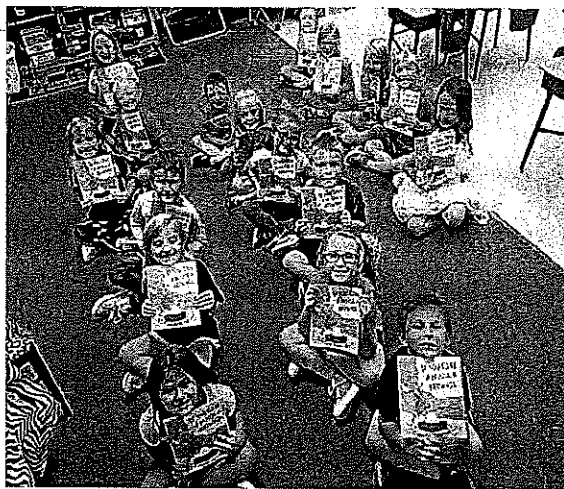


# *Paton-Churdan School* NEWSLETTER

October 2019

## Scholastic surprise

By Miranda Steinkamp



Each month, we order books from Scholastic. We get SO excited to look through the magazine and find books that excite us! Unfortunately, we can't all order books each month.

Over the summer I asked for donations from loved ones and community members to ensure each firstie would receive a new book each month of the school year. I was beyond happy with the response we got from people. You should have seen their faces the first day we opened up our box. It melted my heart to see their excitement.

Thank you for your help in continuing to grow their love of READING!

Pictured: Firsties enjoying their new book, *If You Give a Mouse a Brownie!*

## Same Face, New Position

By Denise Menke

I have spent 24 years of teaching fourth grade at Paton-Churdan, and those years were some of the most rewarding years of my life. I got to work with so many awesome families and students. However, I decided it was time to take a risk and try something completely new. I am now the PK-12 Instructional Coach. Both adults and students ask me what I do. I always answer that my main job is to help teachers be the best teachers they can be. One thing I love about this job is every single day is different because I do a variety of tasks. A few of the things I've done so far are: team teach, model lessons, classroom visits, assist with assessments, research teaching resources and strategies, and collaborate with teachers. Now I get the best of both worlds, I get to work closely with students AND teachers. I LOVE my new position!!!



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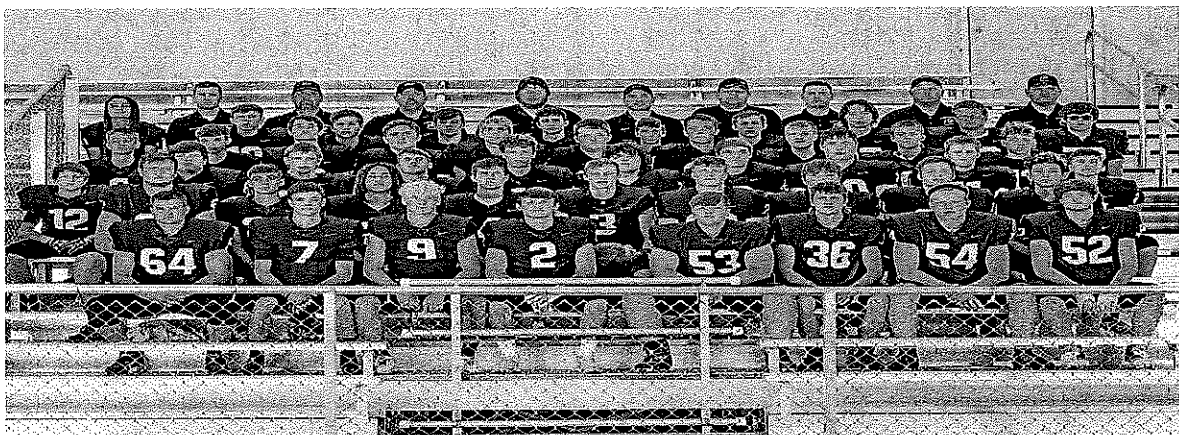
*Reminder October lunch/breakfast money is due. Don't forget you can check your students' lunch balance anytime from the PC website by logging in to your Infinite Campus account.*

