

The Tigers' Roar

November 2026

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
By Ashley Groepper

November is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on all that we have to be grateful for in our schools and community. Excellent partnerships with our families & community, on-going support and advocacy for public education and opportunities to celebrate together!

We are especially looking forward to our upcoming Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11th, where we will come together as a district to honor and celebrate the brave men and women who have served our country. This event is always a special reminder of the sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms, and we've proud to give our students the opportunity to learn about and show appreciation to our veterans. We encourage all veterans to join us at 7:30 am for breakfast followed by the school wide assembly at 8:30 am. The assembly is our little way to pay tribute to their service and dedication. If you are a Veteran and wish to join us for breakfast, please RSVP to Lisa in the secondary office at 660-834-4415.

As we close out the first quarter of the school year, I'm proud to share that we are making great progress toward our Continuous School Improvement (CSIP) goal of achieving 95.5% overall student attendance. Our current district-wide attendance rate is 94.2%, which shows a strong commitment from our students and families to begin present and engaged in learning each day. Research continues to show that students who attend school regularly are more likely to read on grade level by third grade, stay on track in middle school and graduate on time. Consistent attendance plays such an important role in academic growth and long-term success, and I encourage everyone to keep up the great effort as we work together to meet – and hopefully exceed- our goal!

In November, we will also celebrate American Education Week, a time to recognize the incredible work happening every day in our classrooms. It's a week to honor our teachers, staff, administrators, business and law enforcement partners for their hard work and commitment, and to celebrate our students for their efforts and achievements. Public education plays a vital role in shaping our future, and we are so thankful for the talented, caring people who make learning come alive for our students. Our celebration schedule for the week will be as follows:

16: School Spirit Day

17: Grandparents breakfast beginning at 7:00 am

18: Staff & Substitute Appreciation with a luncheon

19: Business & Law Enforcement Appreciation with a luncheon for all local businesses & law enforcement officials

(Please RSVP to Connie in the elementary office 660-834-4115)

20: Student Appreciation: Popcorn, soda, movie/activities in the afternoon

As we move into the winter season, please remember that weather-related school updates- including any cancellations, delays or early dismissals- will be shared through our school communication through our text system as well as through Channels 8, 13, & 17, and on KCLR, KWRT, KMMO, KMZU. If you are not already receiving text messages on school events, you may sign up to receive those by contacting one of the offices to be added to the list. Staying connected ensures you'll have the most up-to-date information when the weather turns unpredictable. In the event we would need to have a delayed start, for a 2 hour delay the school day will begin at 10:00 with no breakfast served. If a 1 hour delayed start is required, the school day will begin at 9:00 and cereal and milk will be available to those wanting breakfast.

Last week, I shared information on the District website about the A–F grading system DESE is developing for Missouri public schools. The pilot grades are expected to use 2024–2025 data and follow Governor Kehoe's January 2026 executive order. We anticipate the report cards will be released in December; you can read my full letter under News on the website's main page. Because the system is still being refined and may operate alongside the existing Annual Performance Report, grades could change and may not fully reflect student growth or a school's overall success. Pilot Grove C-4 is sharing feedback with the state and advocating for fair, clear, and meaningful accountability. We will keep families informed, and our commitment to high expectations, continuous improvement, and supporting every learner will remain unchanged—regardless of how schools are measured.

Finally, I want to personally thank each of you for your ongoing support and involvement in our schools. Whether it's volunteering at events or fundraisers, encouraging your child at home, or simply being an advocate for education, your partnership truly makes a difference. Our district is stronger because of the caring families and community members who stand behind our students and staff.

Wishing you and your family and safe, warm and gratitude-filled November!

FBLA Community Service

TRICK OR TREAT

FOR CANNED GOODS
and NONPERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS

October 31st starting at 6:00

For more information contact
Becky Munden at
bmunden@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us
or 660-834-4415 ext. 3027

Pilot Grove Lions Club

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

October 31st at 6:00 p.m

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

Age Groups

3 & Under
4 - 6 years old
7 - 10 years old
11 - 17 years old
18 & up (Fun Only - No Prize)

Categories

Scariest
Most Authentic
Most Artistic
Prettiest
Most Humorous



$5.00 FIRST PLACE PRIZE (IN EACH CATEGORY)

CASH PRIZE FOR ALL KIDS IN COSTUME

TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and Join Us!

We invite you to host a "Trunk" at our Pilot Grove Elementary Trunk or Treat on October 30th at 1:15. If you are interested in hosting a "Trunk" please contact the elementary office at 660-834-4115 or email Mrs. Leonard at lleonard@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us. We expect approximately 150 students.



Elementary Principal News

By Lindsay Leonard

The first quarter of the school year has flown by! Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher during Parent-Teacher Conferences. This partnership between home and school plays an important role in supporting your child's growth and success. After your conference, I encourage you to talk with your child about goals they can set for the second quarter. We want to celebrate how far our students have come while continuing to encourage them to grow, learn, and reach for new goals!

