

# Camdenton R-III School District

## *“Everyone Learning Every Day”*

### *A Letter from the Superintendent*



Dear Friends,

As we enter into 2015, it is my pleasure to share with you an accolade the district received in 2014. Camdenton High School was recognized by U. S. News & World Report as a bronze “Best High School.” U.S. News & World Report annually honors high schools from across the country as “the best high schools in the nation”. Camdenton High School has been recognized several times by U.S. News with this award and we are very proud to maintain our performance.

While we celebrate accomplishments such as this we always want to improve our performance. Our district has partnered with the University of Missouri-Columbia on a couple of initiatives to keep our district performing at a high level. First, our district is part of the Missouri Network for Educational Improvement through the University. This is a joint initiative with the MU College of Education, the Missouri School Boards Association, Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Missouri Association of School Administrators. The Network is working cooperatively with the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program and the Excellence in Missouri Foundation as it helps our district become more intentional with our systems and processes.

The second partnership with MU involves growing our own leaders in the district. Dr. Chris Belcher, Assistant Professor in the College of Education at Mizzou, is facilitating a program in our district for future school leaders and administrators. Dr. Belcher brings a wealth of practical experience to the program. He is a retired superintendent of the Columbia Public School District in Columbia, MO. As a district we want to grow our own leaders the “Laker Way.” Author Jim Collins spoke about planning in this way in his book, Good To Great. Great organizations look to the inside many times to fill leadership positions while good organizations look to the outside for their solutions. Internal leadership moves help to produce sustained positive results.

Over the course of the next several months our district will continue its strategic planning process. The district will reflect upon our progress of our current strategic plan and develop updated goals, objectives, and plans to meet these measurable targets. Planning will take place through telephone interviews with patrons, face-to-face meetings with staff and patrons, and through electronic surveys. Our desire is to create a workable plan that is the result of collaborating with and listening to our community.

Our construction projects for our elementary schools at Osage Beach and Hurricane Deck are progressing. These buildings are scheduled to be occupied for our 2015 - 2016 school term.

It is a very exciting time to be a member of Laker Nation. We have a proud history, but our best times lie ahead. As always, it is a great day to be a Laker!

Your Partner in Education,

Tim Hadfield, Superintendent



Osage Beach Elementary

#### *Elementary Construction Projects*



Hurricane Deck Elementary



*Second Quarter 2015*

# Bikes-4-Books

Dogwood is excited to announce the new program, Bikes-4-Books, which encourages children to read. With the leadership and coordination of the Masonic Lodge of Linn Creek, this fun and motivational program is underway at the Dogwood Elementary this school year.

In this program, students are asked to keep a log of reading time at home and turn it in monthly. Those students' names will be entered into a drawing, and two boys and two girls from each grade level - preschool, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade - will be the lucky recipient of a brand new bike and helmet! A total of 16 bikes will be given away.

The teachers are just as excited about this wonderful program as the students. Studies have shown a child who reads 20 minutes a day will have read 3,600 minutes in a school year. This same child will have been exposed to 1,800,000 words and rank in the 90th percentile on tests. Because reading is the beginning foundation of student success it is important for each child to read every night.

Cole Bradbury, a member of the Masonic Lodge, is heading up the event and has already received 12 bikes thus far donated by these local businesses: Camden County Sheriff's Department, Camden County Renovations, Masonic Lodge, Tender Hands Caring LLC, Hulett Chevrolet, 55 Creative, and the

Lake of the Ozarks Fraternal Order of Police, helmets donated by Ryan and Jennifer Gattermeir. Bradbury states, "*Linn Creek Lodge is excited to be a part of this program. Masons believe strongly in helping our communities, and there aren't many better ways to do that than helping children*".

The bikes are displayed throughout the school building with signs advertising the businesses. The Dogwood staff and students appreciate the hard work and efforts of the Masonic Lodge, as well as the local businesses who are willing to support our students and school.



Kick-off Assembly



Pictured left to right from the Masonic lodge: Bill Gansemer, Cole Bradbury, Kelly Luttrell, Kelly Burkhart, and Judge Aaron Koeppen, along with Dogwood Principal Shawn Dandoy and Assistant Laura O'Quinn.



