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STRENGTHENING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

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Excelsior Springs Tiger Pride Marching Band thrives with community support

The pride that surrounds the Excelsior Springs Tiger Pride Marching Band is evidenced by the huge number of community members that support them at each halftime show. There is an energy in the air this year that is infectious - the drum major, section leaders, and band members have a certain "Swagger" about them that truly makes it the "Greatest Show".

Every one of the 78 members help make it that way. Speaking of members, the band continues to grow each year. It isn't a stretch to see a day where 100 members could be just around the corner, and through hard work, dedication, and support at all levels, from the 6th grade recruitment process all the way to senior graduation, confidence exists that the band can achieve this goal.

But the Excelsior Springs Band wouldn't be even close without supportive parents and our community. That's because the band program in Excelsior Springs has a strong connection to the people of the community. The students feel it

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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

October 23: 4-7 pm • October 24: 1-7 pm

Half Day October 24 / No School October 25



Superintendent Spotlight



Dr. Dan Hoehn

Dear Excelsior Springs School District Parents and Community Members,

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year is almost complete. This period is always a busy time as staff and students are learning about each other, routines and expectations are being established, and the number of daylight hours are reduced. I hope that you have had an opportunity to participate in an open-house or activity with your child's attendance center.

Although there is much ahead, I'm impressed by the progress of students since the first day of school. Going forward, staff and students will work to make substantial academic gains before the end of the school year. I enjoy seeing and hearing about the challenging, innovative, and engaging curriculum that teachers are offering their students. It is rewarding to see children have exciting moments as

they master a new concept or skill. As you know, our school district has a proud history of excellence and community spirit, and it is this pride that will allow us to reach new heights for our students. And, we are always looking to improve in every aspect. During the past school year the staff worked very hard in developing multiple plans that will create and support a vision of the future and have identified goals and strategies necessary to move our district forward to meet the challenges of the 21st century. I also would like to inform our community that the 2019-2020 school calendar once again reflects an excellent plan for academic and activity success.

Lastly, the single most important indicator of student success is regular attendance. Consistent daily attendance should be a goal for your child/student each school year. If a student is absent only two times per month, this would add up to 18 absences

over the course of a school year. We are currently contacting families of students that have already missed more than 6 days this year to develop a line of communication between the school and home.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of our schools as we progress through another exciting and memorable school year here at the Excelsior Springs School District. Best wishes to all of our Tiger families for an enjoyable and successful 2019-2020 school year. Go Tigers!!

*Sincerely,
Dr. Dan Hoehn – Superintendent*



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every time they take the stage or step onto a football field. It's the unbelievable support which helps push the band to greater heights every single year. That includes expanding high school band courses and working to add new instrumentation opportunities at the middle school. It is often said, the goal is to not simply develop great musicians, but to develop great people!

The band volunteers go above and beyond this support by being proud members of a booster association which has raised over \$10,000.00 in the last year! The "Excelsior Springs Band Booster Association" continues to grow under great parent leadership and they encourage all band parents, middle and high school alike, to be a part of this great program.

5th grade Parents & Teachers: In February, your students will see the band directors in their music classrooms as they begin recruiting for 6th grade band. They'll have the opportunity to play several instruments and get a sneak peek at what their band experience will be like. There are 143 middle school band students and the band family can't wait for the great things that lie ahead.



After the 2019 Homecoming game, the ESHS Football team and the stadium crowd remained in the stands for the annual marching band performance. #TigerPride

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Growth Mindset



Parents As Teachers: A Valuable Resource for Community Families

Parents as Teachers is a nationwide program that develops curricula that supports a parent's role in promoting school readiness and healthy development of children. The Vision is that all children will develop, learn and grow to realize their full potential. The Mission is to promote the optimal early development, learning and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers. The approach is intimate and relationship-based. PAT educators embrace learning experiences that are relevant and customized for the individual needs of each family and child. As a result, they are able to understand the evolving needs of today's families and children.

The Parents as Teachers program in the Excelsior Springs School District serves patrons by providing home visits, developmental screenings, and group connections through weekly playgroups for children ages birth to five. Our PAT educator in the district is Mrs. Kathy Emery, who has served in this position for the last 18 years.