If you haven't signed up for a HOMEWORKS home visit, I encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! These visits provide positive connections between teachers and families while giving students a chance to share their home environment with their teachers. Families also receive specific tools and strategies to support learning at home. It has been wonderful to see the meaningful connections that have developed through these visits!

We are also excited about our Fall Family Learning Workshop on November 3rd! This event brings parents, teachers, and students together to learn new strategies and discover ways to support learning at home. Each elementary family will also receive a copy of *The Wild Robot* along with activities and conversation starters to enjoy together. We can't wait to kick off this school-wide reading adventure and share in all the fun!

November is a wonderful time to reflect on what we are thankful for and look for ways to give back to others. In the spirit of giving, our school district will be collecting soap donations for CARE baskets that CMCA will assemble and distribute to families in our community and surrounding areas who need extra support with basic necessities. Donations are due by November 20th. Thank you for helping us make a difference for families in our community!

We are excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat again this year! A huge thank-you to the local businesses, parents, and community members who help make this event special. Our students love visiting with everyone and checking out the creative Halloween decorations! We enjoy bringing our families and community members into our school to celebrate our students and share in the fun. Thank you for helping make this such a memorable tradition!

American Education Week | November 16–20

American Education Week is a special time to celebrate our students, staff, families, and community partners who make a difference in education every day. Our students and teachers look forward to this week each year, and we have a fun lineup of activities planned!

Monday – Spirit Day: Show your TIGER pride by wearing purple and gold!

Tuesday – Grandparents' Day: Tiger families are invited to bring grandparents to school for breakfast and a short presentation by our elementary students.

Wednesday – Staff Appreciation: Help us celebrate the hard work, dedication, and care our teachers and staff bring to school each day!

Thursday – Business Appreciation: We are grateful for the local businesses that generously support our school and students. Join us in celebrating these valued community partners!

Friday – Student Appreciation: Our students are the heart of our school! We will celebrate our AWESOME students with an afternoon of movies, popcorn, and soda.

As we move into the busy months of November and December, please remember that open communication between home and school is always important. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to share, please reach out to your child's teacher or contact me at the elementary office at **660-834-4115.** We value our partnership with families and are always happy to work together to support our learners!

From The Secondary Principal's Desk

By Derek Skaggs

The 1st quarter of the 2026 school year is behind us as we move ahead at a steady pace. The temperature sure doesn't feel like it, though. We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our parents who made it to PTC. Our numbers showed growth in attendance this year, and we appreciate your involvement.

Also, as we finalize the 1st semester, we will have conversations with students about mandated attendance policies and expectations. Any student exceeding 8 absences is required to make up that time for the semester unless it was excused due to reasons related to those in our handbook policies. Remember that the school should be notified and students should be called in before 8:30 when absent. The absences are a requirement for their A+ credentials as well as state reporting. Our District CSIP goal is to be at a 95.5 percent attendance rate for the school year. Thanks for helping us achieve that success.

In the short time of October, we have had several events occurring. We started the month off with the FFA/FCCLA barnwarming dance. The students crowned Garrett Gerke and Bailey Durham King and Queen. They also competed in a nail-driving and hay bale throwing contest.

Junior High basketball is in full swing. The JH Lady Tigers and the Tigers both won the Prairie Home Tournament this year. They are in CAC Conference Tournament action this week at Cairo. We also had NHS inductions last Tuesday with the following members: Ryland Skaggs, Britta Hoff, Alexys Brumback, Arleigh Watring, Weston Widner, Zach Rehmer, Milly Waller, Garrett Reuter, Daylan Wirths, Kinlei Ruffell, Catherine Schuster, and Romi Stegner. FFA Convention students returned with many new, exciting opportunities and experiences. We were glad to hear such positive things this trip provides. Our HS fall play is coming up on November 6th and 7th. Please come join the "Robin Hood" recreation.

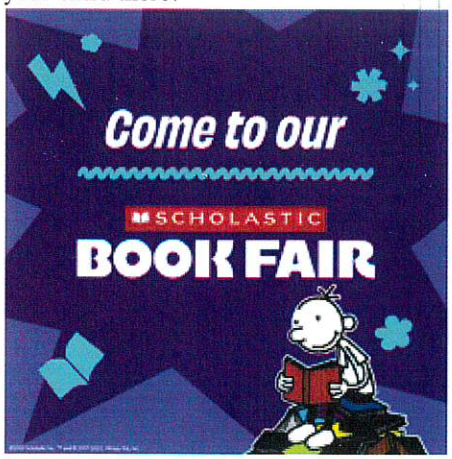
Lastly, we will celebrate our true heroes on November 11th with a Veterans Day Assembly. It is certainly an honor to recognize all of our veterans and thank each of you for your service. Our Student Council and Band provide a great ceremony for them every year. Following that our National Honor Society members hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive to save lives. What a great way to give back after Veterans Day. We hope you are able to join us.

