunities that benefit students, teachers, employees, and residents of Camdenton School District.

Don't miss out on what is sure to be a memorable night by contacting Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation at 573-346-9213.

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Camdenton Middle School 7th grade students placed 1st in the overall competition with 498 points, 27 points higher than the 2nd place finishers at the Morgan County Math Competition in Versailles.



Students pictured, left to right - Row 1: **Kenneth Khor, Emily Zaretsky, Kylie Becker.** Row 2: **Brenden Barbour, Jonathan Upp, James Hooker,** teacher Karin Brambilla. Row 3: **Will Pierce, Abe Morris, Colt McCorkle, and Josh Keys.** *Additional math competition highlights can be found on page 3.*

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Camdenton R-III School District Calendar 2012-13



School Starts Thursday, August 16, 2012

August 10, 13, 14, 15		Teacher Work Days
August 13		Secondary Meet the Teacher
August 14		Elementary and Intermediate Meet the Teacher
August 16		School Starts
August 29	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
September 3	No School	Labor Day
September 17	No School for students	Professional Collaboration
September 26	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
October 10	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
October 19	No School for students	Teacher Work Day
October 22, 25	4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Elementary and Intermediate Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 23, 25	4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Middle School and High School Parent -Teacher Conferences
October 26		No School
October 31	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
November 14	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
November 21-23		Thanksgiving Vacation
November 28	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
December 12	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
December 21	Vacation begins 12:30 p.m.	Christmas Vacation Begins
December 24-January 3		Christmas Vacation

January 4	No School for students	Teacher Work Day/Collaboration
January 7		School Resumes
January 21	No School for students	Prof. Dev./Collaboration
February 6	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
February 18	No School	Presidents' Day
February 20	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
March 6	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
March 15	No School for students	Teacher Work Day
March 28 - April 1		Easter Break
April 10	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
April 24	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
May 8	Early Release	Professional Collaboration
May 17	Students released at 12:30 p.m.	School Term Ends
May 20		Teacher Work Day

Kindergarten Enrollment

In order to enroll, your child must be five years old before August 1, 2012. Enrollment will be held at Hurricane Deck Elementary and Dogwood Elementary April 16-19 and April 23-27. Enrollment for Osage Beach Elementary will be April 23-27. 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.