

# Warrior Times

## USD 398 District Newsletter



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### Peabody-Burns Board of Education

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### From the Superintendent.....

#### It's School Board Election Year. Here's some things you need to know...

This year, USD 398 will have three positions open for election/re-election. Current board member positions held by Julie Ensminger, Shayla Clark & Tiana Gaines will be up for election/re-election, as the four year term they are serving is up in December of 2021.

#### NOTICE:

If you are considering candidacy, here are a few things you need to know;

- ⇒ Peabody-Burns, USD 398's board members are all **At-Large** elected. *(anyone who resides in the district is eligible and are not assigned to a region of the district)*
- ⇒ Noon, **Monday, June 1, 2021** at the Marion County courthouse is the deadline for school board candidates to file or withdraw as a candidate. Paperwork can be picked up at the district office.
- ⇒ **Tuesday, November 2, 2021** is the General Election date *(no primary for USD 398)*
- ⇒ Elected members to the board will assume office after the second Wednesday of January 1, 2022.
- ⇒ Board members serve a **four year term**.

If you have any questions concerning interest in serving, please feel free to contact me, Ron Traxson, superintendent of USD 398; after July 1st Antoinette Root. We will be glad to visit with you about this opportunity to serve.

As the end of the 2020-21 school year rapidly approaches I am amazed at how fast it has gone, how well it has gone, and how soon the challenges for preparation for another year is upon us. The past year has been challenging in dealing with COVID, but it's good to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Just remember; We're not there yet! Continue safe practices for a while longer.

**Thanks to all for a great nine years of serving  
USD 398, I'll see you around!**

### 2021-2022 USD 398 Job Positions Open

- 2nd Grade Teacher
- 6-12 Principal
- Head HS Girls Basketball Coach
- PBES Library-Office Aide / MTSS & ASA Aide

If interested..... Contact Lisa Hodges, District Clerk, at 983-2198, or stop by the district office at 506 Elm St.

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## Notes from the 3rd Grade

Congratulations to Dalton Castleberry, Student of the Month Award!



I am excited to have our class have two terrific additions to help make learning easily accessible to our fingertips from now on- MobyMax for math and language skill development, and Accelerated Reader (also available at the Peabody Public Library).

Accelerated Reader helps track student comprehension of what they read in a way that other programs don't. From personal experience I can tell you that my own children really enjoyed the challenge and success they attained

in Accelerated Reader and used it through middle school. They will tell you it made them stronger and more motivated readers. They got more enjoyment out of reading and that love has stayed with them as adults. I believe it can do the same thing for each of these current third graders, and we'll be digging into it between now and the end of the school year.

A special thank you to Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Carter for getting each student account set up!

And now, a word about MobyMax:

This online resource has been around for years but this past month I had my first experience with it. USD398 has purchased use of it for our third graders in 3 areas-language, math skills and math practice. Each student be-

gan with placement tests and the programs intuitively target gaps or concepts that need further development for each student. I am impressed with what I see and what our students are saying about MobyMax.

I want to conclude with a shout-out to the leadership of USD398 for the online learning programs you make accessible to students-Epic, iStation, MobyMax, and Accelerated Reader. This access of technology is familiar and readily available to each student and will help each student grow and learn in a tailored manner.

I count it a privilege to be a part of this learning community.

~ Mrs. Ziesmer



## Using Our Resources in Grade 2

This semester, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have been learning the importance of different types of resources. One of those resources the students took a special interest in were the natural resources. Students were fully engaged in the importance of how to grow your own food and the different types of meals that can be made from the food they grow themselves. A major proponent of our resource unit included the importance of human resources as well. Knowing who to ask when faced with a question is an important part of life. Therefore, the students knew exactly who to go to when wanting to understand more about growing and making their own food. Our expert, Mrs. Ann Jones, came into the class with needed materials for students to take part in planting different types of tomatoes and peppers. Over the next several weeks, students will take on the responsibility of helping these different plants survive in hopes of creating their own dish.



## PBMS & PBHS Music News

**Thank you for joining Voices at Dessert Theater either in-person or virtually this year! We hope that you enjoyed it. We certainly enjoyed performing for you again. See you next year!**



*Spring Choir  
Concert  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm*

Brown Gymnasium  
Featuring Voices and Middle  
School Choir

## Band BBQ!

Band BBQ will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on the practice football field across from the AG shop/Brown Gym. The entire community is invited to bring blankets, chairs, etc and join us for an outdoor concert! For a meal this year we are hoping to have a food truck or two on site with a percentage of their sales going back to the Peabody-Burns Bands!

# News From Coach Tegtmeirer

## Track & Field

Warmer temperatures have finally made their way to us, and spring is in the air. With spring comes the wonderful sport of Track. This year we have 11 High school and 11 Middle school athletes out for the teams. The First HS meet is Tuesday April 6th and the first Middle school meet is Thursday April 8th. Despite being small in numbers, I look for our athletes to come out and compete very hard pushing themselves for greatness. I look to be very competitive at each meet that



we attend, and hopefully at the end of May will have a few athletes competing in Wichita at the State meet!

