

Chillicothe R-II School District
Superintendent News Article
Mini Grants and District Accreditation Report

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Chillicothe R-II fans are continuing to enjoy the exciting sport season by all the various activities. If you have not viewed an event this fall you are missing an amazing season. It is Homecoming week, full with spirit week activities as the various buildings and a parade on Friday afternoon beginning at 2:15 followed by the varsity football game on Friday night. From Hats off to the Hornets at Field to Geek Day at GRTS to the Beach Party theme at the Middle School, Hornet spirit has is running high all week. In addition to Homecoming, we also have five students, Cheyenne McBee, Maggie McCoy, Zach Garr, Caleb Coleman, and Nathaniel Coleman qualified for All District Choir. Chillicothe R-II is indeed blessed with many talented students.

In the coming weeks the Board of Education will be considering Bond Refinance proposals. The Board is looking to refinance the current High School bond issue taking advantage of lower interest rates. The refinance issue should save taxpayers hundreds of thousand dollars over the remaining time. Currently the bond issue is set to expire in 2022.

Several teachers this week received grants provided by the Chillicothe Educational Foundation for classroom activities and support items. The grants were awarded to the teachers on Tuesday, September 20 in a surprise Prize Patrol fashion complete with balloons, noise makers, and a large check. The Prize Patrol consisting of the mini-grant committee traveled to each school presenting the great news. It was exciting to see the surprise of the teachers and student's reaction to the check being presented. Thank you Chillicothe Educational Foundation for supporting the educational efforts of the District.

The District has received final results of the Annual Performance Report (APR). The APR is the District's accreditation report that indicates the District's performance on student achievement, advanced course offerings, ACT scores, Career Education offerings and placement, Graduation Rate, and Attendance. Fourteen standards are measured in all to determine a district's accreditation. Of the fourteen standards, your fully accredited Chillicothe R-II School District met thirteen standards. This District's APR is an excellent report, a true testament of the District's students, staff, parents, and community's value of education. I greatly appreciate all of the support and encouragement you give our students each and every day.

Until next time, have a great week.

Roger Barnes