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*2019 Fall Athletic Teams*



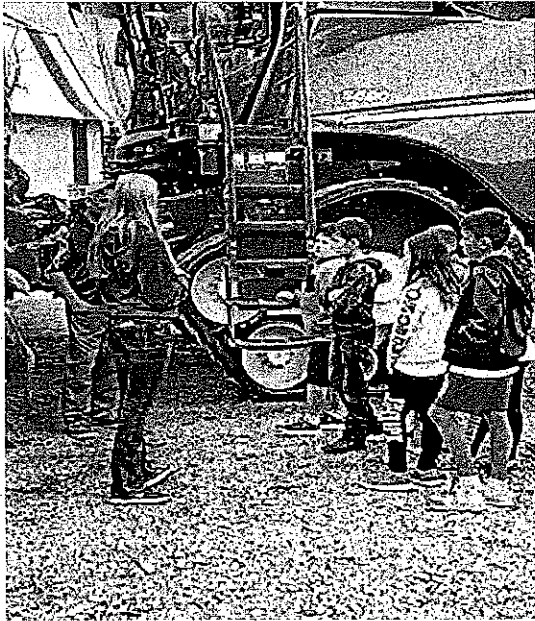
*2019 Paton-Churdan Volleyball Team*



*2019 Greene County Ram Football Team*



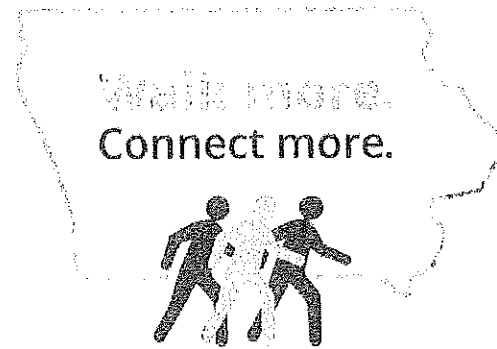
*2019 Greene County Cross Country Team*



## 2019 Farm Bureau Fourth Grade Farm Tour

By: Tress Rasmussen

On Tuesday, September 10, the fourth grade traveled to Juergensen's Farm for the 2019 Farm Bureau Tour. Throughout the tour the students learned about different types of livestock and crops that are produced in Iowa. They also learned about how drones are used in agriculture as well as the process of making ethanol, the history of farming, and some farm safety tips. Thank you to the Farm Bureau for purchasing a shirt for each student and for providing students with the opportunity to gain more knowledge about the vast field of agriculture!



*Please join us for the Healthiest State Annual Walk on October 2, 2019 at 8:30 am. This year we will walk in honor of Clare and Wilma Hunter, who never missed a year walking in this walk.*





## 5th and 6th Grade Physical Education

By: Rita O'Bryan

Fifth and sixth graders have had a variety of activities in physical education. They have played, Battle Ball, Big Ball Volleyball, Flag Football, and Tennis. They are learning teamwork in football, to play by being respectful of each other as well as good running and passing skills. In tennis they have learned forehand and backhand groundstrokes and some have started learning to serve. Physical education this year will be a combination of learning team sports as well as activities that will carry them on into adulthood. Their grading is on being respectful of each other as well as putting their best effort into trying every activity. They are learning that we aren't perfect and can't always be great at everything we try, but we can all give our best and that's what counts.



