

Paton-Churdan School NEWSLETTER

November, 2020

Upcoming Events

Oct 30 End of 1st Quarter

Trunk or Treat 5-6pm in PC Parking Lot

Nov 1-14 Scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov 9-First HS Girls BB Practice and First JH Boys BB Practice

November 11-Thank a Veteran Day

Nov 16-First HS Boys BB Practice and First JH Girls BB practice

Nov 25-27 Thanksgiving Break-NO School

Dec 4-1st Home Varsity BB game vs Glidden

Thank You To:

Jen Happe donation to recess bags.

GCMC for the masks they donated to the school .

GC Public Health for coming to PC on 10/15 to give staff and students flu shots.

HyVee Jefferson- Constant support of our Rocket Pack program including donation of reusable bags.

New Opportunities, Nancy Rowedder for leading 8th grade students through the drug and alcohol course Prime for Life.

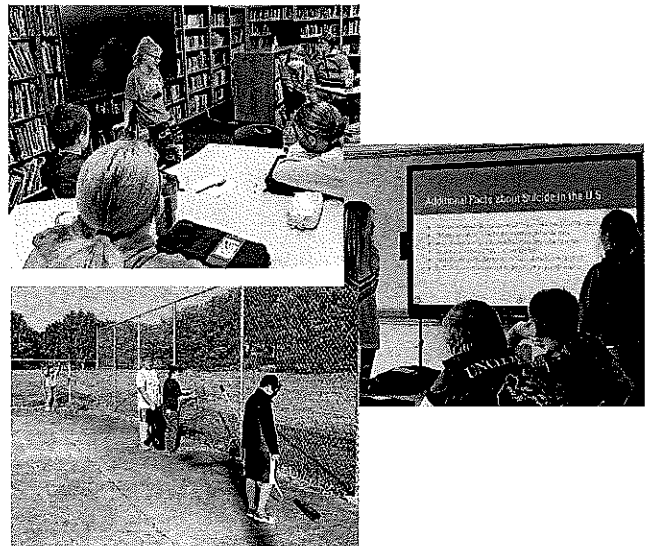
COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Libby Towers

I can't believe we are almost a quarter into the 2020-21 school year. As a counselor and parent, this school year had me worried for the social and emotional (SEL) support and growth of our students in the day of a pandemic. I am so PROUD to be a part of our Paton-Churdan community! Teachers, staff, students and administration have not missed a beat in making sure our students SEL needs are being met. It may look a little different and we often can only see half of our face, but as one student told me recently, "I can tell you're smiling because of your eyes!" If you are worried or want some SEL support for your student, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Middle School Leadership Service Projects

For the past couple of years, Leadership has been tasked with creating and implementing a way to give back to a charitable organization, landmark, cause, etc. 8th grade leadership successfully finished their projects this month. We have community volunteers and students helping to spread awareness. While not always easy this is a rewarding experience for all involved!



Notes from the Nurse

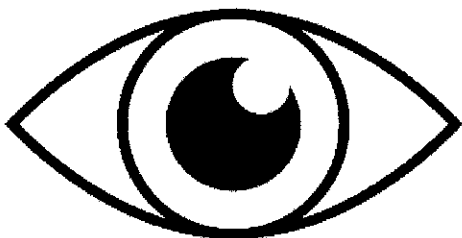
Focus on Vision:

This month's school nurse news focuses on vision. Did you know, one out of five children has some kind of vision problem. Although students with vision problems are often identified in school screenings, follow-up is crucial in identifying what treatment, if any, is needed. Because vision can affect learning, it is important for students who have difficulty with the school vision screening to follow-up with the eye doctor.

