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Political Update

By Shawna Stewart

On Tuesday, March 15, five states held their primary elections. These states included: North Carolina, Florida, Missouri, Ohio, and Illinois. For the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton won four out of the five states. She won all except Missouri. The race against Bernie Sanders in Missouri is too close to call. In order for Sanders to catch back up to Hillary, he needs to win some big states. For the Republican Party, Trump also won four out of the five states. He won North Carolina, Illinois, Missouri, and Florida. The only state he was not able to win was Ohio. John Kasich, the current governor of Ohio, won Ohio over Trump. After Trump won Ohio, Marco Rubio, who is originally from Ohio, announced his suspension in the presidential race. While Ted Cruz did not win any states last night, he is neck and neck with Trump.

In other news Barak Obama has announced his nominee to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court. Obama has nominated Merrick Garland. He is a well-known figure in Washington who has served on appellate courts. He's 63 and has received praises from both parties. Despite this, some Republican senators are refusing to consider Obama's nomination, until the next President is nominated. Other Republicans are agreeing to meet with his nominee, after the two-week congressional recess had ended. It is still up in the air, rather they are going to take his nomination into consideration or ignore it entirely.



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Yearbook updates

By Kailey Klute

The yearbook staff has been working very hard on the yearbook and it is coming out great! We are currently working on the cover design and will soon be meeting with a virtual artist to finalize our ideas. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook you can go to www.yearbookforever.com. When you get to the website, you will need to select our school then select the yearbook package you are wanting. On that website you can also upload pictures on the community upload. The access code to upload pictures is Patriots2015

Leadership Academy

By Kensey Schol

Leadership academy is almost to an end. After all the meetings, the academy is ready to celebrate their final event. On May 6th, the academy is hosting an event at the Tower Park. The event is a community appreciation night. They're showing appreciation to all the teachers, police officers, fire department, and everyone else involved in the community. They will also be accepting donations to fund a scholarship for one lucky member of the academy next school year. The event will be from 5-7 and there will be food, activities, and entertainment included. There will also be karaoke, so if you're interested in getting a group to get up there, let anyone in the academy know. The event is open to the public and they look forward to everyone coming out to show support.



2016 Leadership Academy graduates

Key Club

By Madielyn Tortat

Key Club has been busy this past few weeks. First, the blood drive where they collected 26 pints of blood, then the officers attended the annual district convention. Convention was held in Springfield this year. There were meetings, luncheons, and speeches held all weekend, but also some free time for the students. A couple dances were held, with the donations going towards the spastics foundation. The forums offered insight on how to further participation in the clubs, new volunteer opportunities, and also ways to market the club. Our own Charlie Schneider was on the planning committee for the whole weekend, and we congratulate him on the huge success! Not many other Key Club sponsored events will be going on soon, but there's always opportunities to volunteer in the community if you are interested!



Key Club officers made their way to Springfield for convention.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

By Taylor Peterson

The St. Patrick's Day parade was held this past Thursday, March 17th. A few of our students were in the parade, along with Mrs. Thorton and Mrs. Gorman, representing both the Recycling Club and Key Club. They were asked to walk the parade with Midstate College and the Center for Prevention of Abuse. The parade was nine blocks long, with 104 different floats. It was a lot of fun to be able to be in the parade on such a beautiful day, while helping raise awareness for the center.



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Class Updates

By: Charles Schneider

We are almost through the 2015-16 school year, and many teachers have planned fun projects and interesting assignments to close out the year.

First, in all Spanish classes, Mrs. Gibbons is preparing for the Cinco de Mayo celebrations on May 5th. The classes will be celebrating by doing piñatas and eating plenty of candy.

On April 28th, Mr. Sulek's Physics class will be traveling to Six Flags Great America in Chicago to learn about velocity, acceleration, and everything else that goes into making a roller coaster.

On the other side of the science spectrum, get ready for chirps and tweets! Mrs. Tallon is preparing her biology classes for the baby chick project they will be doing directly after Spring Break.

