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PBHS Class of 1992 Donates in Memory of Classmate

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The Poplar Bluff High School library added over 75 books to its collection with a \$1,200 donation from the Class of 1992 in memory of alumna Misty Ziegler.

“Misty was an avid reader and loved all books,” stated Independent Living Center of Southeast Missouri Director Jennifer Brown, an organizer of the fundraiser. "Misty was an LCSW [licensed clinical social worker] and worked hard helping people celebrate who they were and deal with their issues [so that they can] live their best life."

Librarian Marcia Priest researched the selection of titles—about diversity, acceptance and overcoming challenges—and noted that the inspirational genre was popular among High School students. The books will contain an inscription within the cover dedicated to Ziegler, who passed away unexpectedly in October.

The Class of ‘92 also plans to make a smaller donation to the Junior High library with the rest of its collection generated by alumni through GoFundMe, according to United Cancer Assistance Network Director Melody Chailland, fundraiser co-organizer.

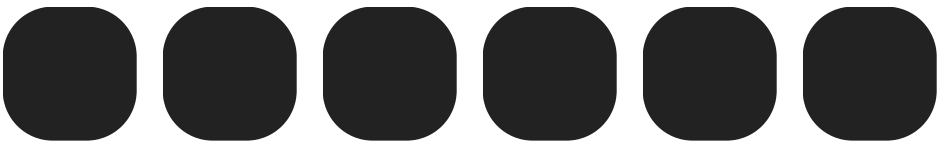
Pictured: Left to right) Jennifer Brown and Melody Chailland of the PBHS Class of 1992 make a memorial donation to the Poplar Bluff High School library, overseen by Marci Priest.

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Bloomfield School Board Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2021

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Bloomfield, MO - The Bloomfield School Board met in a regular board meeting on Monday, April 12th. The board also held a work session prior to the regular board meeting to discuss short and long term planning.

During the open session of the regular board meeting, the board approved salaries for the 2021-2022 school year. The board approved certified staff step increases and \$1000 was added to the certified salary schedule; non-certified staff step increase and 3% increase to the non certified salary schedule with the exception of the custodial column which received an \$0.85 increase to be in compliance with the minimum wage increase; and placed district counselors on an index of 1.25

The board also approved proceeding with the HVAC replacement plan for the HS gym and band room.

During the closed session, the board approved the following:

1. Resignation of Ethan (Zane) Huckleby Effective at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year
2. Resignation of Samantha Huckleby Effective at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year
3. Resignation of Daniel McCoy Effective at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year
4. Resignation of Lauren Meek Effective at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year
5. Resignation of Kaitlin Orr Effective at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year
6. Hire Audra Placher for Elementary Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year
7. Hire Ashley Bien for Elementary Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year
8. Hire Ashley O'Dell for Elementary Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year
9. Hire Bethany Hyten for Elementary Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year
10. Hire Whitney Grubbs for 6th Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year
11. Hire Trever Glaus for High School Science Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year
12. Hire Jennifer Ragins for High School Counselor for the 2021-2022 School Year
13. Hire Amy Blanco for Custodian
14. Hire Non Certified Staff as listed for 2021-2022 School Year
15. Hire Extracurricular Staff as listed for 2021-2022

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St. Jude Fundraising Efforts Exceed \$1.1M

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St. Jude Fundraising Efforts Exceed \$1.1M

Top fundraising students for this year's Math-A-Thon were treated to pizza and a movie for helping to generate almost \$30,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, bringing the district's accumulative contribution to over \$1.1 million.

The students are typically invited to tour St. Jude in Memphis, but since the medical center is not accepting visitors at this time, Pizza Inn opened its game room and a special showing of Disney's "Cars" was arranged on Wednesday, March 24, at Kay Porter Theater

The group of students—three per participating building—included last year's top fundraisers who missed out on the reward due to the district's wellness break. Students also received gift bags with items donated by First Midwest Bank, Lemonade House Grille, McDonald's, Sonic and St. Jude.

The Poplar Bluff School District has been a part of the Math-A-Thon since the 1988/89 academic year under the direction of former O’Neal Principal Lorenzo Sandlin, and the fundraiser went district-wide over the next decade.

Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the childhood cancer survival rate from 20 to 80 percent, according to the medical center’s website.