## 8 Man State Powerlifting

FINALLY, we get the opportunity to attend a powerlifting meet. The 8-man State Championship Powerlifting meet will be held IN Claflin on Saturday, April 17th, 2021. NO SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED. It will just be athletes and coaches allowed to this years meet due to Covid-19, but I am super excited for the kids, that they get a chance to showcase their abilities. We have worked hard over the past year in the weight room

to get where we are at, and I truly believe that we have multiple athletes that could contend for top 6 placings in their weight divisions this year. Students and myself are very excited for this opportunity and are truly looking forward to it this year! This year the contest is \$30/lifter which includes a T-shirt. I am looking forward to taking hopefully everyone in my strength and conditioning classes this year! Go Warriors!



## 2021 PBHS JR-SR Prom

The PBHS Jr. Sr. Prom will be held May 8th (please note that this is a date change from the original April 17th date). Prom will be a bit different this year!! Promenade will be held at the school starting at 6 p.m. with photos following. The students and their dates will then be bused to the Historic Elgin Hotel in Marion for a dinner

catered by Kaye Laudner.

After prom, sponsored by the Junior parents, will be held at the Wichita Sports Forum. The Junior Class and their sponsors appreciate the communities support this year as our normal fundraising opportunities were not available. We also would like to give a big thanks to Tammy and

the Elgin Hotel. Due to restricted numbers this year we regret to inform our staff and our school board that only Seniors, Juniors, their dates, their class sponsors, and our administration will be invited to prom this year. Thank you again for your support! We hope to see you at our last fundraiser on April 17th!

## USD 398: Safety To The End

At USD 398, we are continuing with the procedures that has served our students and staff very well this year. Masks, distancing, and disinfecting. As a district we have maintained classes with minor interruptions. Cases with COVID were found to be, for the most part, from contact outside the school, not transmissions within the building.

In the next couple of months the

Board of Education will review at each board meeting whether to maintain or relax these guidelines established at the beginning of the school year.

As the number of vaccinations in the nation increases, we see a resurgence of cases as people relax on their safety precautions and new variants of the virus emerge. At



USD 398 Schools, we do not want to "jump the gun" on relaxing procedures that will set us back. So, careful consideration will occur concerning our student and staff's safety as we finish out the 2020-21 school year.



## Preschool Enrollment for next year

Our district is extremely fortunate to offer preschool for 3 and 4 year old children residing in our school district. Our preschool sessions run **Tuesday through Friday** in conjunction with our school year. We offer two sessions of preschool. The morning session will be from 7:55 AM - 10:55 AM. The afternoon session will be held 12:25 PM- 3:25 PM.

In order to attend preschool, your child must be 3 yrs. old by August 31, 2021. It is our intent that every four year old who lives in our school district be given the opportunity to attend preschool. However, due to the popularity of the program, three year old students will also be allowed to attend as slots become available.

If your child is currently attending our preschool, just call the grade school and let us know that you plan on continuing in the fall. If your child has not yet attended the preschool, please call the school at 620-983-2188 to receive an application.

According to the guidelines mandated to us, we must make sure that all 4 year old students who qualify are identified and accepted. We are hopeful that all 4 year olds & 3 year olds in the district who apply will be able to attend, but we will make the final decision about who is accepted and whether your child will be attending the morning or afternoon session after our enrollment dates in early August.

Preschool is not mandatory. However, we ask that if a child is enrolled in the fall to attend preschool, that the parents make every effort to ensure his/her attendance daily. This is important so that a 'slot' is not taken when it could have been used for another child. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide this additional educational experience to the younger members of our district. If anyone would like more information, or has any questions or concerns, or if you know of a student who will be eligible for preschool, please call the school.

# Kindergarten

Since we have a lot of our Kindergarten students coming out of the USD 398 Pre-School Program, we do not have a "Kindergarten Roundup" in the Spring. Instead, we simply ask parents of kindergarten students not in our pre-school to contact Juanita at the PBES elementary office for information and to have their prospective student's name placed on the 2021-22 Kindergarten list.

Any pre-assessment prior to kindergarten will be set up during enrollment in August. Current numbers indicate about 17 kindergarten students for the 2021-22 school year. So as you can see, it is important for parents to sign up so we can make preparations for the enrollment of the class of 2034.

So call now if you have a kindergarten student next year. -Thank you.



## Activities Corner

Welcome everybody to the April/May 2021 edition to the activities corner. It has been a tremendous year for WARRIOR NATION, and with spring activities still going, we know there are still tremendous things to come. I want to thank everybody for their support to all of our programs throughout the year. All our students involved in any activity are really grateful for everything that their community does to support them. I am extremely lucky to be in a district that cares so much for their students and programs. I know you do not get thanked enough, but the administrative team is grateful for everything that you as a community does. To the senior class of 2021, THANK YOU for four years of hard work and dedication to Peabody- Burns. We all know that each of your high school careers ended in a blink of an eye but as you look back on the past four years I hope each of you know how proud of you we are. Throughout the Newsletter you will find articles from the coaches and sponsors on what's happening with their programs.