For additional information or to make a donation contact:  
Cole Bradbury at [Cole.D.Bradbury@gmail.com](mailto:Cole.D.Bradbury@gmail.com)



## School Board Recognition Week

Missourians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,600

men and women from communities across the state. These public servants are elected by local constituents and do not receive compensation for their tireless efforts. They are the local school board members of Missouri.

During the week of January 25 - January 31, 2015, communities across the state will honor the dedicated service of their local boards of education during School Board Recognition Week as proclaimed by Governor Jay Nixon. The goal is to build awareness and understanding

of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools. All Missouri citizens are asked to recognize the important contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Missouri's children.

School Board Recognition Week is sponsored by the Missouri School Boards' Association. MSBA is a private, not-for-profit organization that exists to help school boards succeed. The Camdenton School District will recognize their Board of Education during their regular school board meeting on February 9.



### Camdenton R-III School District Board of Education

**Chris C. McElyea, President, 6 years**  
**Nancy A. Masterson, Vice-President, 17 years**  
**Selynn Barbour, Treasurer, 4 years**  
**Courtney Hulett, Member, 1 year**  
**Jackie Schulte, Member, 4 years**  
**Laura Martin, Member, 3 years**  
**Tom Williams, Member, 2 years**

## February is Career and Technical Education Month



CTE Month® (Career & Technical Education) is an annual celebration held in February. This year's theme is Recognizing Classroom Innovators. LCTC is proud to be a part of CTE, and to celebrate we have several activities planned, including: SkillsUSA student participation in district competitions, Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education (MOACTE) Legislative Day in Jefferson City, celebration of FFA Week (February 21-28) that includes the FFA Booster Dinner on February 27 which will have both Silent and Labor Auctions. Mark your calendars to attend the annual LCTC Open House, in partnership with the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce, on February 24 from 4-7 PM. Student demonstrations will take place, and tasting stations featuring local restaurants and LCTC's Culinary Arts program will be available.

# New Classroom and Lab for Law Enforcement Program

Students enrolled in Lake Career & Technical Center's (LCTC) Building Trades program, under the supervision of Construction program instructor Ryan Bearden, have had the opportunity to utilize the construction techniques they are learning in class as they build new classroom and lab space at LCTC.



Students are currently gaining valuable commercial construction experience by building and finishing classroom and lab space for LCTC's new Law Enforcement program. When LCTC dedicated their most recent building expansion in the spring of 2011, a 6,400 square-foot portion, or "shell area", was left unfinished for future program expansion. Based upon student interest and advisory committee input, and with approval from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the school district, Law Enforcement was added to LCTC's program offerings for the current school year. Officer Chris Edgar, Law Enforcement program instructor, and his students occupy a temporary classroom and lab space for the moment, and are anticipating moving into their new "home" very soon.

***"We are excited about our new classroom and lab being available for us this year and appreciate the high level of quality and workmanship of Mr. Bearden and his students,"*** Edgar stated.

In the past, LCTC's Building Trades program has been known in the community for building new homes - a product of students learning all aspects of the construction process. However, for the past three years, students have worked on commercial construction projects to benefit the Camdenton school district.



After construction on the last building trades house was completed in the spring of 2012, the construction and real estate market in the Lake area was slow-moving due to the economic downturn experienced by the entire country. It was a logical choice to focus Building Trades students' efforts on completing much-needed, smaller-scale construction projects on the Camdenton schools campus that did not require outside contractor supervision. In addition to their current project, the most recent commercial construction project completed by Building Trades students was a "red iron" structure that is used to house live animal projects for LCTC's Agricultural Education program. Looking ahead, the next project on the horizon for Building Trades students once the Law Enforcement classrooms are completed is building and finishing a meat processing classroom and lab inside of the animal projects barn.

LCTC is very fortunate to have several excellent business and community partners in the Lake area who generously help the Building Trades students and instructor by sourcing equipment and building supplies, as well as providing mentoring and training in more specialized construction practices. These partners teach students skills such as drywall installation and finishing, painting, and electrical and plumbing techniques during the construction process, passing on their knowledge and expertise while working



alongside students on projects. Students also learn about the city inspection process and building code requirements for new construction as they work with the local building inspector and fire marshal during all phases of construction. ***"Having business and community partners, professionals in their field, come in to teach and work with students deepens their learning experience. Many of these people also play a vital role as advisory committee members in helping to continuously improve our program curriculum through their expertise and knowledge,"*** noted Bearden.