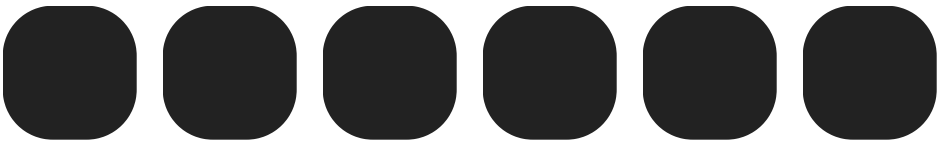
Pictured: Students pictured (in alphabetical order, not the order in which they appear) are Madeline Allbritton, Brookelyn Ballow, Liam Bates, Blayne Bell, Bree Blackwell, Karter Brown, Peyton Brumitt, Dalilah Burkeen, Dakota Collins, Austin Crismon, Chandler Crunk, Logan Crunk, Stella Cummings, Maddi DeHart, Jake Fickert, Kaitlyn Hillis, Chadrick Joehrs, Natalya Johnson, Nash Ligons, Ace Luecke, Jayden Massa, Natalie Meyer, Kyleigh Moffitt, Macy Mustain, Kayden Robbins, Dalton Rommel, Natalea Rommel, Chloe Rowland, Miles Sandlin, Sheldon Schaefer, Jace Silman, Bailey Smith, Reagan Sparkman, Kerris Taylor, Maddox Wilson and Presley Wilson.

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Southwest Elementary to Host Two Kindergarten Graduation Ceremonies

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Dexter, MO - Southwest Elementary will have kindergarten graduation ceremonies this year! In order to comply with COVID-19 safety protocol, they will host graduation on two nights.

Students in Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Cecil, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Macey Cooper's room will participate in a ceremony on Monday, May 17th at 6 p.m.

Students in Ms. Kaci Cooper, Mrs. Fortner, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Horton's room will participate in a ceremony on Tuesday, May 18th at 6 p.m.

Both ceremonies will be held in the Bearcat Event Center.

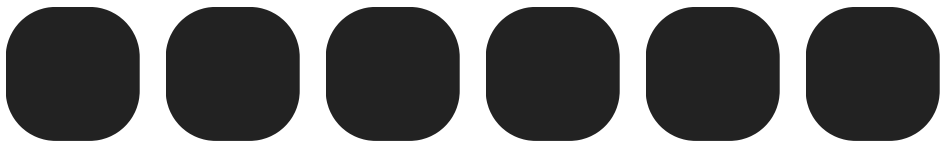
The school will provide each student with a cap and gown. If you would like to order a cap and gown as a keepsake they are available for \$15.00 each.

It is important to remember that every child will be given a cap and gown to wear on graduation night, but will be collected at the end of the night unless you decide to purchase the cape and gown as a keepsake.

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Bernie Elementary Students Earn Positive Office Referral Awards

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Bernie Elementary Students Earn Positive Office Referral Awards

Bernie, Missouri - Bernie Elementary Positive Office Referrals were awarded this week. These students were rewarded for their good behavior!

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

These students were referred for displaying positive behavior!

Check out these students and the positive choices they have been making!!

Front Row:

Landon (2nd) ran to hold the door open for Mrs. Cindy who was taking a load of lunches to the preschool.

Grayson (1st) was caught encouraging older students to do good on their MAP test.

Spencer (1st) is a super listener in music. He always follows directions the first time.

Amber (1st) went out of her way to show kindness to a friend.

Kyleigh (K) has been making good choices.

Shaddix (K) showed kindness to Ms. Donna and Mrs. Salvy by sharing with them.

Jackson (2nd) grabbed a tray that someone left at lunch and dumped it along with his own tray.

Middle Row:

Eylen (3rd) went out of her way to help Ms. Donna refill the soap and paper towels dispensers, and she picked up all of the paper towels off the floor.

Josiah (3rd) has been helpful and a good friend to others.

Brooks & Jeremiah (3rd) are always following directions and being kind.

CJ (3rd) has been helpful and a good friend to others.

Jansen (3rd) was following directions and participating in class.

Travelle (3rd) helped a kindergarten student tie his shoes.

Back Row:

Tessa (4th) ran to hold the door open for Mrs. Cindy who was taking a load of lunches to the preschool.

Ciara (4th) has been helpful in the classroom.

Landon (6th) made an extra effort to hold the door open for a teacher.

Luci (5th) dirty trays fell out of the cafeteria window and she picked them up.

Abigail (4th) worked very hard on her MAP test.

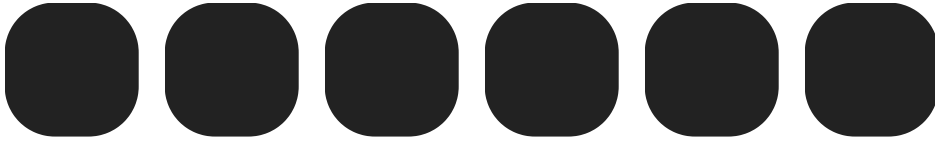
Westyn (4th) worked very hard on his MAP test.

Emma (5th) shows kindness to all of her classmates and brings snacks to the class to share every week.

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