## SPRING SPORT SCHEDULES

### PBMS TRACK 2021

APR 8 @ REMINGTON	4PM
APR 15 @ CENTRE	10AM
APR 22 @ GOESSEL	4PM
APR 29 @ PEABODY-BURNS	4PM
MAY 11 @ GOESSEL (WSL)	11AM

### PBHS TRACK 2021

APR 6 @ HILLSBORO	4:30PM
APR 9 @ MARION	4:00PM
APR 13 @ FAIRFIELD	4:00PM
APR 20 @ FAIRFIELD	4:30PM
APR 27 @ BURRTON	4:30PM
APR 30 @ HILLSBORO	2:30PM
MAY 6 @ HERINGTON	4:00PM
MAY 13 @ HERINGTON	4:00PM
MAY 21-22 @ REGIONALS	TBA
MAY 28-29 @ STATE	TBA

### PBHS-BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

MAR 30-4:00PM @ HAVEN
<b>APR 6-4:00PM @ HILLSBORO</b>
<b>APR 9-4:00PM @ HILLSBORO</b>
APR 13-3:00PM @ REMINGTON
APR 16-4:00PM @ LARNED
<b>APR 20-4:00PM @ HILLSBORO</b>
<b>Apr 22-4:00pm @ HILLSBORO-JV</b>
APR 23-4:00PM @ NICKERSON
<b>APR 30- 4:00PM @ HILLSBORO</b>
MAY 7-4:00PM @ PRATT
<b>MAY 11-4:00PM @ HILLSBORO</b>
MAY 17-20-TBD-REGIONALS
MAY 27-28-TBD-STATE



## Congratulations to the 2021-22 cheer squad!!

Senior:	Talyn Stahlheber
Junior:	Lexi Davis
Sophomore:	Ryleigh Hunsucker
	Ariana Wilson
Freshman:	Maddy Blythe
	Angelina Fistler
	Courtney Wyss





# Counselor's Corner

Peabody-Burns Jr./Sr. High School

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[hvivone@usd398.com](mailto:hvivone@usd398.com)  
Phone:  
620-983-2196

## APRIL-JULY ACT DATES:

April 17<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and  
July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Registration Deadline for  
the April 17th test: March  
12th. Deadline for June  
12<sup>th</sup>: May 7<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for  
July 17<sup>th</sup>: June 18<sup>th</sup>.

To register, please visit:  
[www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or you can  
contact Ms. Vivone.

Study material can be  
found on [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

## CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:

Thoughtful

"showing consideration for  
the needs of other people"

[www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/)

## Important Dates to Remember

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Good Friday- NO SCHOOL  
Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: Professional Development- NO SCHOOL  
Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL  
Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Baccalaureate- 10:45am**  
Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Graduation- 4pm Brown Gym**  
**Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: Last day of School!**

## Seniors: Graduation

This year, Peabody-Burns will be holding Graduation on  
Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 4:00pm at PBHS in the Gym. This  
year's graduating class include the following students:

Gage Branson	Daniel Hammann
Hadlye Clark	Kaete Johnson
Gavin Davis	Brenton Lett
Morgan Dubois	Donald Montigny
Mackenzie Eden	Sarah Spencer
Madyson Foth	Jasper Talkington

Congratulations! We are so proud of all your hard work! Good  
luck in all your future endeavors!

## Senior Recognitions

Congratulations to Mackenzie Eden for receiving one of 30, four  
year full-ride scholarships from the Rudd Foundation.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Eden and Kaete Johnson for  
being recognized as a Kansas Honor Scholar from the KU  
Alumni Association.

Congratulations to Hadlye Clark for being signed to Cheer at  
Tabor College.

Congratulations to Madyson Foth for making Cheer at  
Hutchinson Community College.

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

## PCF continues to “Haul the Good Life”



Peabody Community Foundation is grateful to the 48 businesses that supported us for Pancake Day even though it's been postponed! Please look for posters around town and visit [Facebook.com/PeabodyCommunityFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/PeabodyCommunityFoundation) for the names of business supporters and thank them for supporting our community!

Our PCF Community Relief Fund is still open to granting to charities as they meet local needs in response to the pandemic and February's severe cold weather. We have granted out \$7,656 over the past year and the remaining balance of this pass-through fund is low.

If you're able to contribute, please do so by mailing a check to PCF, PO Box 18, Peabody, KS 66866, or by donating online at <http://bit.ly/donate-peabodycf>. These Community Relief Fund grants are separate from our annual grant cycle in which we awarded \$9,000 in February to ten local charitable causes. Our community Endowment and the Kansas Health Foundation Endowment source the funds for the annual grant cycle.

Our Board of Directors welcomes new member Korie Hatton to the table. Longtime board member NM Patton has finished his term on the board and will be missed!

If you'd like more information about how you can join the efforts of PCF to “Haul the Good Life”, please contact Becky Nickel, PCF Director, [admin@peabodycommunityfoundation.org](mailto:admin@peabodycommunityfoundation.org) or 620-951-4022. PCF is an affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

The fourth annual Peabody Fall Festival will take place on Saturday October 2, 2021 from 9:00am-2:00pm in historic downtown Peabody, KS.