LCTC offers career and technical education courses and programs to high school students at Camdenton, Climax Springs, Macks Creek, and School of the Osage high schools and adult students in a variety of career fields that prepare students to be career and college ready upon graduation.

# CAMDENTON R-III EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. AN ELEGANT EVENING IT WILL BE, APRIL 17TH!



HAPPY LAKER NEW YEAR from your friends at the Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation! The Foundation pauses to celebrate new beginnings and past accomplishments. Our new 2015 Hall of Leaders inductees have reached many goals. I'm thrilled to announce that **Wayne Cooper, M.D.**, Friend of the District, **Angela Fiene**, Distinguished Alumni, and **RC Worthan**, Outstanding Educational Professional, are being honored April 17, at our 13th annual Elegant Evening!

Please make reservations now, as tables fill up fast, via the school's website [www.camdentonschools.org](http://www.camdentonschools.org) to join us or donate. During this evening, you will personally meet, greet, shake hands with, and learn how these fine folks have reached their goals and more as our district comes together to celebrate.

You will thoroughly enjoy an evening with friends and make new ones. You will dine on delicious appetizers and a meal complete with a decadent dessert prepared by students. Our students' talents in the arts will overwhelm you! Your eyes will be amazed with their artwork. Your ears will experience the sounds of melodious music performed by students and staff and your toes will tap. Your heart will be glad knowing you have supported all of these talented individuals and more by attending our Elegant Evening.

Elegant Evening is the Education Foundation's sole fundraiser that empowers our youth, staff, and, in turn, our Lake community. This event aids us in helping our outstanding Laker students and exceptional staff in achieving their goals in education and life.

The Education Foundation serves as a vital school district partner, having awarded 87 graduating senior scholarships

and 35 Outstanding Student awards since its 2003 inception. In the past three years, the Foundation has funded 13 Classroom Impact Grants facilitating education in reaching over 1,000 students across all campus facilities. In addition, the Education Foundation has awarded seven Educator Scholarships for advanced degrees.

Degrees are attained by setting goals and plotting paths to get there. We hope you take the purple and gold walk with us so our students and staff can continue furthering their life ambitions!

Recently, I absorbed a beautiful painting. On it were brushed these wise, goal-oriented words...

*"Let choice whisper in your ear,  
love murmur in your heart.  
Be ready.  
Here comes life!"*  
~Maya Angelou



Well... "Here comes Elegant Evening!"

Please join us in revering our inductees Wayne Cooper, M.D., Angela Fiene, and RC Worthan, plus honoring our deserving students and staff with your attendance and financial support. Lets show our belief in their exciting, full-of-possibilities futures!

With Laker Pride,

Selynn Barbour  
Laker parent

Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc., President  
Camdenton R-III School District Board of Education, Treasurer

Attention all former members  
of the Camdenton  
Pride of the Lake Band!

## PRIDE OF THE LAKE ALUMNI BAND

**The current staff of the Pride of the Lake Band would like to cordially invite you to join us for our first all-alumni band! Dust off those horns and loosen up those chops and join us for some fun and light rehearsals, culminating in a performance during the Dogwood Festival in April!**



To be a part of this exciting group, please contact Paul Baur, director of bands:  
[pbaur@camdentonschools.org](mailto:pbaur@camdentonschools.org) - 573-346-9229 (work) 573-216-9221 (cell)

Rehearsals run from 7:30 -  
9:00pm on the following

Thursdays:

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 9

April 16

Concert

Sunday, April 19, 2015

4:00pm - RC Worthan

Auditorium

# Camdenton R-III Leadership Academy - Growing Leaders



*Dr. Chris Belcher facilitates "Leadership Academy"*

Many of our patrons are familiar with the research and the writings of Jim Collins. Collins researched and wrote about what makes some organizations exceptional while many others are stuck being good. One factor that sets great companies apart from good companies was looking within the organization for leadership potential. Many good companies looked to the outside for their silver bullet, but great companies saw potential in their employees and grew that potential into skills.

He is widely respected across our state and across the nation as a visionary leader.

