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The Classroom of Mrs. Ridings Earned the 3Rs Flag for October 2022

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The First Grade classroom of Mrs. Ridings earned the Southwest Elementary Positive Behavioral Support Reward Flag for October 2022.

School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) award is presented at the start of each month at Southwest Elementary. One classroom in each grade is recognized for exhibiting the high character with regard to observing the school's 3R's.

The 3R's stand for being Respectful, Ready to Learn and Responsible. The class with the highest attendance average, combined with the fewest disciplinary measures and general good character are awarded a 3R red flag to be posted in their classroom for the next month.

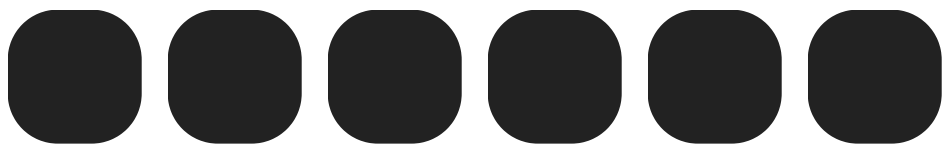
Back Row from left to right: Quinn Louder, Noah Stallings, Kamdyn Kirkpatrick, Damian Hurdle, Wyatt McCord, Nathan Myers, and Kambri Helton

Middle Row: Norah Guethle, Gabe Karmas, Levi Juden, Camden Master, Carter Price, Serenity Despain, Connor O'Neal, Braylyn Gambling, and Logan Lee

Front Row: Race Leible, Delilah Caines, Laurel Miller, Zachary Barr, and Peyton Dye

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The Classroom of Mrs. Cecil Earned 3Rs Flag for October 2022

The Kindergarten classroom of Mrs. Cecil earned the Southwest Elementary Positive Behavioral Support Reward Flag for October 2022.

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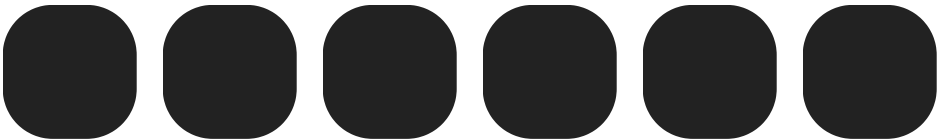
Front row from left to right: Jayce Tidwell, Naomi Hankins, Abby Mayer, Anais Navarro, Alanis Shafer, Caroline Jackson, and Liam Nunnery

Back row: Sylvia Mayberry, William Hughes, Hudson Horton, Johnny Hunter, Jesslynn Sullivan, Cindy Taylor, and Holden Watkins

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Dexter School District Board Meeting Agenda

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Dexter School District School Board Meeting Agenda for November 15, 2022. Meeting time is 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

Approve board agenda.

Approve minutes of October 18, 2022 regular board meeting.

Approve payment of bills.

Public Comments (At this time someone who is pre-registered with the Board Secretary prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a position on a specific agenda item or who is pre-registered with the superintendent in writing at least 5 days prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a general comment about a non-agenda item will be given time for presentation to the Board of Education. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for this public comment section. Please, just one spokesperson per group; individuals may speak only once per meeting; time regulated by the Board Chairman. Note: Individuals wishing to convey a complaint about procedures, regulations, or personnel will not be scheduled to address the Board until the District's complaint procedure has been exhausted; Complaints directed at specific personnel will not be heard in open session.)

CTA–

Registered requests- There are two registered guests to speak.

Correspondence–

Recognition of guests-

Old Business

A. None at this time.

New Business

A. Approve 22-23 budget amendments for the month of November.

B. Approve the Director of Special Services as the Homeless

Liaison, the Foster Care Liaison, the Migrant Liaison, and the

ELL Liaison.

C. Approve changes to the Student Chemical Abuse (random drug testing) policy.

D. Approve the 2022-2023 Semester Graduates

Discussion Items

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Nurses Report

C. Building Reports

D. CSIP Monthly Review-Included in the Superintendent's Report

E. Next Regular Board Meeting is December 20, 2022.

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting particular employees. § 610.021(3), RSMo

Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. § 610.021(13), RSMo.

Items to be considered after conclusion of Executive Session

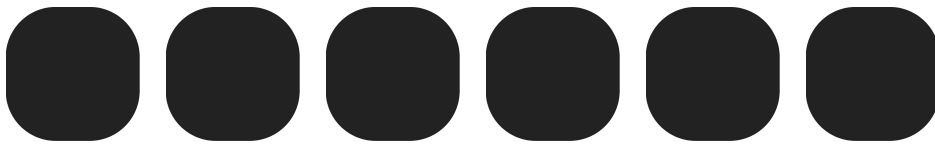
None at this time

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Hannah Guy, Completes Commonwealth Honors Academy

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Hannah Guy and 88 other students completed the three-week Academy at Murray State between June 4th and 25th.