Over the years we offered a wide variety of vendors including homemade crafts, flea market, live music, kids activities and food. Last year we faced many challenges but had a great time with family & friends. We hope this year will be back to normal.

We are encouraging those interested in organizing an activity to respond to this correspondence including your idea. If businesses, organizations or individuals need suggestions, our committee would be glad to give you some ideas for your participation. The more people involved in the Fall Festival, the more fun we will have.

[peabodyfallfestival66866@gmail.com](mailto:peabodyfallfestival66866@gmail.com)

Committee Contact People:  
Ginger Whitney (316-772-1338)  
Myrna Wood  
Sharon Oursler  
Pandea Smith  
Rachel Gfeller



# Annual Driver Education Information

It's that time of year again when incoming freshmen and those high school students who have not taken Driver Ed. anxiously await the beginning of Driver Ed. classes. Sign-Up sheets are located in the school office. Enrollment fees are \$205 for those **students** residing in USD 398 during the 2019-2020 school year. Non-District students wanting to take drivers education will be charged \$305. Classes will be held from 8 to 10 am each day **on June 1-4, 7-11, & 14, 2021**. These classroom dates will be the only time classroom instruction is given. Students will need to be in attendance each day with no absences or they will have to take driver education next year. Current laws are as follows;

**Instruction permit.** The law requires the adult who has a valid driver's license and is accompanying the holder of an instruction permit to be at least 21 years old. An instruction permit can be suspended or revoked like any other driver's license. The minimum age for application would continue to be 14.

**Farm permit.** A farm permit is available from age 14 until age 17. The law continues to allow farm permit holders to drive in connection with any farm work and to drive to and from school. It allows permit holders who are 16 or older also to drive at any time from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and while going to or from authorized school activities.

**Restricted license.** An applicant for a restricted license must have held an instruction permit for at least one year instead of the current six months. **If the applicant is younger than 16, the applicant must have completed driver's education.** The law requires that a 16-year-old applicant is to have completed at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, with 10 of those hours at night; a 15-year-old applicant would continue to be subject to a requirement for 25 hours of adult-supervised driving. Licensed drivers who are 16 or older also to drive at any time from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and while going to or from authorized school activities.



**Restrictions on non-sibling passengers.** The law bans non-sibling minor passengers if the holder of the restricted license or farm permit is younger than 16. It allows the holder of a farm permit or a restricted license who is at least 16 years old to have one passenger younger than 18 who is not a member of the permit holder's or licensee's immediate family.

**Restrictions on use of wireless devices.** The law bans those with instruction permits, farm permits, or restricted licenses from operating wireless communication devices while driving except to report illegal activity or to summon emergency help. The law defines "wireless communication device" as "any wireless electronic communication device that provides for voice or data communication between two or more parties."

**Full licensure.** Under the law, a first-time applicant has to be at least 17 years old (previous law allowed full licensure at 16). The applicant for a full license who is younger than 18 must have completed at least 50 hours of supervised driving, with 10 of those hours at night, as in current law.

**Penalties.** The penalties for violations of driving restrictions:

1. Suspension of a farm permit or restricted license for any violation of restrictions or if the holder has two or more accidents chargeable to the holder.
2. Suspended restricted licenses' or farm permits can not be reinstated for one year if two or more accidents are charged to the holder.
3. The holder who is younger than 16 and convicted of two moving violations committed on separate occasions is not eligible to receive an unrestricted license until age 17. Also, if the holder of a farm permit or restricted license is 16 and convicted of two or more moving violations committed on separate occasions, the holder may not receive a driver's license that is not restricted until age 18.
4. There is also an added required suspension of driving privileges for those guilty of violating permit or license restrictions: 30 days for a first conviction, 90 days for a second conviction, and one year for a third or subsequent conviction.



**Changes . . . . .** There will be several less familiar faces in the district next year with the retirement of Mrs. Kathy Preheim, Curriculum & Assessment Director and assistant to the Principal at PBES, Mrs. Ann Leppke, Science teacher at PBHS, Pam Carter, PBES Libray Aide, and Mr. Ron Traxson, Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

***Mrs. Preheim...***

I grew up on a farm near Moundridge and attended school there. After graduation, I attended Bethel College, pursuing a degree in elementary education and early childhood special education. I played volleyball and threw javelin, discus, and shotput at college. I also met my husband, Randy, at college. He is a farmer/rancher and wanted to continue to work on the family farm. We married after graduation in 1989 and moved to Peabody where I began teaching 5th grade. We started a family, and our children attended Peabody-Burns schools until graduation. In 2004 I received my masters degree in curriculum and instruction at Wichita State University. Years later I was part of the Kansas Teacher Leader pilot and received my endorsement. I served as curriculum director and 5th grade teacher for many years and then completed my time at USD 398 in the role of curriculum director and assessment coordinator. I was blessed to work with great teachers at PBES as we worked on accreditation since the early 90's. Most recently working with our students and staff on redesigning PBES to help our students become successful has been rejuvenating.



