
PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2010



Basketball Tournaments are cancelled

Boys' basketball tournaments scheduled on Saturday, January 16th and 23rd at Pleasant Ridge and Hiawatha have been cancelled. They will not be rescheduled.

Appointments and Planned Absences – State Testing

Setting the state testing schedule at the middle school requires focusing a number of resources on the four weeks of testing. We coordinate teachers, paras, and volunteers, with computer labs and available classrooms to create a unique schedule to accommodate the needs of all students.

Since the state requires that all students must be tested in math and reading, as well as 7th grade students in Science, we request that when scheduling appointments or any absence for your child, that you do so outside the established testing schedule.

Seventh and eighth grade students will be tested on April 5, 6, & 7 (Math and Reading) and on May 5 & 6 for 7th grade Science. Please do not schedule absences on these dates.

Fifth and sixth grade students will be tested on March 24, 25, 26 and in the following week of March 30, 31 and April 1. Please do not schedule absences on these dates. Thank you for your help.

PTO & Site Council on January 21st and 20th

PTO will meet on Thursday, January 21st at 7:00 in the Library. Attendance is open and new ideas are always welcome.

On January 20th, Site Councils from the district's four buildings will meet at the district office at 6:30. Dr. Yoder will present information regarding the current status of our schools.



Early Arrival

The student handbook says that the front doors at PLMS open at 7:45. During cold and inclement weather students will be able to access the building before that 7:30 to get out of the weather.

Early School Dismissal

If inclement weather strikes, Dr. Yoder, the Superintendent of Schools, will make the decision after due consideration of all factors to send students home early.

- School Reach (automated phone messaging service) will be initiated to call all designated parent-guardian phone numbers.
- Media will be notified: WDAF TV - Kansas City, TV Channel 4, WIBW - Topeka, TV Channel 13, radio 580 AM and 94.5 FM.

- Parents of students at either building may send special instructions to the office for early dismissal. We will keep those instructions on file. It is important that we reduce incoming and outgoing phone calls to those to only those that deal with getting our students safely to the proper destination.
- On bus routes, drivers determine that a student can get into their house before they leave each drop point.
- An administrator will remain at the school phone until all buses have delivered students home.

Guaranteeing every student's safety is our priority.

Communities that Care Survey

Included with this newsletter is information regarding a yearly survey that we ask our students to complete. The survey is called the Communities that Care survey and it is completed at the request of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services/Addiction and Prevention Services. We are also sending a note with students so that parents can be made aware of the survey. Please take a few minutes to read about the survey.

Fall Awards Assembly on January 15th



The 7/8 Fall Awards Assembly originally scheduled for January 8 has been rescheduled for January 15 at 2:00. Seventh and eighth grade students will be recognized at an awards assembly. Athletic letters and certificates will be presented for participation in Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Girls Basketball, and Wrestling. Academic recognition will also be made for students who have achieved membership on the school Honor Roll as well as those who have earned High Honors and Kaw Honors. Students will also be presented Exemplary Certificates for their achievement on the last state assessment.

Inter-Squad Basketball Games in February

To accommodate the number of boys on the eighth grade basketball team, Coach Hoffman has scheduled 2 extra intra-squad games on February 12th, and 19th.



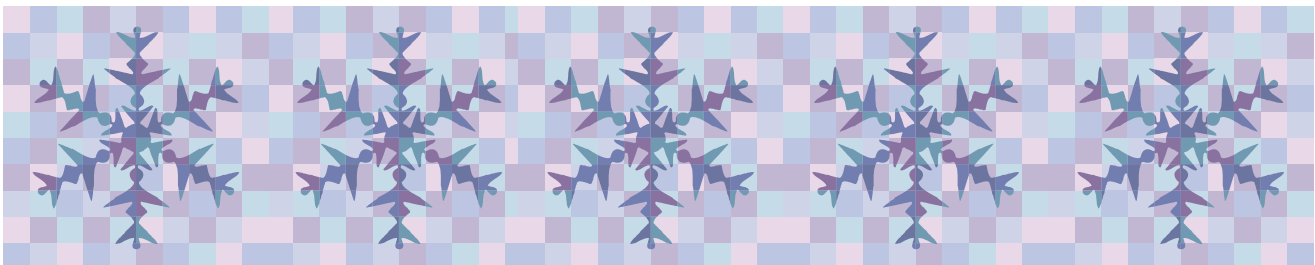
Boys BB Game Rescheduled



The game originally scheduled on January 7th has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 6th @ 9AM in Holton. Leave time from the school will be 7:15AM and return time is scheduled for 1:00PM. Eighth grade (A/B) will play in the new high school gym and seventh grade (A/B) will play in the old high school gym. Come cheer on the middle school KAWS!

Telephone or Address Changes

Please inform the office if your work or home phone number OR your address changes. In the event of an emergency, we want to reach parents as quickly as possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.



January Activities

Date	What	Where	Depart	Return	Sponsor
11	7A/7B/8A/8B Boys BB	Hiawatha MS @ 4:00	1:45	10:00	
	BoE Meeting	District office @ 7PM			
14	7A/7B Boys BB vs Royal Valley	PLMS Gym @ 4:00			
	8A/8B Boys BB vs Royal Valley	PLHS Gym @ 4:00			
15	7/8 Awards Assembly @ 2:00				
18	Teacher Inservice Day	No School for Students			
NO MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PRACTICE TODAY					
19	Baker University Field Trip	Baldwin	9:00	1:30	Levi-Mehl
	7A/7B/8A/8B Boys BB	Jeff West MS @ 4:00	2:45	7:00	
20	Baker University Field Trip	Baldwin	10:45	3:00	Zimmerman
21	Baker University Field Trip	Baldwin	9:00	1:30	Carroll
	7A/7B Boys BB vs Santa Fe Trail	PLMS Gym @ 4:00			
	8A/8B Boys BB vs Santa Fe Trail	PLHS Gym @ 4:00			
	PTO Meeting	Library @ 7PM			
25	7A/7B/8A/8B Boys BB	Sabetha MS @ 4:00	1:45	10:30	
26	7A/7B Boys BB vs Hiawatha	PLMS Gym @ 4:00			
	8A/8B Boys BB vs Hiawatha	PLHS Gym @ 4:00			
29	Varsity Blues Dance Clinic Participants performance	Half time of Varsity BB game			
30	7/8B-Team Boys BB Tournament	Jefferson County North- Nortonville @ 9:00AM	8:00	2:00	



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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 343

Dear Parents:

Our schools will soon be administering to students an annual statewide needs assessment, called the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*. Survey results will be used to help plan substance abuse prevention programs in our district. This survey, which is funded by Addiction and Prevention Services of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, is for students in the 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades.

I believe this survey is a good tool for teachers and parents to understand the extent of drug and alcohol awareness by our kids, as well as the extent of substance use. More importantly, I believe it is a worthwhile undertaking that will help create more effective programming by our school and various community organizations to combat problems associated with alcohol and drug use.

The survey includes questions on alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and family and community factors related to substance use. You may also be interested to know the following:

- 1. It is completely anonymous.** Students will not be asked for their names on the questionnaire, nor will anyone be able to connect any individual student with his/her responses. School staff will not see any one student's responses, but only summaries of results. To further guarantee anonymity, results will not be reported on any particular question without sufficient response from enough students.
- 2. Participation is entirely voluntary.** Your child may simply skip any particular question they do not wish to answer.

I hope you will allow your child to participate in this statewide effort. If you agree, you need do nothing further. However, if for any reason you do not wish your child to participate, please contact the school counselor, and your child will be excused from participation. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Judy Chamberlain
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