During the three weeks, Academy scholars took two college-level courses, attended multiple lectures, concerts, field trips, and forums, and participated in a tre-weekly personal development seminar.

As a successful graduate of the Academy, Hannah will receive six hours of university credit, the possibility of six, tuition-free hours during the senior year, and an in-state full-tuition scholarship with a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA and a minimum 25 ACT Composite score.

Students who do not meet this criteria will have the opportunity to receive the Academic Achievement scholarship for first-time freshmen students.

The mission of the Commonwealth Honors Academy is "to challenge, educate, enlighten, and nurture the next generation of academic, civic, and business leaders in the region".

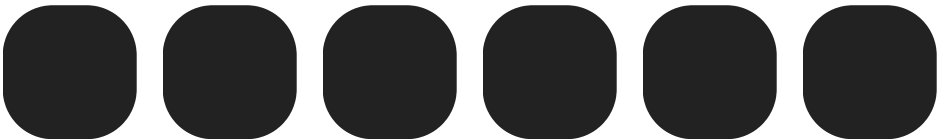
To qualify, students must have a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and an ACT score of 25 (or equivalent SAT, PSAT, or PLAN scores).

For more information or to find details on applying to the 2023 Academy, please visit the Academy website at www.murraystate.edu/CHA

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Bright Futures Poplar Bluff hosted a ‘reboot’ event for community partners since the organization’s mission was impacted during the public health crisis. While visitors were limited, student needs increased, according to officials.

School site councils, giving closets and lunch buddies along with the support from the faith-based, business community and nonprofit sector were highlighted during the breakfast symposium catered by Chartwells on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Black River Coliseum.

“The two greatest needs that we are seeing are socialization for students and support for staff,” explained school social worker Carrie Booker who, along with her colleague Donna Moore, serves as Bright Futures director. Some families chose virtual education following the state stay-at-home order in 2020, leading to anxiety in social settings as schools resumed normal, she continued.

“The biggest impact we think with our kids is isolation,” Booker continued. “When they don’t want to be there, they’re difficult to engage, and that’s probably what wears on teachers to some degree.”

Poplar Bluff entered into an affiliate community agreement with Bright Futures USA in 2014 as the nonprofit’s first partnering school system in Southeast Missouri. Founded in the Joplin School District, the umbrella organization provides a framework that allows schools to match outstanding student needs with existing resources in the community through a rapid response system.

Gabe Thompson, O’Neal counselor, spoke at the gathering about how the elementary school has utilized its building site council to partner with Mossy Oak Properties, Southern Bank and West Side Church to successfully increase parental engagement over the past several years. He noted how sometimes educators may forget to ask for help, when they are rarely—if ever—turned down.

High School librarian Marci Priest was the district’s first to start a Giving Closet in 2016, followed by Junior High and the Middle School. She reported how her volunteer team serves 10-20 students daily, providing food, clothing, personal hygiene items and school supplies. When the needs are greater, she said, she leans on Bright Futures.

The Bluff Church co-pastor Dave Elledge shared a story about attending a Bright Futures conference in Kansas City with Moore and Booker in 2019, and exiting a breakout session a changed man upon learning about bedlessness which, according to information presented, affects 3-5 percent of school children. He soon launched a local chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace with his wife Luann, Junior High counselor, and has helped build and deliver 530 beds.

Melanie Hamann, registrar at Three Rivers College, shared about being involved in the R-I lunch buddies program for seven years, having mentored two siblings since the youngest

was in kindergarten. She said it has taught her to empathize with people from different walks of life.

Attorney Rebecca Hester, who serves as guardian ad litem for the court system, advocating for the child's best interest, pointed out how students that need the most help often conceal it well. She was also involved with a Bright Futures school in her previous community of Holden.

“Our job as a community is to inspire hope in kids,” Hester stated. “Sometimes that will be the only way if the [poverty] cycle is broken.”

Bright Futures aims to meet a child’s basic needs within 24 hours primarily via social media so students are better able to focus on education. To become involved, follow along on Facebook at Bright Futures Poplar Bluff, or email Booker at **carriebooker@pb.k12.mo.us** or Moore at **donnamoore@pb.k12.mo.us**.

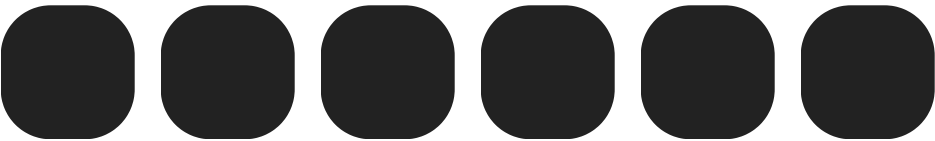
Pictured: Attendee Stacey Clark reads literature about the Bright Futures organization during the reboot event held recently at the Black River Coliseum.

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