I have many fond memories of the time spent with the students and staff at PBES. During my first year of teaching, two students showed up on my doorstep eager to show their brand new bikes and clothes. The district sent me to training at the Kansas Cosmospere and Space Center along with Johnson Space Center in Houston and the Jason Project in Washington D.C.. I brought back lots of ideas for teaching about space and forces of motion, along with learning about earth forces and extreme environments. We made rockets and blasted them off from the playground yearly. Conducting water quality testing and learning about trees and macroinvertebrates at the Marion County Reservoir spillway was very memorable as well. Most recently sharing my love of space with the students as Nick Hague traveled into space was exciting. The students at PBES will always hold a special place in my heart. Lots of memories were made with the staff. We enjoyed learning together, eating together, and playing together. We have enjoyed some practical jokes and even jumping out to scare each other.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at PBES. It was a difficult decision to retire after 32 years. In retirement I plan to spend time with my husband and family. I have taken up painting and plan to volunteer at different agencies once I have rested. I would like to thank the community for sharing their children with me these past 32 years. I have made many great friends here and love them and our students. I hope that the students of PBES continue to find their passion, feel a sense of belonging, show empathy towards each other, and work towards a solid foundation of academic skills as they continue being educated at PBES.



***Mrs. Leppke...***

I grew up in Rossville, Kansas, graduated in 1980. Went to college in Winfield, Ks at Southwestern College where I received a degree in International Business (because my favorite, most respected teachers told me, "you don't want to be a teacher). Took Human A and P as an elective that final semester and knew I had made a mistake. Went ahead and graduated and worked for Petroleum Management Inc., in Wichita before returning to SC to get my degree in Secondary Education.

My address may be Marion, but my home is Peabody. Regardless of what the rest of this county thinks of Peabody, the people are fabulous. The support from the community is incredible. I've also had the chance to work with some fairly fabulous people.

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When asked about memorable events over the years, Hmmmmmm..... prom decorating?? Concession stands?? Oh.....late one night coming back from picking up supplies, we (Julie and I) had the cart loaded down and coming through the door and we hit a bump, the cart stopped, the gallon of Italian dressing on the cart did not, it flew off, lid popped off and there was salad dressing splattered from the front door to the office door.....it isn't the easiest thing to clean up! There was also a little prank that Marc Temanson and I played on Mr. O'Neal. Matt Kangas pretending he got cut while dissecting.....he squirted cherry icee flavoring on his hand.....looked pretty real. That same group of kids that were in Bio with Matt,....put M and M's in their cat's stomach and had me questioning what in the world it was.....the coloring had dissolved off and it was just the little round brown pieces of chocolate left that were slightly discolored from the preservative. Also took that same class on a trip to the Omaha Zoo.....one of the best days ever! There are probably a million more. Something everyday, makes you smile.....and makes you shake your head. The kids remember so much more than I do. When I see former students I inevitably hear "remember that one time....."

The days when the thermometer in my upstairs classroom in the old building was well over 100, and I was in a dress and hose and high heels.....And asking my principal, Don Hague, if I bought the air conditioner and put it in, would that be ok.....he laughed at me.....now mind you, at the time I was sitting in his air conditioned office. Things that make you go 'hmmmm'.

Some other things.....when I started in Peabody, there was a designated smoking area for students, and teachers could smoke in the teachers lounge.

Retirement plans.....spend more time with my granddaughter Audrey, drive my kids crazy, travel, actually have time for projects.....painting, quilting, stained glass. Gee, I might even be able to read a book!

Thanks Peabody and USD #398 for all the years!



### ***Mrs. Carter....***

I grew up in Peabody, graduating from Peabody High School. I worked at Axtell Christian Hospital for 15 years. After having our daughter in 1987, I became a stay at home mom until 1997 when I started here at Peabody-Burns Elementary as library aide.

I've enjoyed working with the students and staff so it was easy to stay and see what each new year would bring. My job description has changed as the years have gone by which kept things fresh and interesting and sometimes very challenging.

There are so many memories of events through the years. My very first day I couldn't find the switches to turn the library lights on. I wasn't sure that boded very well for me. I received 45 minutes of training and was then on my own. The first time the library was reconfigured, I had to take all of the books off the shelves and they were stacked on the tables and counters in the art room. Then, they had to be re-shelved after the move. A few years ago we had to do this process again to create our maker space. Often students would draw a picture or write a note to give to me or they would stop by to chat and I always enjoyed that.



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I don't have any special plans for retirement but I enjoy scrapbooking and need to get busy with that. I am going to enjoy sleeping a little later each day. I will miss the students and staff very much. There were lots of fun times. I thank all my co-workers for helping me along this journey.