Vision problems in school aged children

Every child needs to have the following vision skills for effective reading and learning:

- **Visual acuity**—the ability to see clearly in the distance for viewing the chalkboard, at an intermediate distance for the computer and up close for reading a book.
- **Eye Focusing**—the ability to quickly and accurately maintain clear vision as the distance from objects change, such as when looking from the chalkboard to a paper on the desk and back. Eye focusing allows the child to easily maintain clear vision over time like when reading a book or writing a report.
- **Eye tracking**—the ability to keep the eyes on target when looking from one object to another, moving the eyes along a printed page or following a moving object like a thrown ball.
- **Eye teaming**—the ability to coordinate and use both eyes together when moving the eyes along a printed page, and to be able to judge distances and see depth for classwork and sports.
- **Eye-hand coordination**—the ability to use visual information to monitor and direct the hands when drawing a picture or trying to hit a ball.
- **Visual perception**—the ability to organize images on a printed page into letters, words and ideas and to understand and remember what is read. [Signs of eye and vision problems](#)



When certain visual skills have not developed, or are poorly developed, learning is difficult and stressful. A child may not tell you that he or she has a vision problem because they may think the way they see is the way everyone sees. Children will typically attempt to do the work, but with a lowered level of comprehension or efficiency.

Signs that may indicate a child has a vision problem include:

- Complaints of discomfort and fatigue.
- Frequent eye rubbing or blinking.
- Short attention span.
- Avoiding reading and other close activities.
- Frequent headaches.
- Covering one eye.
- Tilting the head to one side.
- Holding reading materials close to the face.
- An eye turning in or out.
- Seeing double.
- Losing place when reading.
- Difficulty remembering what he or she read.

Undetected and untreated, vision problems can have some of the very same signs and symptoms commonly attributed to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), like hyperactivity and distractibility. Due to these similarities, children showing these symptoms should have a comprehensive vision exam with their doctor of optometry to avoid misdiagnosis.

How Can We Help?

There are some challenges for families when it comes to vision care. Parent's scheduling conflicts can make it difficult to get an appointment. Other barriers include lack of insurance, students' refusal to wear glasses, and forgetting or misplacing glasses. Since untreated vision problems are associated with learning deficits, we need to work together to ensure that students' who need glasses receive them, and most of all, wear them in school when needed.

My goal as a school nurse this year is to follow up with students who have difficulty with the vision screening and encourage students who have glasses to wear them. If they have glasses and aren't wearing them, I will attempt to find out the reason. Are they lost? Are they broken? Are they forgetting to wear them? Identifying why students are not wearing his/her prescribed glasses is important.

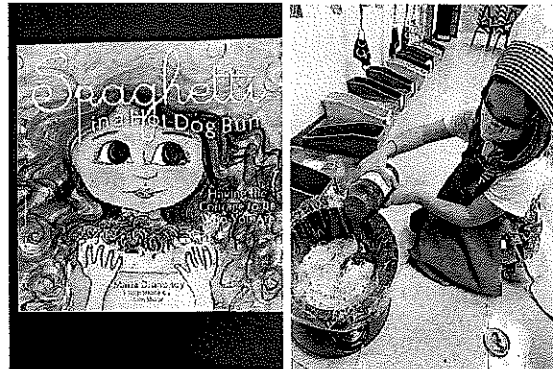
I can also help find financial assistance. Those families who do not have health insurance that covers vision, often qualify for the National *Sight for Students* program. As a member of the *National Association of School Nurses*, I have access to gift certificates that can provide a free exam and eyeglasses to those who qualify.

Educating the students, teachers, and parents is one way to spotlight the importance of caring for our vision. Please let me know if your child develops any symptoms during the school year or if you need assistance in any way.

Jolene Peters, RN
Paton-Churdan School Nurse
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Proud Rocket Class of the Month

1st Grade



TAC

As in the past, Paton Churdan secondary teachers will begin utilizing "Tuesdays After Class" (TAC) beginning November 3rd. From 3:30pm -4:00 pm, students in MS/HS that are significantly below the standard on quizzes, assignments, or need extra practice and preparation, may be required to stay for "Tuesdays After Class" with one or more teachers by request. Parents will be notified the Friday before that their child will need to stay for TAC and will have until Tuesday morning to retest, make up labs, or take care of anything that is needed for the teacher requesting TAC. If there is still work to be done or a standard that has not been re-evaluated a student will be required to stay. Please contact Mrs. Smith in the office if you have any questions regarding TAC.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be completed digitally or over the telephone throughout the weeks of November 2nd-13th.