The Camdenton R-III Leadership Academy is comprised of twenty educators in our district who were identified as leaders who might want to, at some point in their career, become a building administrator. These individuals volunteered to meet over the course of this school year to learn about their own leadership potential and learn what it is like to be a building level leader. This group is quite impressive and we look forward to them taking the reins of leadership in the future. Our future is in great hands!

In an effort to grow our own leaders in the Camdenton R-III School District we have partnered with the College of Education at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Chris Belcher, Professor at MU, is helping to facilitate the Camdenton R-III Leadership Academy. Dr. Belcher recently retired as the Superintendent of Schools in the Columbia, Missouri School District. Previous to his service in Columbia Dr. Belcher served as an administrator in the Kearney, Warrensburg, and Blue Springs School Districts.



## *"Everyone Learning Every Day"*



*"Everyone Learning Every Day"* is more than a slogan for the faculty and staff of Hawthorn Elementary. This vision serves to remind us of our fundamental purpose and acts as our "Compass North" to guide all of our improvement efforts. For the 2014-15 school year a re-alignment of

fiscal resources allowed for two instructional coaches positions to be created along with the addition of a second guidance counselor. Students and teachers are benefitting from this restructuring. Support for students' social-emotional needs have been greatly enhanced as evidenced in part by significant improvement in student attendance. Students have also benefitted from more project-based learning opportunities designed to engage students in real-world, hands-on application of their learning. Instructional coaches support teacher practices across all content and include the integration of technology into the instructional process. Teacher collaboration, common lesson

planning, and the support of the instructional coaches have caused a more consistent, coherent delivery of our district curriculum.

Recently, Hawthorn has been presented an opportunity to partner with the University of Missouri Hook Center for Educational Leadership and the Missouri Network for Educational Improvement (MNEI). This partnership will provide the technical support enabling us to better prioritize, communicate, and evaluate current practices to identify points of needed change. Key indicators of highly effective organizations are described by the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Program. These indicators have been adopted throughout our district to promote excellence and equity and include:

- 1) student and stakeholder focus,
- 2) strategic alignment,
- 3) administrative leadership,
- 4) process management,
- 5) data analysis,
- 6) student outcomes,

and 7) culture/climate. These indicators provide the means to measure our improvement efforts. We are extremely excited to capitalize on the expertise provided through the Hook Center and the MNEI, coupled with the time-proven principles of the Baldrige process. Utilizing these two tremendous resources positions Hawthorn and all the schools within the R-III district for sustainable, improved performance congruent with our district's mission *"to create a learning community that maximizes each individual's performance for future success."*



## Softball

**Kristyn Carpenter:**

All-Conference and  
All-District

**Jillian Selander:**

All-District and 2nd  
Team All-Conference

**Bailey Bilyeu:**

2nd Team All-Conference  
and All-District

**Kelsei Davis:**

2nd Team All-Conference  
and All-District

**Erin Rasmussen:**

2nd Team All-District

**Madison Selby:**

Academic All-State

Softball team received  
Academic All-State Honors

# 2014 Fall Sports Honors and Awards

## Volleyball

**Jordan Wolfe:**

All-Conference,  
All-Region, and  
2nd Team All-District

**Daphne Dinsdale:**

All-Conference and  
2nd Team All-Region

**Schae VanderPloeg:**

2nd Team All-Conference,  
2nd Team All-Region

**Polly Dinsdale:**

All-Conference HM  
and All-Region HM

## Cross Country

**Faith Scheidemantle:**

Class 4 State  
Sectional Qualifier,  
2nd Team

All-Conference,  
and All-District HM

**Tessa Weber:**

2nd Team  
All-Conference and  
All-District HM



## Girls' Golf

**Amber Wilson:**

All-Conference  
and All-District

**Katie Bird:**

All-District

**Morgan Righter:**

All-Conference HM

## Boys' Soccer

**Cody Meyers:**

All-District HM

**Ryan Moffit:**

All-District HM

**Riley Paskach:**

All-District HM

**Tanner Moesch:**

All-District,  
All-Conference HM,  
and Goalie of the Year

**Justin Gerdiman:**

All-District and  
2nd Team  
All-Conference



**Alex Amerine:**  
All-Conference,  
All-District,  
Defensive MVP,  
and All-State HM

**STACI JONES CAFFEY** ~ Inducted into the Evangel Sports Hall of Fame  
GRADUATED 2002 ~ INDUCTED 2014



- \* Multi-sport athlete excelling in volleyball and basketball
- \* Three time All-Conference, volleyball;  
two NAIA All-Region teams
- \* HAAC Freshman of the Year 1998,  
HAAC Player of the Year 2001, women's basketball
- \* Four time NAIA II All-American, women's basketball
- \* Four time 1st Team All-Conference, women's basketball