### **Mr. Traxson...**

I grew up on a farm in Labette County in Southeast Kansas and attended Labette County High School in Altamont. After graduation, I attended Coffeyville Junior College and then Kansas State University. At K-State I received my Bachelors degree in secondary education; social studies. I met my wife, Patty, while at college where she received her degree in Family and Child Development. We married after graduation in 1981 and moved to Glasco where I began teaching 7-12 social studies and was head coach 8 Man football, head boys basketball, and head boys/girls track. We were here for seven years, and started our family with our two boys being born at this time. In 1988 I would receive my Masters degree in Ed Administration. That year I took my first administrative job in Bazine. While here I continued to coach football while serving the 7-12 principal's/A.D. After three years I took the 7-12 principal's/A.D. job in Cheney. Here our daughter was born and I served the district for 21 years while raising our family.



Over my career I have a lot of memorable times. The kids I coached, taught, and served as administrator for. The student handshakes at graduation, prom every year, as well as all the school activities. It is important to also mention all the truly outstanding educators I've had the pleasure to work with at Glasco, Bazine, Cheney & Peabody-Burns. Other memories include personal satisfaction such as serving as a charter officer in creating the 8 Man Football All-Star Game that is still being held yearly in Beloit, serving the KSHSAA Board of Directors, the Executive Board, and as President, serving in numerous administration organizational capacities through the years, collecting a vast number of friendships with administrators throughout the state, and 40 years of working for the benefit of my students.

In my 9 years at USD 398 I have many fond memories to close the final chapter on my 40 years in education. I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve USD 398 and live in Peabody for this final chapter in my career. I have often been asked by candidates inquiring for a job opportunity, "what's the best thing about the school district"? My answer has always been the same; the students and the staff! One of the most proud aspects while here has been the initiation of the district's re-design. This progressive move in education for the district was on track to bigger and better things until COVID-19 protocols changed all that last March. Even though it has had its progress slowed, I look forward to the district's growth next year when the opportunity allows administration and teachers to resume the re-design efforts to serve kids.

As far as for retirement, I am looking forward to a slower pace that spends more time with family and grandkids, *(all 6 grandkids have joined the family since I began my role as superintendent here)*. With my wife and I, our children, and our children's spouses all being K-State alumni, there will be a lot of activities to attend with our Wildcat friends. Patty and I will remain in Peabody and stay active in the community as we move toward doing things together that we have looked forward to, which involves family and travel.

Thanks to everyone! I have worn a lot of school colors with pride over the past 47 years. Each educational institution, whether attending or working for, has a place in my heart. I consider myself fortunate to have spent all these years associated with education. USD 398 is a great place to end this journey. For a little nostalgia, here are the mascots of the educational institutions I have been associated with since entering high school;



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## Peabody-Burns' Bobby Kyle – Salina Regional Orthopedic Clinic Coach of the Month



*By Matt Browning*

Bobby Kyle, who is the head boys basketball coach of Peabody-Burns, was chosen as the Salina Regional Hospital Coach of the Month for March. The Warriors are one of the top teams in the Salina area this season.

Last year, Peabody-Burns won just five games, so the turnaround this year has been dramatic.

"Going into this season, I felt like we had a good chance of having success," Kyle said. "We had high expectations for our team. We are looking to improve every year and the kids are showing that they want to improve and meet those high expectations themselves."

Kyle said the Warriors have been locked in since the first day of practice, listening and believing in what the coaching staff has said.

"The key to the success of my team is kids buying in on what we are teaching them and trying to do everything they can to improve every day at practice," Kyle said.

Kyle, who has been the head coach of Peabody-Burns for four years, has preached defense to the Warriors and letting offense come from that.

"I firmly believe you have success if you play good defense and rebound and take care of the ball," Kyle said. "Your offense comes from your defense."

### USD 398 Calendar Corrections/Additions/Reminders

<b>Apr. 1</b>	<b>2nd night of Parent –Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>Apr. 7</b>	WSL Art Show— <b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Apr. 12</b>	<b>No School</b> —Teacher In-Service
<b>Apr. 14</b>	KSHSAA Large Group Music— <b>Virtual</b>
<b>Apr. 29</b>	MS Track Meet @ <b>Peabody</b>
<b>May 7</b>	Band Day @ McPherson <b>Cancelled</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Jr-Sr Prom</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>PBES Spring Vocal Program</b> at the Brown Gym at 7 pm
<b>May 20</b>	<b>PBES Field Day</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>PBHS Baccalaureate &amp; Graduation Commencement</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>8th Grade Promotion</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>PBES Butler Picnic</b>