From Library Land...

By Renee Tettaton

Pilot Grove students and staff celebrated Banned Book Week in October with discussions about banned books and our freedom to read. In November, we will focus on books about being grateful. In addition to checking out books from our school library, I encourage students to use Sora to access audiobooks and ebooks. https://soraapp.com/ Our elementary and Middle school book clubs meet weekly and share the books they are reading with each other. Students get to bring their lunch to the library and discuss books. We have some great discussions!

The Pilot Grove Scholastic Book Fair is December 11-17. This event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school library. If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over $25. Your online orders will also benefit our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping (more information will be coming about the virtual fair). We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!



December 11-17

November Newsletter from the SPED Coordinator

By Tayler Miller

As we move into the season of holidays, school breaks, and altered schedules, consistency can feel a little harder to maintain. While changes in routine bring fun and celebration, they can also bring extra stress and sensory overload for kids of all learning styles.

Building on our everyday routines, here are three quick ways to help your child navigate holiday shifts, altered school days, and family events smoothly:

1. Prepare for Schedule Changes Ahead of Time

- **Update Your Checklists/Give warning:** Adjust visual schedules or give verbal cues to show upcoming days off, half-days, or special events.
- **Talk Through the Plan:** Give simple "first/then" previews before entering new environments (e.g., *"First we visit Grandma, then we go home for downtime"*). • **Maintain core anchors:** Keep consistent morning and bedtime steps even on non-school days to keep your child feeling grounded.

2. Plan for Sensory & Social Recharging

- **Pack a "Mobile Calm Kit":** Bring along familiar comfort items—like a favorite book, or a small fidget—when traveling or visiting family.
- **Identify Quiet Spaces Early:** When attending gatherings, locate a quiet bedroom or corner ahead of time where your child can retreat if things get too loud.
- **Protect Downtime:** Balance festive events with quiet, low-screen recovery periods so your child has time to recharge.

3. Practice Advocating for Boundaries

- **Offer Event Choices:** Give structured choices during holiday chaos (e.g., *"Would you like to help set the table or help dish out dessert?"*).
- **Role-Play Self-Advocacy:** Remind your child they can use phrases like *"I need a quiet moment"* or *"I'm feeling overwhelmed"* when celebrations get busy.
- **Normalize Saying No to Overstimulation:** Reassure your child that taking a break from a crowded room is completely okay.

Navigating changes in routine is a learned skill that takes time. If you need specific strategies to support your child's transition through upcoming holidays or IEP goals during schedule changes, reach out to their teacher or case manager anytime.

PILOT GROVE C-4 THEATRE
Presents:

THE SOMEWHAT TRUE TALE OF ROBIN HOOD

BY MARY LYNN DOBSON

NOVEMBER 6 & 7, 2026

7:00 PM

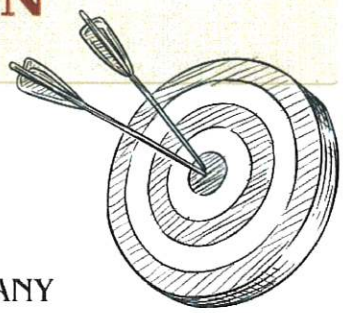
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

PILOT GROVE SMALL GYM

TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

$10 PER PERSON





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PILOT GROVE C-4 SCHOOLS
INVITES YOU TO OUR

VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION BREAKFAST & ASSEMBLY



Wednesday,
November 11, 2026

Breakfast 7:30 AM
Assembly 8:30 AM

We invite all local veterans (and guest) to join us for a free breakfast and then attend our assembly honoring your service to our country.

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 6TH BY CALLING LISA AT (660) 834-4415 EXT 3004.

PILOT GROVE C-4 SCHOOLS

MILITARY WALL OF HONOR

HONORING PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES



Help us honor those who have served our country.

We are collecting photos and information for our Military Wall of Honor.



★ WHO CAN BE HONORED?

Any past or present member of the U.S. Armed Forces with a connection to the Pilot Grove school or community.

They do not have to be a Pilot Grove graduate or resident. Family members, friends, community members, and others connected to Pilot Grove are welcome.

★ WHAT TO SUBMIT



A photo and basic service information.

SUBMIT BY NOVEMBER 5

★ ALREADY SUBMITTED LAST YEAR? ★

You do NOT need to resubmit a service member who was included on last year's Wall of Honor.

Need to update or correct their information?
Contact Crystal Litton or resubmit the information with the changes.

★ CHOOSE WHICHEVER OPTION IS EASIEST: ★



ONLINE FORM

forms.gle/o8RnuoHCFHmfGc6x9
(short link)



EMAIL

clitton@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us
(email address)



PAPER FORM

Pick one up or return information at the school office.