### REMINDER:

**We have teamed up with the Food Bank of Iowa to become a school pantry. A majority of the pantry has no income guidelines. This means that ANY family with students at Paton-Churdan, regardless of income, are eligible to receive food items from the pantry. Items may be picked up at the beginning or end of the school day. Availability of items will change from week to week.**

**Some items in the pantry will only be available to families who qualify for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) This is income based and those who are free or reduced also qualify for TEFAP pantry items. However, in order to pick up these items, you must complete the TEFAP form.**



## *Great News to Share!*

*By: Melanie Ludwig*

*Paton Churdan's kindergarten class was the lucky recipient of a \$250 grant from author James Patterson and Scholastic Book Clubs! Our entry was one of 4,000 chosen from the 124,177 applications received. Scholastic and Mr. Patterson understand the power of connecting kids to books they love to read and wanted to provide funds to help teachers build their classroom libraries. We are thrilled to have 147 new nonfiction texts, social emotional/social skills books, and leveled books to add to our classroom library! Thumbs up to Scholastic Book Clubs and author James Patterson!*



## MUSIC INFORMATION

By: Shannon Hobbs

What a great start to the school year! We have added a music appreciation class this year. So seventh and eighth grade students are still required to take one music class, band or choir or this music appreciation class. This class is on google classroom and is looking at music in film. I am so excited to be able to offer this as an option for students who don't feel choir or band is their thing.

Mark your calendar for October 21! This will be our first concert of the year and it is going to be "Wicked"! We are having so much fun exploring the music of "Wicked" and talking about the musical. The high school music students have the opportunity to go to "Wicked" on June 28, 2020. We will be fundraising for this event. We need \$63 for each of our 40 seats. There will be a donation bucket at our concert, if you would like to help us go to this awesome event! On October 9, a group of choir students and myself will be attending the matinee performance of "Falling Awake" which is a play being performed at Iowa Central Community College. We are going to support alumni Briana Jewett as she performs in this play. Briana was able to get a vocal and theatre scholarship through Iowa Central Community College. This is a great opportunity for our students to be able to see some of the things Iowa Central has to offer.

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Libby Towers

School counselors are vital members of the education team. They help all students in the areas of academic achievement, career and social/emotional development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted adults of tomorrow. As Paton-Churdan's K-12 school counselor my priorities vary based on grade levels. My time with students is split in 3 ways-- whole group, small group and individual.

## **Whole Group Work**

I enter the K-4 classrooms weekly for CAPS. Much of our lessons and discussions focus on social and emotional development-- being inclusive, expressing emotions, properly handling conflict, gaining an understanding of the power of one's mindset and more. In addition we do start to connect the world of work to school and methods to help students be successful in class. The intermediary grades (5th & 6th) see me at least once every other week. My focus with them becomes more academic. We focus on goal setting and skills to help them prepare for the rigors and responsibilities of middle school and high school. In middle school (7th & 8th) an exploratory class examines leadership and we start the conversations of preparing for life in high school, understanding post-secondary options, exploring careers and the financial responsibilities of adults. Finally once students are in high school, we're working to prepare for life after high school. A course required for all

P-C seniors is Senior Prep. This class in a nutshell covers career and post-secondary exploration, how to get a job including mock interviews and creating resumes, and financial literacy including managing money and understanding credit cards, loans, insurance and more.

## **Small Group**

I am extremely excited to expand our small group offerings this school year. A change in my schedule allowed for K-6 small group lunch bunches. A letter will be going home with each K-6 student. Current small group topics include anger management, changes in family life, coping with grief, boys & girls specific groups, organizational skills and coping with anxiety/worry. Small groups are an excellent way to help all students and I can't wait to get our groups going. In order for students to participate, I do need parent permission. Please take the time to complete the note coming home and send it back with your child. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

## **Individual Counseling**

As the counselor, I'm a great listening ear. I'm here to help students find solutions to their problems or concerns. Our end goal in individual counseling is to help them be in the best mental shape for the demands of their academic careers. With that being said, I am not a mental health counselor. However I can help students find the correct counseling needed, if I am unable to meet their needs.

I love my job and working with all of the students at Paton-Churdan! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am just a part of a great team at P-C working to prepare your child for success!

