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Bernie, Missouri - Kellie Owens, Bernie R-12 School District has announced the students who received Positive Office Referrals for week August 21, 2017

Students who earn such an honor also received a Subway Sandwich Gift Card and a POR Certificate.

Conner Todd, a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Snider's class, was referred by Mrs. Garner for using his great manners towards his teacher.

Braxton Arnold, also a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Snider's class was referred by Mrs. Durham. He went above and beyond to be helpful and kind to another student.

Taylor Lawrence is a 1st grade student in Mrs. Richey's class. Taylor helped other students by putting away their carpet squares neatly without being asked. He just saw the need and did it.

Faith Riddle is also a 1st grade student in Mrs. Richey's class. Faith was referred by Mrs. Richey for raising her hand and waiting patiently to be called on even though several other students screamed out the answer.

Skylar Vancil is a 6th grade student in Mrs. Noe's class. Skyler was referred for using great manners, helping a staff member, and having a positive attitude. Skyler received a great compliment from Mrs. Noe, "Skylar always asks if he can help do anything to all of his teachers. He may have the best manners I have ever had in my classroom."

Pictured are from left to right Conner Todd, Braxton Arnold, Taylor Lawrence, Faith Riddle, and Skylar Vancil.

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Bernie Positive Office Referrals for Week August 14th

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Bernie, Missouri - Kellie Owens, Bernie R-12 School District has announced the students who received Positive Office Referrals for week August 14, 2017

Students who earn such an honor also received a Subway Sandwich Gift Card and a POR Certificate.

Jonah Copeland, a 5th grade student in Mrs. Collier's classroom, received the Positive Office Referral for helping a new student find the nurse's office.

Jaxon Stanfield, a 3rd grade student, earned his positive office referral for working hard and quietly the first week of school. He also earned 1.7 AR points the first two days of school.

Pictured are Jonah Copeland (left) and Jaxon Stanfield (right)

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation has awarded \$500 to the Poplar Bluff Junior High honors English program for curriculum materials associated with several literary classics, as well as mythology and poetry.

The proposal was written by eighth grade instructor Hilary Taylor, who is new to the department, and says the curriculum is being restructured with increased rigor. Project-based learning activities cited include modernizing passages and transforming stories into graphic novels, children's books and scripts.

"Students will rise to greatness, but they must be given that opportunity," Taylor wrote. "It is our job to facilitate those opportunities."

The MRTF awarded a total of \$42,000 to teachers in Missouri, six grants per region. This was the first grant awarded to an R-I instructor, according to organization representatives. Taylor said she was made aware of the opportunity at the end of last school year by Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Patty Robertson

Pictured: Displaying an MRTF grant on Wednesday, Aug. 9, are (from left) English Department Chairwoman Julie Gambill, R-I Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Dr. Amy Jackson, John and Anne Moyers on behalf of the foundation and association, PBJHS Assistant Principal Jason Dowd, teacher Hilary Taylor and Principal Candace Warren.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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All Means All

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - "All means all" was the theme of Poplar Bluff R-I Superintendent Scott Dill's state-of-the-school address at the annual convocation on Monday, Aug. 14, at the Black River Coliseum.

The statement served to affirm the district's mission – Achieving excellence through learning: Every child, every hour, every day.

Having the entire staff together – nearly 800 employees, Dill took the opportunity to announce this year's focus with major construction now in the rearview: to strengthen the district's PLC model, which stands for professional learning community.

"For my money, if there's a better way to improve performance, I have not found it," Dill stated, noting that it is the golden era of educational research.

A PLC is defined in school literature as an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve.

Dill and his administrative team participated in a PLC Institute over the summer to brush up on the guiding principles in order to ensure the process is being implemented with fidelity from building to building, in light of routine turnover that has taken place.

The district initially engaged in the process several years ago, instituting Collaboration Day, contractual time built into the academic calendar for teachers to work together interdependently analyzing data and aligning curriculum in order to help individual learners excel.

"I see this as a retooling of what we're doing really well in a lot of places," said Dill, reflecting on his first year in Poplar Bluff. "We have to move past talking about my kids and start talking about our kids."

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education posted last week that this year's graduation rate for PBHS is 91.8 percent, an increase of 4.2 percent over 2016, and more than 13 percent since 2011. Dill commended the faculty on the substantial strides. Even still he pointed out there are about 8 percent of students not walking across the stage.

"The stakes are high, ladies and gentlemen," Dill concluded upon sharing some eyeopening statistics about the negative effects of an incomplete education.

Prior to the address, faith partners united to deliver a prayer, the JROTC presented the colors and vendors raffled off prizes. Each principal introduced their new staff members.

The convocation serves as a pep rally for employees as they enter a new school year.

Pictured: Superintendent Scott Dill deliver the state-of-the-school address.

Story and photo submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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MO Statewide HS Football Rankings Week 1

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Missouri - Statewide high school football rankings, as compiled by a 15-member panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. First-place votes in parenthesis. Panel is made up of Dion Clisso, PrepsKC; Sam McDowell, The Kansas City Star; Dave Kvidahl, STLHighschoolsports.com; Jim Powers, High School Sports Caravan; Cameron Teague,

The Columbia Tribune; Tom Rackers, Jefferson City News-Tribune; Mike Scott, Ozone Sports; Harrison Keegan, The Springfield News-Leader; Tim Leible, The Rolla Daily News; Thomas Huitt-Johnson, The St. Joseph News-Press; J.B Connoley, KRES radio; Chris Pobst, Sikeston Standard-Democrat; Matt King, The Daily Journal; Jason Peake, The Joplin Globe; Josh Mlot, Southeast Missourian.