Military Service Wall of Honor will be displayed at our Veterans Day Assembly on November 11.

CASH Bash

50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Join us for a night of fun, food, and **CASH** *prizes!*

DATE:
Saturday,
November 7th

LOCATION:
Pilot Grove
Community Building

DOORS OPEN:
5:00 PM

DINNER SERVED:
5:00 – 7:00 PM

DRAWINGS:
6:00 – 9:00 PM

DANCE: 9:00 – 11:00 PM

CASH DRAWINGS

Multiple chances to

WIN!

ONLY 300 TICKETS

GRAND PRIZE $1000

TICKET INCLUDES DINNER!

TICKET PRICE: $30

BYOB
BRING YOUR
OWN BEVERAGES

MORE WAYS TO WIN!

SILENT AUCTION | 50/50

— BENEFITS THE —
Pilot Grove Community Building



Blood Drive
Pilot Grove High School

Gymnasium
107 School St
Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Thursday, November 12, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PilotGroveHS to schedule an appointment.

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

Scan to schedule an appointment.

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32ND ANNUAL

PILOT GROVE CRAFT SHOW

SPONSORED BY THE PILOT GROVE COMMUNITY BUILDING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
FROM 9AM TO 3PM

Pilot Grove C-4 School
107 School Street
Pilot Grove, MO 65276

FOR MORE INFO:
Sue Day 660-621-0813

Pilot Grove Lions Club
Annual Santa Claus Parade

~ SOMETHING NEW ~

An Evening Parade with LIGHTED FLOATS/SUVs/ETC.!



Saturday, December 5, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Interested in joining the parade?
Call or text Randy Glenn at 660-537-6171 or email at glennrandy67@gmail.com

pageborders.org

Grover the Tiger's GREAT ADVENTURE

A CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE HOMECOMING



Save the Date!

JANUARY 15-16, 2027

Pilot Grove HS Schedule

Nov. 23	Fayette	Away	5:00PM
Nov. 30	Jamestown	Away	5:00 PM
Dec. 1	Concordia	Home	5:00 PM
Dec. 3	Wellington-Napoleon	Home	5:00 PM
Dec . 7-12th	Tiger Classic	Home	TBA
Dec. 15	Glasgow	Home	5:00 PM
Dec.17	Sturgeon	Away	5:00PM
Jan.1	Tipton Shootout vs Tipton (VB Only)	Away	6:15 PM
Jan. 2	Tipton Shootout vs Christian Fellowship (VG Only)	Away	7:15PM
Jan. 5	Sweet Springs	Away	5:00PM
Jan. 7	Santa Fe	Home	5:00 PM
Jan. 8	Smithton	Away	5:00 PM
Jan. 12	Slater	Away	5:00 PM
Jan. 15	Cairo	Home	TBA
Jan. 19	New Franklin	Away	5:00 PM
Jan. 22	Prairie Home	Away	6:00 PM
Jan. 25-Jan 30	Slater Tournament	Away	TBA
Feb. 5	Community	Away	TBA
Feb. 8	Christian Fellowship	Home	TBA
Feb. 9	Glasgow	Away	5:00 PM
Feb. 11	Madispn	Home	5:00 PM
Feb. 16	New Franklin	Home	5:00 PM
Feb. 18	Slater	Home	6:00 PM
Feb. 22-27	Districts	TBA	TBA

ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS!

The Pilot Grove C-4 Students would like to invite you to join them for breakfast on **November 17, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.** Breakfast will be served in the high school gym. This is in honor of American Education Week. Make plans with your grandchild to attend this event and celebrate their education with them.

Please RSVP to the appropriate office by November 11th. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th!



Elementary
Contact Connie at
660-834-4115 ext. 3010

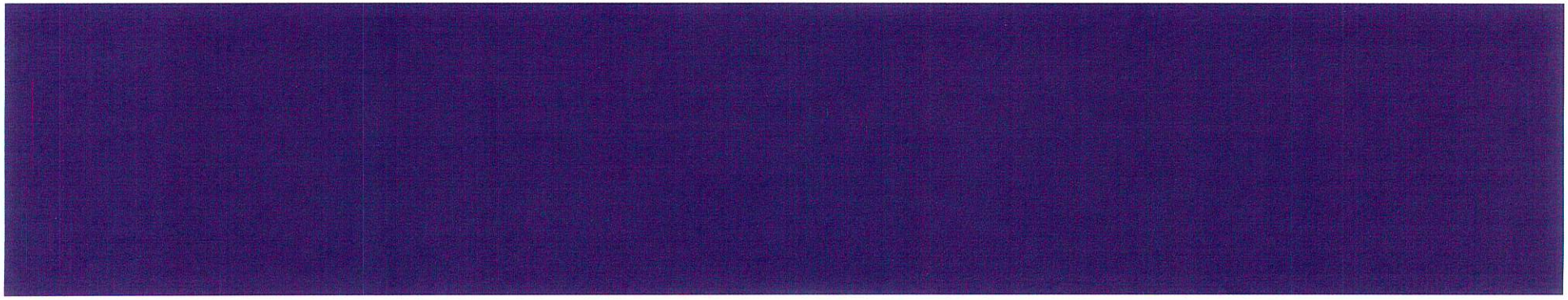
Middle/High School
Contact Lisa at
660-834-4415 ext. 3004

CMCA CARE BASKET DRIVE!