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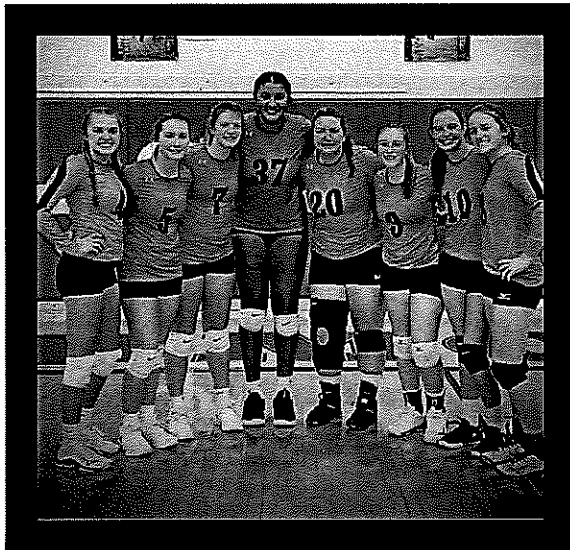
The firsties are part of a special club. We call it KIND KIDS' CLUB! We've been focusing on diversity, being unique, and kindness. We read a great book called, Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun. It taught us to have courage to be who we are and to treat others with kindness. After reading the story, we enjoyed a book cook! We made our own spaghetti in a hotdog bun, listed the story elements, and discussed how we are special and how we can be kind to our friends. In Kind Kids' Club we have also learned about PROUD rocket rules and completed our family study! Next up - manners!

Winter Clothing

Surprise!!!! Winter weather is back and that means snow accumulations and cold temps are here! With that in mind, we'd like to remind everyone that with winter weather comes the need to send your children to school prepared for cold temps and snowy weather. Proper outerwear should include a warm coat, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves and/or mittens. If your children are in need of winter clothing, please call the counselor at your child's school - these folks will work hard to see that your children get the cold weather clothing they need!



A fun surprise on 10/19/2020, SNOW!



CONGRATULATIONS TO Coach Rasmussen and the Paton-Churdan Rocket Volleyball team, they won their opening round of Regional volleyball at Ft. Dodge vs St. Edmonds.

LUNCHROOM NEWS

GREAT NEWS!!!
THE FREE BREAKFAST/LUNCH FOR ALL CHILDREN
IS BEING EXTENDED FOR ALL
FAMILIES UNTIL THE END OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR.

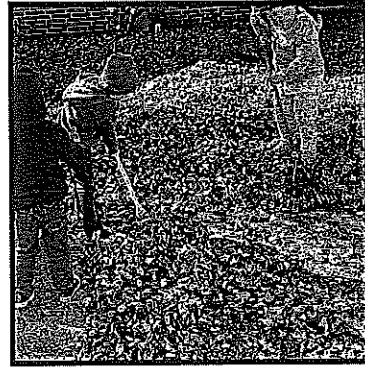


REMINDER: IF YOUR CHILD WANTS A
SECOND MILK THEY NEED TO PAY .50, THERE IS NO
CHARGING FOR A SECOND MILK.
THANK YOU!

WE STILL HAVE A FEW FAMILIES WITH A LUNCH
BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF
THIS YEAR, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT.

Preschool Tree Study

Preschoolers started a new study: Trees. The interest developed first through noticing the falling leaves (which we had fun raking, jumping, and throwing), then through noticing the change in colors of leaves and last in exploring items we collected. We have already come up with several more questions we want to research such as what types of animals live in trees and what foods come from trees. Our tree study will continue as long as our interest allows!



