

Platte Valley Middle School
School Board Report
October 12, 2025

Celebrating Our Incredible Staff All Year Long

- Our staff morale and hospitality committee is excited to launch a series of celebrations and appreciation events to honor the dedication and hard work of our amazing staff. These efforts are designed to recognize the day-to-day impact our educators and support teams make on the lives of students and families.

We're kicking things off with a **Chili Cookoff with Cinnamon rolls** on our October 16th workday, a warm and flavorful way to bring everyone together and spark some friendly competition!

- A special shoutout to **Jason Arkulari** for his unwavering dedication to our middle school athletic program. His determination to create a more competitive league for all students demonstrates his commitment to providing meaningful and enriching opportunities for every student-athlete.

Jason's vision goes beyond competition. He strives to ensure that all students have the chance to grow, develop their skills, and experience the value of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship. His leadership and hard work are helping create an environment where student-athletes can challenge themselves, build confidence, and achieve success both on and off the field.

Thank you, Jason, for your passion, dedication, and continued efforts to make our athletic program stronger for all students. Your commitment to expanding opportunities and enhancing the student experience is truly appreciated. 🏆 🙌

- **Advising** – Web leaders presented the Bronco Way to our advising groups

Advising takes place every **Wednesday for approximately 30 minutes**, and each month features a variety of planned activities—from academic check-ins and goal setting to team-building and enrichment. It's dedicated time to foster connection, accountability, and growth.

Reward Period- Each month, students who are passing all their classes earn a special 30-minute **structured recess**. These **Reward Periods** are designed to recognize and celebrate academic achievement while also giving other students a chance to catch up on their work. We look at placing a special emphasis on **positive behavior and grades**. This is a great way to reinforce respectful conduct and encourage a supportive school environment. We're proud to offer these moments of celebration and connection, and we look forward to seeing our students continue to rise to the occasion!

➤ **School Improvement:**

Our **Data Day on September 18th** was a meaningful success, providing teachers with dedicated time to work on vertical alignment across the district and to evaluate our curriculum maps as well as starting to analyze test scores, classroom performance, projects, and other assessments. This collaborative effort allowed educators to identify classroom trends, pinpoint areas of strength, and recognize opportunities for growth in student learning.

The goal: to develop actionable strategies that raise the bar for **Every Student, Every Day**.

This work is just the beginning. We will continue the momentum with upcoming **PLC (Professional Learning Community) days**, where teams will revisit data, refine instructional practices, and explore adjustments that foster a culture of success across all classrooms. These sessions will also focus on integrating **additional resources**, like Brisk, that increase academic rigor and promote accountability for higher expectations—both now and in the future. In addition, how can we collaborate across curriculums to increase student performance across the board

Together, we're building a learning environment where every student is challenged, supported, and celebrated.

➤ **Pumpkin Patch Dance – First Middle School Dance of the Year!**

Get ready to kick off the school year with some fun! Our **Pumpkin Patch Dance**, the first middle school dance of the year, will be held on **Friday, October 9th** from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** in the **Performing Arts Center**.

Music, dancing, and good vibes, Concessions available for purchase, School dress code and eligibility requirements apply.

We're looking forward to a fantastic evening filled with energy, laughter, and great memories. Don't miss it!

➤ **Middle School WEB Leaders Hosts Movie Night**

On October 30th, the Middle School WEB leaders will host a movie night in the Performing Arts Center starting at 6:00.

➤ **Middle School Honors Breakfast – Celebrating Excellence**

We're proud to announce our upcoming **Middle School Honors Breakfast** on **Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 AM**, where we'll celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students.

This special event recognizes those who have earned a place on the **Superintendent's Honor Roll**—students who have maintained **all A's** in their classes and this year we will be adding the

Principal's Honor Roll – students maintained all A's and 1B. It's a moment to honor their hard work, dedication, and academic excellence.

We're thrilled to welcome families to join us in celebrating these incredible accomplishments. Congratulations to all our honorees—you continue to inspire us every day! More information to come.

➤ **OUTDOOR ED**

Outdoor Ed will take place once again this year from **October 21-23** for our 6th grade students. We look forward to another exciting experience as students explore wildlife, learn about local ecosystems, and gain a deeper understanding of the habitats in which animals live. This hands-on learning opportunity is always a highlight of the school year, and we are excited for another great outing.

- Our Trunk or Treat event will take place on **October 28 during the advising period**. This fun and safe event will be a great way for students to celebrate the season and wrap up the month of October together!

Attendance - Raffle

Attendance has been excellent to begin the school year, with monthly attendance rates of **96.46% in August** and **95.90% in September**. These numbers reflect the importance our students and families place on being present and ready to learn each day. We also want to recognize the **47 students who maintained perfect attendance** during this period.

As part of our efforts to promote positive student habits, we conducted our first attendance and behavior raffle of the year. Students earned entries through strong attendance, minimal tardies, avoiding folder pulls, and consistently demonstrating the **Bronco Way**. We are hopeful that these celebrations will provide additional motivation for students to attend regularly and make positive choices throughout the school year.