Pilot Grove C-4 will be teaming up with the Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) to collect items for Care Baskets. These baskets are presented to families in our area who need some extra assistance. Many of the families served in the previous years, made the items last for several months. It's amazing to see how these donations can go so far and to so many families!

Pilot Grove C-4 will be collecting SOAP!
Please consider donating any of the following items:
Bar Soap, Dish Soap, Hand Soap
****The class with the most donations will receive an ICE CREAM PARTY!!!****

If you are interested in donating, please have the items brought to school by November 20th. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Cooper County CMCA directly or, Ashley Groepper or Lindsay Leonard.



Unapproved

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

CITY OF PILOT GROVE, MISSOURI

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Pilot Grove, Missouri (City Council), was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on October 5, 2026, at City Hall, located at 213 College Street, Pilot Grove, Missouri.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Kraus called the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. and turned the meeting over to City Clerk Lori Vollrath to conduct the meeting.

A quorum was present, consisting of Council members Donna Bader, Rob Bader, and Will Thomas. Kathy Waller was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert "Bob" Kraus, City Clerk Lori Vollrath, Director of Operations Tony Maddex, and Police Chief Pete Busalacki. Guests included David Uhlig of MECO Engineering, Nancy Kammerich, Susan Fortman, and Shana Dungan.

AGENDA

On a motion by Will Thomas, seconded by Rob Bader, the agenda, which had been made available to the Council prior to the meeting, was unanimously approved.

GUEST COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Comments and Concerns Presented by Nancy Kammerich, Susan Fortman, and Shana Dungan

Mrs. Kammerich expressed her concerns regarding the City's request that she cease feeding and sheltering feral cats on the property adjacent to the City's tractor shed at 218 Main Street. The property is associated with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and is reportedly rented or owned by Robert Rentel.

Mrs. Kammerich read aloud the letter she received from the City requesting that she remove the shelters and cease feeding the cats on the property. She stated that she had permission from Mr. Rentel to feed and shelter the cats there. She also explained that she has taken the cats to be spayed and neutered, ensures they receive vaccinations, and treats them for fleas and ticks. Mrs. Kammerich acknowledged the problems associated with the cats but stated that she believes her efforts are helping address the situation rather than making it worse.

The Council heard Mrs. Kammerich's concerns, expressed appreciation for her efforts, and agreed to allow her to continue feeding and sheltering the cats while she works toward relocating them. Mrs. Kammerich stated that she would move the feeding stations located immediately next to the City's tractor shed.

With no further business to conduct, Mrs. Kammerich, Ms. Fortman, and Ms. Dungan exited the meeting.

SEWER PROJECTS

David Uhlig provided an update on the progress of the City's sewer projects.

Sewer Project No. 1: Bennett, Inc. has completed the slip-lining of the sewer lines and the lining of the manholes. No pay application was submitted for this project during the month because Bennett, Inc. was working with its contractors to verify quantities.

Mr. Uhlig reported that, for Sewer Project No. 2, SMICO Contracting Group had formed and poured the moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR). This portion of the project was estimated to be approximately 20% complete.

Mr. Uhlig also discussed Change Order No. 3 for Sewer Project No. 1, noting that additional quantities valued at $4,800 needed to be added.

Mr. Uhlig further reported that the funds allocated for engineering inspection services were nearly exhausted. In June, MECO Engineering requested an amendment to its contract with the City that would have added $140,000 for engineering inspection services. The Council did not approve that amendment.

MECO Engineering would like to propose an addendum to the existing contract to provide an additional four months of inspection services for $100,000, after which the parties could reassess the project's needs. The Council neither approved nor rejected the proposed addendum at this time. Additional information will be gathered in the coming weeks to help the Council evaluate the proposal.

PAY APPLICATION NO. 3 – SEWER PROJECT NO. 2

MECO Engineering submitted Pay Application No. 3 for Sewer Project No. 2, requesting payment of $445,215.60 to SMICO Contracting Group for construction work performed from August 21 through September 21, 2026.

On a motion by Donna Bader, seconded by Will Thomas, the Council unanimously approved Pay Application No. 3.

MECO ENGINEERING INVOICES

MECO Engineering submitted an invoice totaling $35,222.28.

Will Thomas made a motion to approve Invoice No. 32291 in the amount of $35,222.28 for Resident Project Representative Services. Donna Bader seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 – SEWER PROJECT NO. 1

A change order was submitted to adjust quantities and costs based on construction completed to date, increasing Sewer Project No. 1 by $4,800.00.

