
PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

September 2007

Power School.....FYI

Power School Grade Card Abbreviations

- () not graded (exempt)
- AB Absent
- EX Excused (exempt)
- NC Completed but did not meet deadline (no credit)
- INC Incomplete (exempt)
- ND Not done (no credit)

Eligibility

The eligibility policy is as it was last year. Students who have an "F" grade in any class on Monday morning at the eligibility check will be ineligible to play the following week unless they raise their grade to passing no later than the end of school on Friday. Students will be expected to raise their grades by completing and submitting homework and retaking tests. They may practice but are expected to use their practice time to regain their eligibility. Official grade checks begin Monday, September 10th.

Bus Transportation News



Perry-Lecompton schools will have three new bus drivers this year. Angie Barnett will be driving bus 3; Julie Moses will be driving bus 13 and Naomi Burgess driving bus 12. We are excited to have all three drivers joining a team of highly qualified and experienced drivers. All USD 343 drivers go through extensive training including the acquisition of a CDL license with bus and passenger endorsements, eight hours of CPR/First Aid training, eight hours of defensive driving training and a complete medical evaluation. Obviously our drivers are highly qualified to transport the students of Perry-Lecompton schools.

- Drivers ask that parents notify their child's bus driver in advance if a friend will be riding home with them. Several of the buses are near capacity and it is important that all children be seated properly when riding.
- All notes or phone calls must go through the school office.
- If you need to make a change to your student's transportation plan during the school day, please call the school office prior to 2:00 PM.
- If your child will vary from his/her established stops, he/she will need a note from home that has been stamped in the school office or a transportation change note from the office letting teacher and driver know a parent has called in with a change.
- **Drivers cannot make a change in transportation based on a verbal message from a student.**
- If your child will not be riding the bus in the morning, please call the bus garage at 597-5303 so that we can inform the driver.

National School Bus Safety Week is October 22 - 26. Please help your children celebrate this week by talking to them about proper conduct on the bus. For example – no standing up, switching seats, always face the front, feet and bags out of the aisle and/or after unloading, do not cross the road until the driver gives you permission with a wave of the hand.

Activity Bus

The function of the evening activity bus is to transport students who are involved in curricular or extracurricular school activities after school. The fall activity buses will leave PLMS at 5:40p.m. every evening. Only students who are involved in these activities are allowed to ride the activity bus. Each coach has provided the activity bus driver a roster of all students who are allowed to ride the activity bus. Students who do not appear on one of these rosters but intend to ride the activity bus must give the bus driver an authorized activity bus PASS before they board the bus. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the activity bus pass from the office, fill it out completely, and have it signed by the appropriate teacher.

Just a reminder, the activity bus does not deliver students to their homes; they only drop students off at LES, the old high school (in Lecompton), WES and Grantville

Parking

Unloading at the Middle School: Parents, please do not enter the drive at the front door of the school between 7:40 and 8:10 a.m. In the morning the drive in front of the schools is reserved for unloading buses. Buses come in at different times and they need to be able to go directly to the front of the school and drop off middle school riders. Please drop students in the first row of the parking lot by the sidewalk. The bus drive in front of the school will be designated as One Way from north to south. It is both a fire/emergency lane and a loading/unloading zone.

Loading Students at the Middle School: Buses line-up in front of the school at 3:10 to load both HS and MS students on the east side. After the buses leave at about 3:25 cars may pick-up students at the front doors. This pattern has already been established and seems to work well.

Guest Parking

The 10 parking spaces on the south half of the first row of the parking lot will be reserved by sign for guests.

No Parking West of the Building Complex

The west side of the building complex (behind the new gym all the way north to the middle school) is not designated for parking. It needs to be left clear for emergency vehicles. It is for service vehicles, USD 343 buses, opposing team buses and is designated for Handicapped Parking Only for football games.

Game Parking for Middle School Athletic Events

Fan parking for events in the new gym will be most convenient in the lot south of the high school.

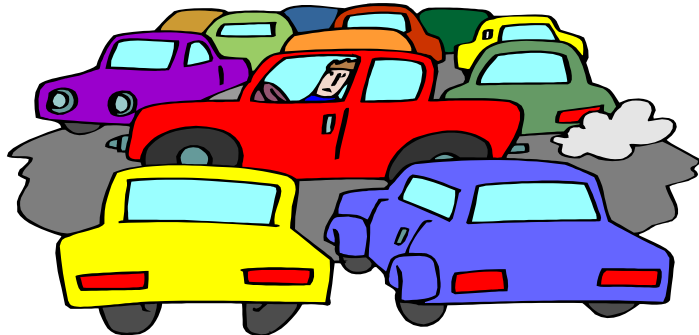
Fan parking for football games will be most convenient in the gravel parking lot south of the football field or in the paved lot south of the high school, near the new gym. Entry to the football field can be made only at the south entrance (from the football parking lot) and at the gate PASS or PAY Gate on the south side of the multi-purpose building.

The area west of the building complex is reserved for vehicles displaying a Handicap Parking permit.

Load and Unload Student Athletes

All locker rooms are on the south side of the high school. Parents who are picking up students after any athletic practice are asked to park in the lot south of the high school. Please do not park west of the building complex for the reasons cited above.

Thanks to all for your help and cooperation.



Open House & Ice Cream.....

What a great way to share a good time after a hot workout! Volleyball players and football players, friends, students, and parents enjoyed an ice cream social on August 29th before attending the PLMS open house. PTO provided the ice cream, and students brought toppings of all kinds. We went through 16 gallons of ice cream. Thank you to everybody for donating to the first annual PTO ice cream



PLMS Library News

It was nice to start in a library with books on the shelves....compared to last year!