The most important part of Mrs. Emery's job is to connect with families by going into homes to collaborate with families in the developmental growth of the child. The PAT curriculum focuses on four domains: The child's language, intellect, social-emotional skills,

and motor abilities. The curriculum also enables the parent educator to foster the development of parents, so that they can nurture the social-emotional development of their child. This is done through rapport building between the PAT educator and family, observation of the child's development, discussion points based on the observation, parent child activities linked to discussion points, and a concluding summary with follow-up activities.

Another key aspect of Mrs. Emery's position is the developmental and health screening component. The Screening section of each curriculum gives the parent educator guidance in choosing what activities to focus on for each child during home visits and playgroups. This screening tool is also utilized in the placement of a child in the district's Early Childhood Education program, which is available once a child turns three years of age.

Group meetings, or playgroups, are another component of the Parents as Teachers model. When parents meet, they learn from each other. Children are also able to interact with peers through engaging play opportunities. Parents may also receive additional resources and parent handouts on special topics or parenting issues that may be of interest to families.

Interested in learning more about the district's Parents as Teachers program? If so, please contact Mrs. Kathy Emery at 816-630-9293 or at kemery@ga.essd40.com.



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Kindergarten / Lewis



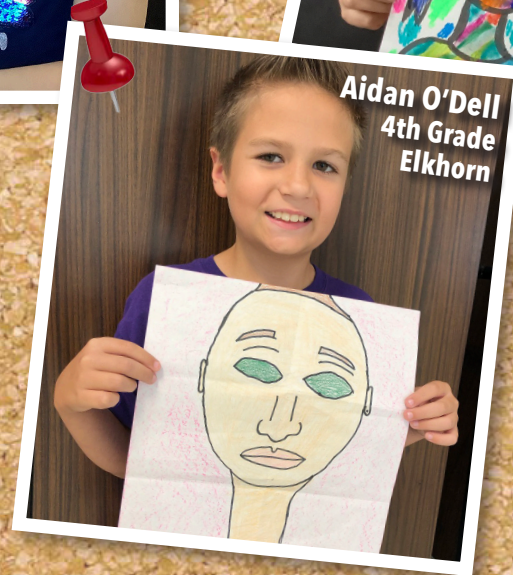
Piper Renouf
3rd Grade / Westview



Addie Lingle
4th Grade
Westview



Marques Cisneros
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4th Grade
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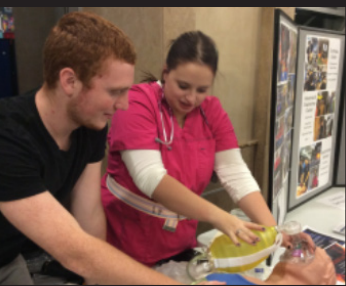
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ENRICHMENT COURSES

Personal enrichment classes appeal to a variety of interests such as Spanish, sign language, adult field trips, astronomy, computer applications, estate planning, photography, and online offerings from "ed2go". Many of the personal enrichment course offerings change from semester to semester, but some are offered regularly each semester. ESACC is always looking for new and exciting classes and love new ideas. If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact us.

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For more information or to register for classes, contact our Adult Education Coordinator **Melanie Shockley** at (816) 630-9240 ex.1 or visit: <http://excelsiorspringsadulthood.weebly.com/>

Staff Spotlight

Randy Barnes

Carpentry/Construction
 Technology Instructor
 ESACC



Years of teaching?

I have completed 22 years of teaching. Currently working on 23.

What do you do?

I teach young adults to learn a skill and a trade in carpentry. I work with students on developing and learning skills to be successful in the real world.

What is your favorite part of your job?

Working with the students on projects. I really enjoy seeing them finish a project and the pride they take in their work.

What do you do when you're not a work?

I like to work on projects around the house and work in my yard. I have recently took up golf and really enjoy it.

What is something you'd like people to know about how you are innovative in your teaching?

The Carpentry class is currently having class business meetings at the start of every other Monday. The students meet as groups as well as an entire class to discuss current or future topics and projects. We also work on how to conduct yourself in the workforce and the skills needed when in a business meeting.