Rob Bader made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3. Will Thomas seconded the motion, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the change order.

With no further sewer project business to address, David Uhlig exited the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the regular open Council meeting held on September 8, 2026, which had previously been made available to the Council for review, were approved by a vote of 3–0 on a motion by Rob Bader, seconded by Donna Bader.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

City Clerk Lori Vollrath presented the financial statements for September 2026 for the Council's review. The statements included accounts paid and unpaid during the month, operating statements showing monthly and

fiscal year-to-date activity, a balance sheet reflecting total assets, liabilities, and equity, and a summary of monthly revenue and disbursements by operating fund.

On a motion by Rob Bader, seconded by Will Thomas, the Council unanimously approved the financial accounts as presented.

2025–2026 AUDIT

City Clerk Lori Vollrath reported that the 2025–2026 audit was complete. The CPA firm of Decker and DeGoode had submitted a copy of the audit to the State Auditor as required. Mrs. Vollrath will send a copy to DNR Financial as required for the duration of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vollrath presented the Semi-Annual Financial Report for the period of April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

On a motion by Donna Bader, seconded by Rob Bader, the Council unanimously approved the Semi-Annual Financial Report as presented. Mrs. Vollrath will publish the report in the Boonville Daily News this week.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Pete Busalacki presented the police report for September 2026, which included the following:

Arrests and Detainments

- One assault

Calls for Service

- One domestic disturbance
- One domestic assault
- One vehicle pursuit
- One careless and imprudent driving incident
- One incident involving disturbing the property of another
- One request for extra patrol
- Eight incidents involving the creation of a public nuisance
- One 911 hang-up call

Warnings Issued

- Eight warnings for creating a public nuisance

Rob Bader made a motion, seconded by Will Thomas, to accept the September 2026 police report as submitted. The motion passed by a vote of 3–0.

Police Chief Retirement

Police Chief Busalacki submitted a letter of retirement to Mayor Kraus following the September 2026 Council meeting. Chief Busalacki will vacate his position at 12:01 a.m. on December 31, 2027.

The Council discussed options for filling the Police Chief position. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

215 MAIN STREET

The Council was informed that the concrete pad at the rear entrance of the City's new storage building at 215 Main Street had been poured and the drain tile connected to the downspouts. With this work completed, the storage building project is now complete.

WATER RATES

The Council discussed water rates and reviewed a draft ordinance proposing adjustments to the rates. Water rates have not been adjusted since December 2012.

Mrs. Vollrath informed the Council that a public hearing is not required for the proposed rate adjustments but may be beneficial. Donna Bader made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss water rates on November 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., prior to the regular Council meeting. Rob Bader seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Vollrath will post the date and time of the public hearing on the City's website, www.cityofpilotgrovemo.gov, in the City Hall lobby, and on the back of the November water bills.

REVISING AND AMENDING THE CITY CODE

Mrs. Vollrath informed the Council that the revisions prepared by American Legal Publishing had not yet been formally adopted.

Copies of the revised code book were provided to the Council, Police Chief Busalacki, and the City's attorney, Erin Wiseman, for review. As of the meeting date, Mrs. Vollrath had not been notified of any revisions that needed to be made.

American Legal Publishing provided a sample ordinance for adopting the revised code book, which was presented to the Council for review. Following discussion, the Council elected to take no action on adopting the revised code at this time.

PARK TAX

The Council reviewed a draft ordinance that would submit a proposed additional park tax to the voters to fund projects within the City Park. The proposed funding options included a park sales tax or a municipal park property tax, which could be used for park improvements and projects, including potential swimming pool projects.

If the Council chooses to proceed with either measure, it would not appear on an election ballot before April 2027.

Mrs. Vollrath had contacted the City's attorney for guidance regarding a park tax and provided the Council with the related email correspondence. No action was taken at this time.

SALE OF 2000 GMC 2500 SLE

Two bids were received within the established deadline for the sealed-bid sale of the City's 2000 GMC 2500 SLE. City Clerk Lori Vollrath opened the bids. One bid was for $495.00, and the other was for $1,157.00.

Donna Bader made a motion to accept Stacy Wessing's bid of $1,157.00. Rob Bader seconded the motion, and the Council unanimously approved the bid. Mrs. Vollrath will notify Mr. Wessing of the Council's decision.

NEW BUSINESS

BUILDING PERMITS

Four building permit applications were submitted for consideration:

1. **100 West 2nd Street:** Detached garage with electrical and plumbing work, submitted by Shelby and Anthony Jacobs. Rob Bader made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Will Thomas. The motion passed by a vote of 3–0.

2. **500 Elsie Street:** Demolition and reconstruction of a garage on the existing foundation, including electrical work. Donna Bader made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Rob Bader. The motion passed by a vote of 3–0.