In Current Events, Mr. Youngren's students are preparing for a term paper that is due in May. The paper must be over any current news topic that is largely controversial.

Finally, the Journalism class has been hard at work getting newspapers out and preparing the next Peoria Heights yearbook.

Many of the teachers here at Peoria Heights High School have prepared amazing projects and assignments for their students to end the year, and students will hopefully use these projects to end the year right!

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It is Official!

By Sarah Knott

Quinn Miller signed to Illinois College on Wednesday, March 16th to play baseball on a full tuition exchange. Quinn put a lot of thought into what school he wanted to go to, but he finally made the decision on Illinois College. He made his decision based on the fact that it is a small school, and can make a big impact on him as a freshman. He also thinks that it is a great location and it is not too far from home. Their baseball program has been excelling throughout the years making themselves better. Quinn is not only going to Illinois College to play baseball, but he is going to study in business and also the outstanding facilities. We all wish him the very best of luck in succeeding in all plans he has for his near future. Go Blueboys!



After much deliberation, Quinn decides to sign with Illinois College.

Track Season

By Cole Reilly

Every track player knows the smell of spring better than anyone else, because after Coach Smith's conditioning they are gasping for that March air hoping that it will help their lungs recover. Track is wonderful; the players, the coaches, and the athlete's high all are in full blossom this time of year. When they aren't being physically destroyed by Smith's conditioning they're out working on their events. The boys 4x1 are all running between: 10.9-11.6 which on paper makes out to be a blistering fast sprint team. The girls 4x1 has nearly perfected their hand offs which is a very impressive feat being this early on in the season. The boys 4x4 are all running 400s healthily under the one minute mark, looking to replicate last year's main four runners' success. The team has always been relatively successful in the past, but this year they are showing lots of promise in individual events and relays. Most of their best runners from last year are returning, along with some new faces that will definitely help the team place higher in meets. Keep an eye on this year's PHHS Track Team; I think I smell a couple state appearances in the Spring breeze as well.

Sports Corner

By Seth Boyer

Sports have been filled a whole lot of upsets as of lately. The San Antonio Spurs just got upset by the Charlotte Hornets. The Spurs, being one of the NBA's my prestigious teams, went in to that game believing it would be an easy game. The Spurs also recently beat the unstoppable Golden State Warriors 79-87. The Golden State Warriors are now 63-7, but are still considered the NBA's best team, especially when Steph Curry is on fire. In other news, the NFL season is now over, but there are some big moves when it comes to players. Former Philadelphia Eagles Running back Demarco Murray got traded to the Tennessee Titans. With Demarco Murray and Marcus Mariota, the Titans might be a force to be reckoned with. One of the greatest of all time finally announced his retirement as well. Peyton Manning has had many years in the NFL. He is also the holder of many NFL records. Along with Peyton Manning retiring, one of the greatest defensive backs to step on the field announced his retirement too. Charles Woodson, drafted by the Oakland Raiders, ended his career in Oakland as well. Now that Peyton and Charles retired, the oldest NFL player that is not a kicker is Tom Brady. It will be weird not seeing these two GOATs not be playing on the field, but retirement is a part of football.



Peyton Manning held a press conference to announce his retirement. Courtesy of Google Images

Baseball

By Noah Nelson

Baseball is in full swing! The baseball team's first game on Saturday the 19th against Monmouth Roseville got cancelled due to the weather. So the baseball team's first game was on Tuesday the 22nd against Dee Mack. Tomorrow they play Williamsfield. Come out and support the team tonight for their first home game against Central. The JV team has their first game this Friday the 25th against Central. The baseball team is looking forward for the season to begin and is very excited to start playing games.

Around the School



The Juniors get pumped up for MOJO.



8th grades came over and registered for classes during 8th grade orientation.



Juniors break loose and dance on MOJO day.



Christian Portales sells St. Patrick's day gold for life skills class.



Congratulations to all of the new National Honor Society inductees.