

From the Desk of Mr. Ford

Superintendent's Quarterly Newsletter

April 1, 2019

Students at Hamilton R-II have now started the fourth quarter and I am sure that the Class of 2019 is counting down the days. The Class of 2019 considers themselves very lucky because they will not have to make up all of the days the district missed due to weather this year. Fifteen total days were missed due to snow and ice as well as other winter conditions. The winter was definitely one for the record books but as we approach spring students have been on a more consistent schedule.

Penney High student activities have once again been very successful this past winter. Five students qualified for the state wrestling tournament and both boys' and girls' basketball teams competed well throughout the year. Our FFA organization has been competing at numerous contests and choir and band students are preparing for spring contests and concerts. The Drama Club is once again preparing for the spring play and the majority of our students in high school and middle school are involved in some type of extracurricular activity.

At this time during the school year students and staff have settled back into a regular routine after an unsettling winter. A positive school culture is prevalent in all of our buildings and this is further exhibited in individual classrooms. The majority of students in our school district have good attendance and come to school ready to learn. I have been in and out of numerous classrooms throughout the year and I can say that I am very proud of our students and staff. The district was recently notified that we received 93.5% of the total points possible on our Annual Performance Report. The APR is a scoring document that rates schools on numerous items including test scores, attendance rates and graduation rates. The district staff was very excited about the results of the APR.

Due to snow days the district will conclude the 2018-2019 school year on May 24th. Please check updated calendars for make up days between now and the last day of school. Summer school will begin on May 28th and will last until June 21st. Please look for information concerning summer school in the very near future.

On another note, our district continues to search for bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have flexibility in your schedule, this is a great job to pursue. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping out please send them our way.

If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at 583-2134 or through email at fordt@hamilton.k12.mo.us.

Sincerely,

Troy Ford/Superintendent