3. **500 Elsie Street:** Demolition and reconstruction of a porch addition, including electrical work. Will Thomas made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Rob Bader. The motion passed by a vote of 3–0.

4. **205 3rd Street:** Construction of a single-family home with an attached garage. Donna Bader made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Rob Bader. The motion passed by a vote of 3–0.

CULVERT REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

Culverts in need of repair or replacement were discussed by the Council. No action was taken.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., following the public hearing on water rates at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, Rob Bader made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Will Thomas. The motion passed by a vote of 3–0.

Attest: Lori Vollrath
City Clerk
Date _____

Approved: Robert Kraus
Mayor
Date _____

2026-2027 yearbook order form for Pilot Grove Elementary

Order a 2027 elementary yearbook for your student! Quantities are limited—place your order by **April 30, 2027**

Two ways to order a yearbook:

1. Go to **yearbookforever.com**, select our school and pay by credit card or PayPal.
2. Complete this order form and send it with a check or money order to school. Please make the check payable to Pilot Grove C-4.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Grade: _____ Phone Number: _____

Teacher: _____ Email: _____

PRICING

Elementary Yearbook ($15.00 each) _____ (# of books) Yes, I want a gift certificate ___

Yes, I want a **MS/HS Yearbook** ($35) in addition to the Elementary Yearbook. _____

Amount Paid: _____ Date: _____ Cash ____ Check # _____

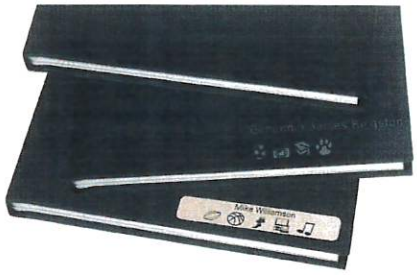
Information Regarding Ordering of Both Yearbooks

If you would like to purchase an elementary and MS/HS yearbook bundle we are selling them at a reduced rate of **$45** for the bundle…until **December 20, 2025.** After December 20, they will be regular price for both books.

If you wish to purchase both books for the reduced rate, that can only be done utilizing this form and sending a check or cash. **It cannot be done online.**

We are also offering gift certificates if you are wanting to use one for a Christmas or birthday gift for your student. If you are interested in this option, please check it on the above form or email Mrs. Munden at bmunden@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us and we will design one for you.

THE YEAR LIVES HERE!



Buy a yearbook to help your student remember the year forever.

1 ORDER YOUR 2027 PILOT GROVE YEARBOOK!

- For online orders, go to yearbookforever.com to pay with credit card, debit card or PayPal.
- For in school orders, bring this form along with cash, check or money order, made payable to_____to_____.

Yearbook order due: 04/30/27
Namestamping & Packages Due: 4/30/27
iTag order Due: 4/30/27

2 MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH A NAMESTAMP OR ITAG

Add personality to your yearbook!

Enter one line of text exactly as you want it to appear and up to five icons. Personalization text and each icon are an additional charge. See costs listed below. For text, you can use A-Z (upper case or lower case), numbers and these characters: **' é ñ ( ) . , # - & !**

Icons:

icon number_____ icon number_____ icon number_____ icon number_____ icon number_____



3 COMPLETE YOUR ORDER

Items	Cost	Total
Yearbook	$35	
Additional Yearbook Personalization and Options (only available with purchase of a yearbook)		
Deluxe Package - Includes: 1 Namestamp with 3 icons and Clear Book Protector	$28	
Basic Package - Includes: 1 Namestamp with 1 icon and Clear Book Protector	16	
Namestamp	$6	
iTag	$6	
Namestamp or iTag Icons (cost per icon)	$6	
Clear Book Protector	$00	
Autograph Supplement	$00	
Current Events Supplement	$00	
Tax (enter tax rate %)	$00	
	Total:	

4 ENTER YOUR INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Additional information can be placed here

When to Keep Your Child Home From School — and Why It Matters

As the seasons change, so do the germs that make their way through classrooms. While perfect attendance is important, your child's health — and the health of others — comes first. Knowing when to keep your child home helps prevent illness from spreading and ensures students return ready to learn.

Keep Your Child Home If They Have:

- **Fever:** A temperature of **100.4°F or higher** means it's time to rest. Keep your child home until they are fever-free for at least **24 hours without medicine.**
- **Vomiting or Diarrhea:** Children should stay home until they can eat and drink normally and have been symptom-free for **at least 24 hours.**
- **Persistent Cough or Difficulty Breathing:** A bad cough can spread germs and make learning difficult. Consult your healthcare provider if symptoms are severe or lasting.
- **Sore Throat with Fever or Swollen Glands:** These can be signs of strep throat. Students should remain home until tested and treated if necessary.
- **Rashes of Unknown Cause:** Some rashes are contagious. Check with your doctor before sending your child to school.
- **Red, Itchy Eyes with Discharge:** This could be conjunctivitis (pink eye). Keep your child home until treated and cleared by a healthcare provider.