Congratulations to Our New National Society Members

On Tuesday, October 20, 2020 the Paton-Churdan National Honor Society inducted one new member. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible for National Honor Society based on their scholarship achievement of maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. Eligible students must then apply for membership. Applications are reviewed and scored based on a rubric. A faculty committee then reviews blind applications and selects new members based on the four pillars of National Honor Society-- Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. The new member is Madison Grow. Current members include Carmyn Paup, Hannah Bundt, Chloe Berns, Megan Palmer, Danielle Hoyle, Karissa Stephenson and Bradyn Smith. Following induction a cake reception was held in honor of the new inductee and her family.

The Paton-Churdan National Honor Society is very active within PC and in the community. Projects include helping with the weekly packing and distribution of Rocket Fuel Packs, Trunk or Treat and Spring Blood Drive. It is the goal of PC NHS to complete one service project a month.



Front: Carmyn Paup, Madison Grow, Karissa Stephenson
Back: Hannah Bundt, Chloe Berns, Megan Palmer & Danielle Hoyle
Not Pictured: Bradyn Smith

Zoom Opportunity and Expectations

As we navigate through our new "normal" this year, various situations arise such as 10-14 day quarantines, 3-5 days in isolation waiting for test results, distance learning, and even just sick days out for non-COVID illness. This year a huge positive is the availability to zoom into classes so students do not have to miss valuable in person instruction from our teachers. All students in grades K-12, have the ability to access in person instruction by joining zoom if one of the situations arise and most excitedly, if students need to stay home for non-COVID illness, they are able to zoom into classes and be counted as present for the day.

When students zoom into class here are a few expectations we ask you to follow:

1. Students should be sitting upright at a surface such as a desk or a table.
2. Video must be turned on and students need to have the lights in the room on.
3. Sound should be on so students can be active participants, but must have the ability to mute your sound if requested.
4. Students can access work from their SeeSaw or Google Classroom account.
5. If a student completes paper/pencil work, a picture needs to be taken and emailed or uploaded to their teacher that day.
6. Students in K-6 need to have an adult in close proximity to assist with learning, if needed.

If you enter into a mandatory 14 day quarantine period, please contact the school at 515-389-3111 to make arrangements to pick up your device and other materials. Assistance with internet access can also be made if available by contacting Mrs. Smith.



NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends-Set Clocks Back	2 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	3 Election Day Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	4 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	5 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	6 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	7
8	9 Board Meeting Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences First Girls Basketball Practice	10 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	11 Veterans Day Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	12 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	13 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences	14
15	16 First Boys Basketball Practice	17	18	19	20 2nd Trimester Begins	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Break No School	26 Thanksgiving Break No School	27 Thanksgiving Break No School	28
29	30 6pm V G&B BB @ Ar-We-Va	DEC 1	2	3 4:30 JH G BB @ Greene Co.	4 6pm G&B BB @ Home vs Glidden-Ralston	5



**Paton-Churdan Youth
BASKETBALL PROGRAM
REGISTRATION FORM**

Players Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE PROPER CHOICES BELOW

Boy	Girl	Grade: 3	4	Player shirt size: Youth Small	Youth Medium
		5	6	Youth Large	Adult Small
				Adult Medium	Adult Large
				Adult X-Large	Adult XX-Large

My child has medical restrictions which their coach should be aware of. Yes _____ No _____
(Asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, etc.) If yes, please explain _____

Fees to accompany form: Uniform fee and Cost of tournament will come once we know how many kids.

INSURANCE WAIVER

I have insurance that covers my child to participate in the Paton-Churdan Youth Basketball League program. Insurance Company Name _____. If I do not have insurance for my child, nor do I wish to obtain insurance for my child, I know that it will be my full responsibility for any medical expenses incurred.

PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I consent to, and give permission for, my child to participate in the Youth Basketball Program. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by my child's participation in the basketball program. I further agree to waive all liability of the Paton-Churdan School and Youth Basketball Program, its representatives, employees, managers, team coaches, School District and any other participant, for any accident, injury, illness or other mishap which might befall the individual named on this registration while traveling to or from, or during their participation in the basketball program, whether or not such liability, claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by the negligence of any person, including any negligence by or on behalf of the Basketball Program, its agents and specifically including any defects in the condition of the property of the Basketball Program or the condition of its maintenance. I consent (yes ___ or no ___) to emergency medical care for my child in case of sickness or injury, and any actual charges made for such care.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Basketball Program for my child's participation, and that each player will be responsible for himself, his insurance and his equipment. I acknowledge that I have freely and voluntarily entered into this Agreement and that I have read and understand this agreement in its entirety.

I hereby give my consent for the above child to participate in the Paton-Churdan Youth Basketball Program.

Date _____ Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

**Please return form to Paton-Churdan
on or prior to November 6th, 2020**

November 2020

<p>2 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage and toast, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets, Sweet potato fries, Peas and carrots, pears, and Milk</p>	<p>3 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Crispitos, chips and salsa, garbanzo beans, oranges and milk</p>	<p>4 Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, chips, Romaine Salad, apple, and Milk</p>	<p>5 Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Soft Tacos, Salsa and Tortilla Chips, black beans w/ tomatoes, corn, banana, and milk</p>	<p>6 Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Wings, baked Chips, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh apple, cookie, and Milk</p>
<p>9 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage and toast, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Hot Dog, baked Chips, peas, cucumbers slices, apples, and Milk</p>	<p>10 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Bowl, roll, apples, roasted cauliflower and broccoli, and Milk</p>	<p>11 Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Haystacks with Chili, Celery w/ PB, black eyed peas, Pears, and Milk</p>	<p>12 Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Corn Dog, Baked Chips, Corn, Applesauce, and Milk</p>	<p>13 Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Chicken patty, romaine salad w/tomato, carrots, pears and milk</p>
<p>16 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage and toast, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Buffalo Cheese Dip with Tortilla chips, fresh veggies with ranch, apples, and milk</p>	<p>17 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Romaine Salad, Green beans, pears, and Milk</p>	<p>18 Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Philly Cheese Steaks, French fries, steamed veggies, applesauce and milk</p>	<p>19 Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Class Choice</p>	<p>20 Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Happy Birthday!!! Pizza, Carrots, 100% Juice Slushy, Cupcake, and Milk</p>
<p>23 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage and toast, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Chicken Strips, salad, apple, corn, baby carrots, milk</p>	<p>24 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Turkey, Potato w/ gravy, Green beans, Roll, fruit, pumpkin pie, and milk</p>	<p>25 No School</p>	<p>26 No School</p>	<p>27 No School</p>
<p>30 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Burrito, Tortilla chips with salsa, black refried beans, peaches and milk</p>				

Menu Subject to change. Please visit the PC website for current changes.
 USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

It is the policy of the Paton-Churdan Community School to not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, national origin, gender, disability, SES, religion, age, political party affiliation, or actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its educational programs, activities or employment and personnel policies.

The Board prohibits harassment, bullying, hazing, or any other victimization, of students, based on any of the following actual or perceived traits or characteristics, including but not limited to, SES, age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status. Harassment against employees based upon race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, age marital status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, SES, familial status, or disability is also prohibited.

Inquiries or grievances related to this policy may be directed to the Affirmative Action Coordinator, Annie Smith, asmith@paton-churdan.k12.ia.us Paton-Churdan Community School, Churdan, IA (515-389-3111) or to the Director of the Region VII Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Education in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Paton Churdan CSD, through a sharing agreement with Greene County Schools, offers career and technical programs in the following service areas: Ag Business and Management; Manufacturing, Engineering Technology; Business/Commerce, General; Family and Community Services; Drafting/Design Engineering, Technologies/Technicians; Construction Trades and Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information and Resources Design.

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