First-place votes in parenthesis.

CLASS 6

Rank, team, Rec., Pts., LW

- 1. Blue Springs (15) 1-0, 150, 1
- 2. CBC, 1-0, 135, 2
- 3. Kirkwood, 1-0, 120, 4
- 4. Park Hill, 1-0, 95, 5
- 5. Eureka, 10-2, 88, 6
- 6. Hazelwood Central, 1-0, 70, 7
- 7. Lee's Summit West, 1-0, 45, NR
- 8. Raymore-Peculiar, 1-0, 44, 8
- 9. Rock Bridge, 1-0, 29, NR
- 10. Rockhurst, 0-1, 21, 3

Dropped out: No. 9 Blue Springs South, No. 10 Francis Howell

Also receiving votes: Francis Howell (1-0), 14; Jefferson City (1-0) 9; Springfield Kickapoo (1-0), 5

CLASS 5

Rank, team, Rec., Pts., LW

- 1. Vianney (15), 1-0, 150, 1
- 2. Fort Zumwalt North, 1-0, 132, 2
- 3. Staley, 1-0, 126, 3
- 4. Battle, 1-0, 104, 4
- 5. Liberty, 1-0, 86, 5
- 6. Glendale, 1-0, 61, 8
- 7. Fort Osage, 1-0, 53, 9
- 8. Chaminade, 0-1, 47, 6
- 9. Ozark, 1-0, 28, NR
- 10. Park Hill South, 1-0, 22, 10

Dropped out: No. 7 Carthage

Also receiving votes: Carthage (0-1), 11; William Chrisman (1-0) 4; Jackson (1-0), 4

CLASS 4

Rank, team, Rec., Pts., LW

- 1. Webb City (14), 1-0, 149, 1
- 2. Hannibal, 1-0, 121, 6
- 3. Harrisonville, 1-0, 102, 7
- 4. Carl Junction, 0-1, 88, 4
- 5. MICDS (1), 1-0, 77, 8

- 6. Kearney, 0-1, 73, 5
- 7. Parkway Central, 1-0, 56, NR
- 8. Camdenton, 1-0, 48, 9
- 9. Raytown South, 1-0, 47, 10
- 10. Ladue, 0-1, 25, 2

Dropped out: No. 3 Parkway North

Also receiving votes: Parkway North (0-1), 23; Platte County (1-0), 9; Grain Valley (1-0), 7

CLASS 3

Rank, team, Rec., Pts., LW

- 1. McCluer South-Berkeley (10), 1-0, 141, 1
- 2. Maryville (4), 1-0, 137, 2
- 3. Blair Oaks, 1-0, 108, 4
- 4. Miller Career (1), 0-1, 106, 3
- 5. Center, 1-0, 100, 5
- 6. Park Hills Central, 1-0, 73, 7
- 7. Southern Boone, 1-0, 41, T10
- 8. Monett, 1-0, 31, 9
- 9. Mt. Vernon, 1-0, 25, NR

10. Osage, 1-0, 18;

Dropped out: No. 6 Owensville, No. 8 Reeds Spring, No. T10 Orchard Farm

Also receiving votes: Oak Grove (1-0), 10; Reeds Spring (1-0), 10; Owensville (0-1), 9; Springfield Catholic (1-0), 8; Eldon (1-0), 5; O'Fallon Christian (1-0), 2; Cassville (0-1), 1

CLASS 2

Rank, team, Rec., Pts., LW

- 1. Lamar (15), 1-0, 150, 1
- 2. Trinity, 0-0, 135, 2
- 3. Mountain Grove, 1-0, 114, 3
- 4. Lutheran North, 1-0, 104, 4
- 5. Ava, 1-0, 80, 5
- 6. Centralia, 1-0, 78, 6
- 7. South Callaway, 1-0, 55, 10
- 8. Cardinal Ritter, 1-0, 42, 9
- 9. Mtn. View-Liberty, 0-1, 26, 7
- 10. Brentwood, 1-0, 19, 10

Also receiving votes: Malden (1-0), 15; Lexington (1-0), 4; Macon (1-0), 3

CLASS 1

Rank, team, Rec., Pts., LW

1. Hamilton-Penney (15), 1-0, 150, 1

- 2. Valle Catholic, 1-0, 127, T2
- 3. Monroe City, 1-0, 121, T2
- 4. Marceline, 1-0, 102, 4
- 5. Lincoln, 1-0, 82, 6
- 6. Hayti, 1-0, 63, NR
- 7. Westran, 1-0, 58, 7
- 8. Pierce City, 1-0, 51, 9
- 9. Thayer, 0-1, 20, 5
- 10. Lockwood, 1-0, 17, 10

Dropped out: No. 8 Cass-Midway

Also receiving votes: Wellington-Napoleon (1-0), 16; Plattsburg (1-0), 9; Cass-Midway (0-1), 7; South Shelby (1-0), 2

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