Why It Matters

Sending children to school when they're sick can quickly spread illness to classmates, teachers, and staff. A day or two of rest not only helps your child recover faster but also keeps the school community healthier and reduces absences overall.

Tips for Parents

- Encourage **good handwashing** and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Remind children not to share food, drinks, or personal items.
- Keep your child's **emergency contacts** and **medical information** up to date with the school.

Together, we can create a healthier environment where all students can thrive — one sneeze, cough, and hand wash at a time!

November Activities

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
1	**2** Winter Sports Practice **NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD)**	**3** JH BB-Glasgow-There-6:00	**4** JH BB-St. P&P-Home-5:00	**5** **PICTURE RETAKE DAY** JH BB-Slater-Home-6:00	**6** Fall Play-7:00	**7** JH Academic Tourn-CIS Fall Play-7:00
8	**9** JH BB-Tipton-Home-6:00	**10** JH BB-New Franklin-There-6:00	**11** Veterans Day Breakfast-7:30 Veterans Day Assembly-8:30 JH BB-Sweet Springs-There-6:00	**12** NHS Blood Drive-1:00	**13**	**14** West Central District Band Auditions
15	**16** Spirit Day	**17** Grandparents' Day	**18** Staff Appreciation Day FCCLA Fall Leadership-Westphalia	**19** Business Appreciation Day	**20** Student Appreciation Day	**21**
22	**23** JVB/VG/VB-Fayette-There-5:00	**24**	**25** **NO SCHOOL**	**26** **NO SCHOOL**	**27** **NO SCHOOL**	**28**
29 Craft Show-9:00-3:00	**30** VG/VB-Jamestown-There-6:00					

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The calendar on the school's webpage is the most up to date.

2026

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NOVEMBER 2026

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PILOT GROVE C-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	**3** Pancakes OR Cereal Sausage Beef nachos Pinto beans Salsa	**4** Breakfast pizza OR Cereal Chicken nuggets Macaroni & cheese Cooked carrots	**5** Cereal & hash brown OR Fruit parfait Hamburger/Cheeseburger Lettuce & tomato French fries	**6** Pan muffin & yogurt OR Cereal CBR* or Cheese pizza Tossed salad **Chicken, Bacon, Ranch*
9 Scrambled eggs OR Cereal Bacon & Toast Corn dog Macaroni & cheese Cooked carrots	**10** Biscuit & gravy OR Cereal Taco salad Tortilla chips Corn Salsa	**11** Breakfast pizza OR Cereal BBQ rib sandwich Potato wedges Baked beans	**12** Cereal & hash brown OR Fruit parfait Orange chicken Rice & Egg roll Oriental blend	**13** Bagel w/ cream cheese OR Cereal Bosco stick Marinara sauce Mixed vegetables
16 Cheese omelet OR Cereal Bacon & Toast Baked potato bar (Broccoli w/cheese, Cheese, Pulled pork Sour Cream, Bacon, etc.)	**17** Pancakes OR Cereal Sausage Beef & bean burrito Cheese sauce Refried beans Salsa	**18** Breakfast pizza OR Cereal Chili Grilled cheese Carrot & celery sticks Cinnamon roll	**19** Cereal & hash brown OR Fruit parfait Chicken drumstick Dinner roll Mashed potatoes & gravy Green beans	**20** Pan muffin & yogurt OR Cereal Sausage, Pepperoni, or Cheese pizza Tossed Salad
23 Scrambled eggs OR Cereal Bacon & Toast Hot dog Chips Fresh carrots	**24** Biscuit & gravy OR Cereal Turkey Mashed potatoes & gravy Green beans Dinner roll	**25** NO SCHOOL	**26** NO SCHOOL	**27** NO SCHOOL
30 Cheese omelet OR Cereal Bacon & Toast Cheesy chicken & rice casserole Dinner roll Cooked peas				



- SALAD BAR OFFERED DAILY TO GRADES 4 – 12 (UNLESS EARLY DISMISSAL)
- FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES OFFERED DAILY @ BREAKFAST AND/OR LUNCH
- CHOICE OF JUICE OR MILK OFFERED DAILY @ BREAKFAST AND/OR LUNCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Snow Removal Bid

The Pilot Grove C-4 School District is accepting snow removal bids for the winter season. Individuals interested in submitting bids or obtaining more information may do so by contacting Ashley Groepper at agroepper@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us or 660-834-6915. Deadline for bids will be Friday, November 6th at 3:00pm.

Picture Retake Day is November 5, email Mrs. Munden to get your name on the list. bmunden@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us

Free/Reduced Lunch Changes

If your family's income has changed due to job changes, you might be eligible for free/reduced lunch. Please reach out to Connie if you have had changes at cmoore@pilotgrove.k12.mo.us