## Football 2014 Ozark Conference Champions!

### Southwest Missouri Coaches Association

**Josh Martin:**

1st Team

**CJ Santon:**

1st Team

**Aspin Hill:**

HM

**Justin Murdock:**

HM

**Parker Pitts:**

HM

**Alexx Wilsman:**

HM

## Football All-State



**Josh Martin**  
Coaches Assoc.  
1st Team,  
Media 1st Team,  
News-Leader  
All-Ozark Team,  
and  
Ozark Conference  
Offensive  
Player of the Year

**Henry Brownell**  
Media 2nd Team



**Parker Pitts**  
Coaches Assoc.  
2nd Team



**CJ Santon**  
Coaches Assoc.  
3rd Team and  
Media 1st Team

## Football

### All-District 1st Team

Henry Brownell

Aspin Hill

Jonny Hollingsworth

Josh Martin

Justin Murdock

Parker Pitts

CJ Santon

Jacob Wise

### All-Ozark Conference 1st Team

Henry Brownell

Joey Ginnings

Aspin Hill

Jonny Hollingsworth

Josh Martin

Justin Murdock

Parker Pitts

CJ Santon

Alexx Wilsman

Jacob Wise

### All-Ozark Conference 2nd Team

Derek Beck

Josh Keys

Jordan Knight

Landon Knopf

Ty McDuffey

Kegan Ray

Michael Smythe

Carter Williams

### All-Ozark Conference Honorable Mention (HM)

Kevin Jones

Justin Murdock

Oliver Thompson

Alexx Wilsman

## 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.*

### Softball

\*Kylee Compton

\*Hope Johns

Bailey Miller

### Girls' Tennis

Maisy Borden

Finessa Rassel

### Volleyball

\*Daphne Dinsdale

\*Josie Dinsdale

\*Polly Dinsdale

\*Megan Galey

### Boy's Soccer

\*Brooks Green

### Girls' Golf

Katie Bird

### Football

\*Justin Murdock

### Cross Country

Stefani Baker

Charley Blair

Blake Jesse

Grant Teichmeier

Faith Scheidemantle

Kyler Virtue

## Ozark Conference All-Academic Honorable Mention

### Girls' Tennis

Jazmine Aufdenkamp

Carleigh Emanuel

Taylor Erickson

Ariana Ernst

Carter Demark

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

### Cross Country

Hannah Bentley

Cole Roam

Tessa Weber

### Softball

\*Danielle Ballard

\*Jenna Sweatt

### Volleyball

\*Mariah Hadfield

\*Tegan Shockley

### Girls' Golf

Katie Alford

Katelyn Bartels

### Football

Henry Brownell

Dyllan Decker

Landon Knopf

Bailey Parish

Parker Pitts

Oliver Thompson

### Boy's Soccer

James Bail

CJ Borden

Joey Dutton

Josh Hitt

Riley Paskach

Will Pierce

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### Students Shine!



Senior **Danielle Ballard** ~ Recognized by the Supreme Court of Missouri's Civil Education Committee

Ballard has been named as an All-Star of The Constitution Project for outstanding performance in the discipline of Crime Scene Investigation; and for exceptional understanding of and faithfulness to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Senior **Shelby Huey** ~ Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Huey has been selected from an initial pool of 12,600+ applicants as a Semifinalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Shelby will now continue through the selection process with an opportunity to receive a \$20,000 scholarship. To learn more about the Coca-Cola Scholars Program for high school seniors, visit their website at [coca-colascholars.org](http://coca-colascholars.org).



### Did you know?

#### IT'S TIME FOR 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, 2015. 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. through 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 2015-2016

school year. The appointment will consist of health, hearing, vision, and developmental screenings.

