Our teachers and support employees help make us one of the best school districts in the region. Learn more about Schneider, Saylor and the other finalists for these awards on our website, www.parkhill.k12.mo.us.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Kitchell Schneider

The English Landing Elementary library is magical. To spark students’ love of reading, Schneider selects new books for display, knowing they will become favorites. Her library buzzes with students reading to each other and learning hands-on with the 3D printer. Schneider has a maker-space organized and ready for little creators.

SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Tammy Saylor

Saylor uses her professional nursing background to lead our health services program, making sure we are using the best nursing practices. Saylor puts her heart into getting to know people and meeting students’ health needs. She partners with parents, teachers and staff to provide the best possible care.
Dear Park Hill Family,

As we prepare to head into summer, I want to thank you for filling this past school year with some of our favorite memories. From receiving big recognitions to working together on big changes, we made progress on our vision of building successful futures for each student every day.

Students and staff continued to make Park Hill proud this year. Students received top honors for academics and extracurricular activities, including the National Merit Scholarship program, robotics, sports, art and writing, music, journalism, DECA, speech and debate, and so many other important areas that showcase our students’ college and career readiness. We also reported high AP scores and the best ACT scores in the Kansas City, Missouri, region, beating the state and national averages.

We are also fortunate to have teachers, support staff and administrators throughout our district who are dedicated to serving students. This year we were proud to celebrate counselors, teachers, support staff, principals and district leaders who received honors for their contributions to our schools.

We introduced our online public engagement tool, Park Hill Listens, to help us make decisions. We used it to get feedback on two big projects this year, redistricting school boundaries and changing school start times. Although changing school boundaries is never easy, our Park Hill family helped us arrive at the best possible result.

We looked at changing school start times to address school bus issues associated with a nationwide bus driver shortage. We listened to the overwhelming feedback on Park Hill Listens and decided not to change start times for 2019-2020. We are taking some time to develop a new plan and study the impacts of later high-school start times on students’ academics and opportunities.

Each Park Hill success story and step forward is tied to our environment. We challenge ourselves to improve each year, and your support carries us forward.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Cowherd
Superintendent

STRAIGHT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NEWS TO KNOW

ELECTION RESULTS
The Board certified the April 2 Board election results, in which incumbents Susan Newburger and Todd Fane won reelection. Newburger received 35.51% of the vote, and Fane received 30.91%.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE AND ENROLLMENT GROWTH
Each spring we publish a demographic profile to track our enrollment trends. This year’s data supports our long-range facility plans and influences our budgets. Our K-12 official enrollment is 11,617, which is the largest enrollment in district history and represents the 35th consecutive year of enrollment growth.
ROBOTICS CHAMPIONS
The robotics team from Park Hill High School won the Iowa regional robotics competition, advancing to the world championship.

PERFECT AP SCORE
Deanna Eberhart, 2018 PHHS graduate, received a perfect score on her AP Research exam. Eberhart was one of 111 students nationwide to earn every point possible on the test, putting her in the top 1% of all students who took the test.

NATIONAL ART AND WRITING AWARDS
Students from both high schools received national recognition for their work in the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. The silver medalists are Paige Harberts from PHHS and Gretchen Roth and Maya Yildirim from Park Hill South.

HEALTH CARE COMPETITION
Qualifiers for the Health Occupations Students of America international conference include five Park Hill South students, Nadine Abualhaija, Martin Jimenez, Amy Montalbano, Amanda Reece and Sophia Wilde.

MISSOURI PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACADEMY
The Missouri Public Affairs Academy chose five Park Hill South students, Fenet Fekadu, Isabella Guerrero, Bali Cortes, Tyler Unrath and Ian Flowers.

MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY
The 2019 Missouri Scholars Academy chose five students from both high schools to attend its summer program at the University of Missouri. PHHS sent Annemarie Jones, Barinamene Nwike and Hannah Tristan, and Park Hill South sent Grant Bergstrom and Cooper Mathisen.

GEOGRAPHY BEE
Stella Gulledge from Lakeview Middle School and Ari Staggs from Congress Middle School reached the state level of the National Geographic Bee after placing first at the school level and passing the state qualifying test.

SKILLSUSA HONORS
Two high school students qualified for the national SkillsUSA competition at the state competition. PHHS sent Garrett Raynor, and Park Hill South sent Ryan King.

PRINCIPAL AWARD
Dr. Ryan Stanley, principal of the LEAD Innovation Studio, received the Exemplary New Principal award from the Greater Kansas City Missouri Principals Association.

Visit our website at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us for more information on these and other success stories.
In an effort to keep the community informed, the “Park Hill Connection” goes to every home in the Park Hill School District, even those without students in our schools. Thank you for your support of your community’s schools!

GET CONNECTED:
Our website has lots of ways for you to engage with Park Hill Schools. Find them all at www.parkhill.k12.mo.us.

Social Media
Follow the district’s Facebook page and Twitter feed.

First Hand E-mail News
Get district news and highlights from Board meetings.

First Hand Mobile
Get text message alerts about weather and emergencies.

Park Hill TV
See our videos on YouTube and Spectrum Cable channel 18.

Online Comment Portal
Share your comments, suggestions for improvement and even your compliments.

Second-grade students Anthony Gonzalez and Adam Majok used a coding program to work on math and geometry skills at Renner Elementary.