PTO has **BOX TOPS for Education Book Club** flyers in the library. With each purchase of a book the PTO will earn 6 box top points. Reading levels are from K through 6th.

Students or parents may stop by anytime to pickup flyers. Deadline is Wednesday, September 24th. Return orders and money to the PLMS LIBRARY.

For the 5th & 6th grade parents some general information:

1. Library is open from 7:50 to 3:45 each day.
2. Books are checked out for 10 school days.
3. There will be an AR Late Night for 5th & 6th Friday, November 16th. Students come to school for food and games from 5:30 to 11:30. 50 AR points to attend. More information will be given later.



7th & 8th graders will have a late night Friday, January 18th. 75 AR points are needed to attend.

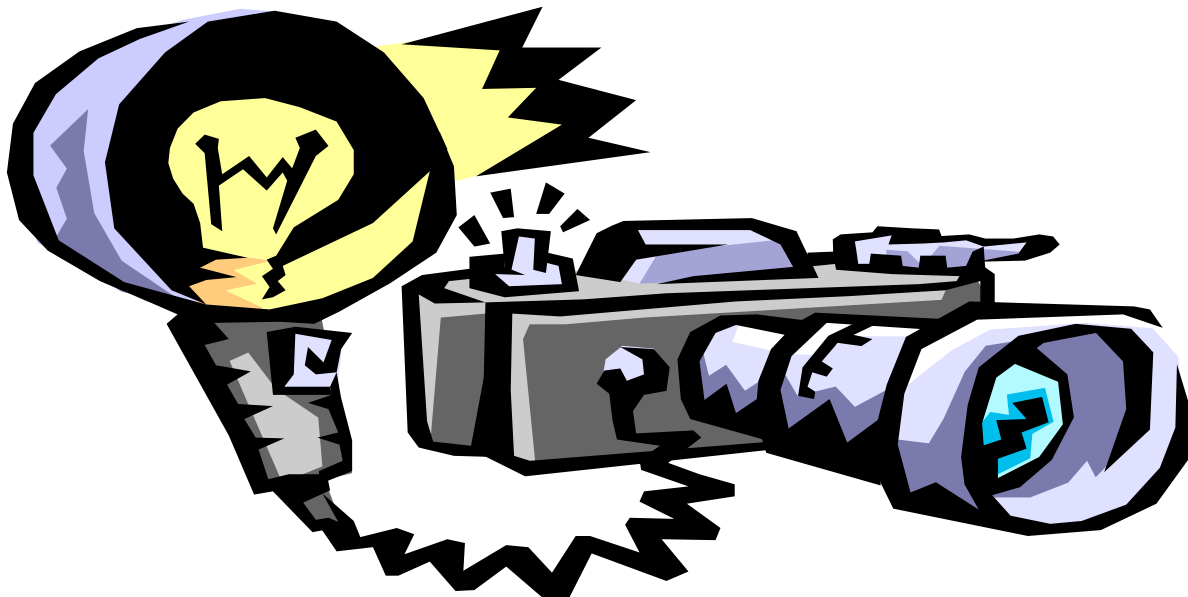
The time is now to start reading and taking AR quizzes in order to attend an AR Late Night. Students get to choose the books they want to read that are on the PLMS quiz list. Students have 4,425 quizzes to select from.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to the Perry Lecompton PTO for the 5 sets of WORLD BOOK Encyclopedias. The 5th graders are sharing 2 of the sets and the 6th graders are sharing 2 sets. The PLMS Library has one set in the reference section. Thank You Again!

Computer Technology News

The computer technology class will be posting web pages for building activities and sports, and also compiling the yearbook. Please send us copies of your photos, so we may include some of them in our projects. You may send them electronically, send a CD to school with your child, or send actual photos. We will scan or copy the photos, and return your originals to you. We appreciate all the help we receive in this area.

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Dates to remember.....



- September 10 7B/8B VB @ home-4:00
School Board Meeting-7:00
- September 11 7th FB @ Lexington Trails 4:00-(L-2:40/R-6:15)
8th FB @ home-4:00
Zimmerman class trip to Clement Nature Center-(L-8:00/R-12:45)
- September 12 Carroll class trip to Clement Nature Center (L-8:00/R-12:45)
- September 13 7th VB @ home-4:00
8th VB @ Lansing 4:00-(L-2:20/R-7:15)
Williams class trip to Clement Nature Center (L-8:00/R-12:45)
Cheerleader practice @ 3:15
- September 14 Case class trip to Clement Nature Center (L-8:00/R-12:45)
- September 17 Weatherford class trip to Clement Nature Center (L-8:00/R-12:45)
7/8B VB @ Bonner Springs 4:00 (L-2:30/R-7:15)
PTO @ 7:00
- September 18 Levi-Mehl class "Spider Hunt" @ McLouth (L-8:30/R-10:45)
Turner class trip to Clement Nature Center (L-8:00/R-12:45)
7th FB @ home-4:00
8th FB @ Lansing 4:00-(L-2:20/R-6:45)
- September 19 Stuco meeting @ 7:30am
MID QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS SENT HOME W/STUDENTS
7th VB @ Tonganoxie-4:00-(L-2:45/R-7:00)
8th VB @ home-4:00
Cheerleader practice @ 3:15
- September 22 7A/8A VB Tournament @ PLMS-9:00
- September 24 **TEACHER INSERVICE/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- September 25 7th FB @ Tonganoxie 4:00-(L-2:40/R-6:15)
8th FB @ home-4:00
- September 27 7th VB @ home-4:00
8th VB @ Monticello Trails-4:00-(L-2:20/R-7:30)
- September 28 7th/8th grade class trip to Coterie Theatre (L-8:30/R-3:30)