# USD #398 Calendar

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Week 14 Easter	29	30	31	<b>1</b> Parent-Teacher Conferences - 5:00-8:30 pm  <b>4:50 PM</b> JV Baseball vs Nickerson @ Hillsboro JV Softball @ Lyons	<b>2</b> No School - Good Friday	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Week 15 Easter	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> MS Scholars' Bowl (virtual)  <b>4:00 PM</b> HS SB/BB vs Smoky Valley (Hillsboro) HS Track @ Hillsboro	<b>7</b> FFF- AG Mechanics CDE HS WSL Art Show (virtual)	<b>8</b> HS WSL Forensics @ Canton-Galva  <b>4:50 PM</b> MS Track @ Remington JV Softball @ Remington	<b>9</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> HS SB/BB vs Halstead (Hillsboro) HS Track @ Marion	<b>10</b> KSHSAA Reg. Solos-Sm. Ensembles (virtual)
<b>11</b> Week 16	<b>12</b> NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day	<b>13</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> HS SB/BB @ Remington HS  <b>4:00 PM</b> HS Track @ Fairfield	<b>14</b> KSHSAA Large Group Music (virtual)  <b>6:00 PM</b> Board Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> MS Track @ Centre MS	<b>16</b> FFA- Livestock Judging  <b>4:00 PM</b> HS SB/BB @ Larned	<b>17</b> KSHSAA Reg. Speech/Drama Warrior Sol Opens
<b>18</b> Week 17	<b>19</b> FFA- District Banquet (Virtual)  <b>9:00 AM</b> FFA- PBES Petting Zoo	<b>20</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> HS SB/BB vs. Holsington (Hillsboro)  <b>4:30 PM</b> HS Track @ Fairfield HS	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>4:50 PM</b> MS Track @ Goessel JV Softball @ Marion JV Baseball vs Nickerson @ Hillsboro	<b>23</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> HS SB/BB @ Nickerson	<b>24</b> KSHSAA State Solos-Sm. Ensembles
<b>25</b> Week 18	<b>26</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>27</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> HS Track @ Burrton	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>4:50 PM</b> MS Track @ Peabody	<b>30</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> HS Track Hillsboro  <b>4:00 PM</b> HS SB/BB vs Lyons (Hillsboro)	<b>1</b>

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2 Week 19	3	4 6:00 PM PBMSHS Band BBQ	5 6:00 PM PBHS- NHS Induction & All Sports Awards Night	6 4:00 PM HS Track @ Herington	7 4:00 PM HS SB/BB @ Pratt	8 6:00 PM PBHS- PROM
9 Week 20 Mother's Day	10 7:00 PM HS/HS Spring Vocal Concert	11 11:00 AM MS WSL Track @ Goessel 4:00 PM HS SB/BB vs Hesston (Hillsboro)	12 6:00 PM Board Meeting	13 4:00 PM HS Track @ Herington	14	15
16 Week 21	17 KSHSAA SB/BB Regionals 7:00 PM PBES Spring Vocal Concert	18 KSHSAA SB/BB Regionals	19 KSHSAA SB/BB Regionals	20 KSHSAA SB/BB Regionals 9:00 AM PBES Field Day	21 KSHSAA SB/BB Regionals KSHSAA Regional Track & Field	22
23 Week 22 10:00 AM PBHS Barcalaureate 4:00 PM PBHS Graduation Commencement	24	25 7:00 PM 8th Grade Promotion	26 End of 2nd Semester 11:30 AM PBES Butler Picnic	27 No School - Staff Work Day KSHSAA State SB/BB	28 KSHSAA State SB/BB KSHSAA State Track & Field - WSU	29 KSHSAA State SB/BB KSHSAA State Track & Field - WSU
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# U.S.D. 398

## Peabody-Burns

### 2021-22



Class in Session



End of 9 Weeks

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# PBMHS - Principal Corner



## Principal Notes:

Wow, are to believe that have started our 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks. As we reflect back over the past year, while at times it may have seemed difficult, we together as a community have provided and maintained an environment that is student centered...doing what is best for kids. While we still have nine weeks left to close out the year, we are reminded that we must maintain the same procedures that have enabled us to navigate this year successfully. The spring will go fast and May 26<sup>th</sup> will be upon us before we know it. Please keep checking our webpage and Facebook pages for upcoming events and for any updates that may come up.

Pray for health and safety for all.  
Scott Kimble – Principal PBMHS

## Baccalaureate & Graduation

**Baccalaureate will be held in the PBMHS New Gym**

Date: Sunday, May 23, 2021

Time: 10:45 a.m.

**Graduation will be held in the PBMHS New Gym**

Date: Sunday, May 23, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m.

There will **NOT** be a limit for the number of guest for each student at either Baccalaureate or Graduation.

**MASK WILL BE REQUIRED**

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**ALL USD 398 COVID PRODCEDURES in PLACE**

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Finals  
May 20<sup>th</sup> Seniors Last Day  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Graduation Practice 9 a.m.  
May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Finals  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 7p.m.  
May 24<sup>th</sup>–May 26<sup>th</sup> Finals 6,7,9,10,11  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Day  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Dinner

## 2021 SUMMER DRIVERS EDUCATION

Dates: June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>

Classroom Times: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Driving Session Times:

10:00 a.m. to 12:00pm 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$205.00 For USD 398 students

\$305.00 for NON-USD 398 students

**Must BE 14 By June 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for summer driver's education**

For more information contact Mr. Brian Simmonds @ (620)983-2196



## WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



3/1 – 3/5

Jager Lewis & Tyler Schmidt

3/8 – 3/12

McKayla Hauck & Aemy Zamora

3/22 – 3/26

Mackenzie Eden & Jessie Talkington

## PEABODY – BURNS FIRST RUDD SCHOLAR



**CONGRATULATIONS  
MACKENZIE EDEN!!!**

**#warriorproud**



## FFA NEWS

FFA has wrapped up much of our busy season, completing FFA Week activities as well as our end-of-the year Banquet this past week. Thank you to all of the community members who came out to support us over the last few weeks!