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WINTER SPORTS

Cheerleading

COACH RENEE BRADSHAW

This will be my second year with Tiger Cheer as a coach. I have been involved in the program as a cheer mom for eight years. I am also an alumnus of ESHS and Tiger Cheer. We are excited for a season of learning new stunts, chants, and building relationships with our team. I am excited to see what this year will bring. #on-tigeralwaysatiger



COMPETITIVE CHEER REGIONALS

10/19/19 and 10/20/19
Staley High School

COMPETITIVE CHEER STATE

11/16/19 and 11/17/19
Lindenwood University

Tigerettes

COACH MARIE MAWBY

Just this year I joined the coaching staff at the Excelsior Springs High School as one of the Tigerette coaches. As a former Tigerette myself, I enjoy every aspect of dance. It is fulfilling to witness my first year squad turn on that special kind of performance charm, and I am humbled in knowing that I just might be helping to cultivate a little bit of that. As their coach, I'm not here to just supervise and instruct. I aim to help these young dancers learn more about leadership, values, commitment, teamwork, and fun! My goal is to nudge them towards being creative and to always set their bar high. The teaching moments in this coaching opportunity are also motivation for me in my adult life to not just talk about these things, but to be about them too and I'm loving every minute of it!



DANCE REGIONALS

1/25/20 and 1/26/20
Lee's Summit North High School

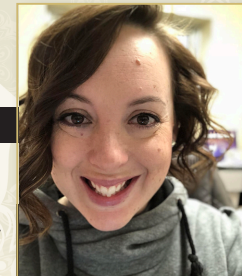
DANCE STATE

2/29/20
Hy-Vee Arena in Kansas City

Cheer/Dance

COACH LISA LAUCK

My name is Lisa Lauck and I am proud to be the Fall Cheer and Competition Head Coach and co-coach of the Tigerettes dance team. This is my 2nd year with Excelsior Springs and my 14th year coaching. My teams have successfully competed on the regional, state and national level. I am also in my 2nd year as an MSHSAA Spirit Rules Advisor. I love coaching and helping my athletes to grow in technique and character. I believe that participation in sports is an op-

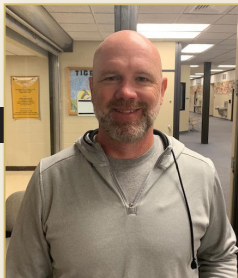


SEE CHEER AND TIGERETTE SCHEDULES

Boy's Basketball

COACH CHAD WRIGHT

Coach Chad Wright graduated from Callaway H.S. in Kingdom City, MO. After graduating from William Jewell College, where he played ball for the legendary Larry Holley, Wright spent 7 years there as assistant coach, where he won over 250 games. Before beginning his ESHS career, he coached at St. Pius X High School and William Chrisman. This is his 5th year at ESHS. Coach Wright has been married for 17 years to his wife Shawna and they have two children, Hank and Lucy.



BOYS HOME EVENTS

11/21, 12/5,
12/10, 12/20,
1/9, 1/22,
2/4, 2/5,
2/7, 2/11,
2/18, 2/24

Girl's Basketball

COACH JD BIERMANN

Coach JD Biermann is entering his 3rd season as the Head Coach of Lady Tiger Basketball. He served as an assistant coach for 3 years prior to taking over the program. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing. In 2014, he received his certification to teach Science at the middle and high school levels. He has a Master's of Education from Kaplan University and is currently pursuing a Specialist's Degree in Administration from Arkansas State.



GIRLS HOME EVENTS

11/25, 12/3,
1/23, 1/24,
2/3, 2/13,
2/25, 2/27

Wrestling

COACH RICK SCHWAB

Coach Rick Schwab has coached wrestling for 18 years. He has spent the last 12 years as a head coach. Coach Schwab is in his 6th year as the head coach of the Tiger Wrestling Program. Rick is married to Alyx Schwab and has one son named Everett.



BOYS HOME EVENTS

12/17, 1/11, 1/14,
1/28, 1/30, 2/14-2/15

GIRLS - HOME EVENTS

12/14, 12/17, 1/14,
1/28, 1/30



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