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	4:00 JH VB @ Coon Rapids 6:00 HS VB @ CAM	4:00 JH VB @ Glidden 6:00 HS VB @ S. Hamilton	9:00 ICCO College Fair Healthiest State Annual Walk 1:55 Dismissal, Teacher Inservice	4:15 JH XC @ Perry 5:00 JV & V XC @ Perry Jrs Rootbeer Float Fundraiser 6:00 HS VB @ HOME, SPIRIT NIGHT	Manufacturing Tours 2:00 Parade 7:00 V FB @ Home Homecoming	8-11 HS Semi-Formal Homecoming Dance
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	4:00 JH VB @ Home 6:00 JV FB @ Kuemper	4:30 MS, JV/V XC @ Lake City 6:00 JV/V VB @ Elk Horn Kimballton-Exira High School	1:55 Dismissal, Teacher Inservice	4:00 MS, 5:00 JV/V XC @ Saydel 4:30 8th FB @ Roland-Story 4:30 7th FB @ Grand Jct.	10th Grade-ASVAB Test Middle School Bike Ride 7:00 V FB @ Atlantic	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	4:00 JH VB @ CAM 4:00 MS, JV/V XC @ N. Polk 6:00 JV FB @ Home 6:00 School Board Meeting	6:00 NHS Induction-auditorium	1:55 Dismissal, Teacher Inservice	4:00 JH VB @ Glidden 4:30 8th FB @ S. Hamilton 5:45 7th FB @ S. Hamilton 6:00 JV Reserve FB @ SE Valley **Churdan Park Dessert Fundraiser 6-7** 6:00 JV/V VB @ Home **PINK OUT/Parent's Night	7:00 V FB @ Home Senior Night	9:30 AM JV/V VB
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	7:00 7-12 Music Concert	4:15 8TH FB @ Grand Junction 4:15 7th FB @ Perry Regional VB Tourney	1:55 Dismissal, Teacher Inservice	4:00 XC State Qualifier Meet		
27	28	29	30	31	November 1	November 2
	AEA Hearing Screening	4:00-7:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences	1:55 Dismissal, Teacher Inservice	5-6:00 NHS Trunk or Treat- HS Parking Lot	1st Round FB Playoffs	State XC Meet

# October 2019

Menu Subject to change. Please visit PC website for current changes.

	<p>1 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Mr. Rib, romaine salad, green beans, peaches, and milk</p>	<p>2 Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Italian Dunkers w/ meat sauce, acorn squash, corn, apricots, and Milk</p>	<p>3 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>4 Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Pork Burgers, baked Chips, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh apple, cookie, and Milk</p>
<p>7 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>8 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Chicken nuggets, whipped potato, roll, apples, fresh cauliflower and broccoli, and Milk</p>	<p>9 Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Hamburger on WG bun w/ romaine and tomato, baked beans, watermelon, and Milk</p>	<p>10 Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Pizza Quesadilla, Black Beans, fresh plums, and Milk</p>	<p>11 Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Chicken Patty, Romaine Salad w/ tomato Slices, carrots, pears, and Milk</p>
<p>14 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage and toast, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Corn Dog, Baked Chips, Corn, Applesauce, and Milk</p>	<p>15 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Pizza Burger on WG bun, green beans, garbanzo beans, oranges, and Milk</p>	<p>16 Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Tator Tot Cass, Romaine Salad, Broccoli, apples, and Milk</p>	<p>20 Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Class Choice</p>	<p>21 Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Happy Birthday!!! Pizza, Carrots, 100% Juice Slushy, Cupcake, and Milk</p>
<p>28 Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage and toast, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Cheeseburger Mac, apple, corn, baby carrots, and Milk</p>	<p>29 Breakfast: Pancake and sausage stick, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Haystacks with Chili, Celery w/ PB, black eyed peas, Pears, and Milk</p>	<p>30 Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Chicken Quesadilla, Black Beans, Tortilla Chips and Salsa, Tropical Fruit, and Milk</p>	<p>31 Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, and Milk</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	