At our Banquet, we awarded members for their achievements in and out of the Ag classroom. We also inducted our 2021-2022 Officer Team. Below is a summary of the night:

Star in Discovery: Colin Groff

Star Greenhand: Alex Young

Star Farmer: Tanner Parks

MS Blue and Gold Award: Cade Gossen

HS Blue and Gold Award: Kwenton Harms

Advisor's Award: Dalton Philpott



### 2021-2022 Officer Team:

President: Tanner Parks

Vice President: Caleb Laney

Secretary: Cade Gossen

Treasurer: Skylre Stucky

Reporter: Kalea Craig

Sentinel: Weston Gaines

Parliamentarian: Alex Young

Historian: Natalie Fowler

From now until the end of the year, we still have a few events coming up. Members will be competing in Food Science, Ag Mechanics, and Livestock Judging over the next few weeks. In addition, officers have an elementary petting zoo and teacher appreciation event planned. We are glad that we have been able to remain active in our school and community this year, and look forward to what is in store over these last few weeks! Be sure to check out our Facebook page to see what we are up to throughout the year and into the summer!





# Pre-School Peabody-Burns 2021-22

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## PBES APRIL & MAY EVENTS

### April Adventures

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent Teacher Conference 4:00pm – 8:00pm  
by Phone or Google Meet

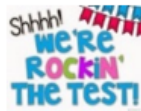
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – NO SCHOOL Good Friday

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday



April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> – Math State Assessments 5<sup>th</sup> grade

April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – ELA State Assessments 4<sup>th</sup> grade



April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Science State Assessments 5<sup>th</sup> grade

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 6:00 pm



April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Math State Assessments 4<sup>th</sup> grade / ELA 5<sup>th</sup> grade

April 12<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL / Staff Development

April 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – State Assessments Math & ELA 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day



April 26<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports Go Home



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May 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day / May Baskets



May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Band BBQ 6:00pm @ Brown Gym with  
5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Band Concert

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Happy Mother's Day!!



May 12<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 6:00 pm



May 14<sup>th</sup> – 4 yr. old Pre-K Field Trip to the Sedgwick County Zoo



3 yr. old Pre-K will have a day at home ☺

**Last day to take AR test**



May 17<sup>th</sup> – Spring Music Program @ 7:00 pm @ Brown Gym

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Field Day



May 21<sup>th</sup> – **All Library Books and cards turned in by 3:20**

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day to spend AR Points

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School  
Annual Butler Picnic



May 27<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Work Day

**Picnic**

Grades available online and will be mailed out later

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Memorial Day Dinner @ PBHS

## PBES SPRING CONCERT

Come join our elementary students for “A Night at the Movies” on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.! Our students are preparing an exciting program full of singing, dancing, bucket drumming, and many songs from movies we know and love. There will be limited seating due to Covid-19. More information will be sent out about this closer to the concert date.







Gage Ryan Branson



Hadley Shay Clark



Gavin Matthew Davis



Morgan Dubois



Mackenzie Eden



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Daniel Karl Hammann



Kaete Abigail Johnson

# PEABODY-BURNS CLASS OF 2021



Brenton Lett



Donald Montigny



Sarah Anne Spencer



Jasper Jess Talkington



## Travis Schafer Named Principal at PBES for 2021-22

Travis Schafer will be taking the helm of PBES as building principal for the 2021-22 academic year. This comes with the retirements of Mr. Traxson as principal and Mrs. Preheim as Curriculum and Assessment Director and PBES assistant.

Mr. Schafer is not new to the district. He has been a PBES classroom teacher for the past seven years, and he has been in education for 13 years.

A native of the area, Mr. Schafer graduated from Canton-Galva High School in 2004. He is married, and his wife Nicky is a kindergarten teacher in the Buhler School District.

Mr. Schafer said he is excited to take on this new role in the district, and he said he hopes parents can see the drive and passion he has for the job.

"I have a deep commitment and love for these students, this school district, and community," he said. "The students and staff of this amazing district deserve the nothing but the best educational experience possible, and my goal is to continue to provide a quality learning environment for our students. The people of the Peabody-Burns community go unmatched and are, quite simply, the reason I returned here to teach. This is home."



## ANNUAL SOPHOMORE CLASS MEMORIAL DAY DINNER

MONDAY, MAY 31ST

FROM 11:00-1:00

\$12: 11 & UP

\$8: 5 TO 10

4 & UNDER FREE

MENU: BRISKET & HAM, SALAD, POTATO CASSEROLE,  
GREEN BEANS, CORN, ROLLS AND DESSERT.

THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!!



Attention Sophomore  
Parents / Guardians:

The Annual Sophomore  
Class Memorial Day  
Dinner is coming up on  
May 31, 2021, the  
students and class  
sponsors need your help.

There will be a required  
meeting on Monday,  
April 12th at 6:00 pm for  
parents and students in  
the high school cafeteria.

We look forward to  
seeing and working with  
you soon.

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