
PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Transportation News

With the onset of cold weather it is important to remind your children about some. Please remind them to stay back in the driveway and not to be out in the street. often express concern about students who are playing too close to the pickup waiting for the bus. Hoods or hats can also diminish a child's peripheral vision. remind them to be looking for the driver's signal that it is safe to board. It is remember that the streets will soon be icy and vehicles will need more room to stop. children to wait for their driver to signal them to load and unload. Students should only cross in front of the bus to the other side after their driver has signaled for them to do so. Drivers always check their mirrors and make sure it is safe for students to unload and cross in front of them if necessary.



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If you have moved or have a new home or cell phone number please let your child's school know so they have the most up to date information in the event we need to get in touch with you due to inclement weather.

If your child will not be riding please call the bus barn at 597-5303. They will pass this information on to your child's driver.

5th & 6th Grade AR Late Night

It was a late night for several adults, but not for the 5th & 6th graders attending the first of two AR Late Nights. The lights were on late into the night in PLMS. Lots of food was available for the Readers of PLMS on Friday, November 16th. There was free play in the gym. There was even shuffle board games (also know as cruise ship training). The Guitar Hero was played by most of the readers. It was a sight to see. Sorry and Apples to Apples were two of the board games enjoyed by students and adults. The AR raffle had many good prizes and several readers walked away with many prizes. The following students earned 50 points to attend: **Kerry Aldridge, Eliza Anderson, Dani Bowser, Brandon Eddy, Taylor Fuller, Mason Fast, Morgan Gantz, Scott Hirsch, Jessica Hurst, Amanda Jetter, Kaitlin McAlister, Annie Mehl, Anna Miller, Adante Ratzlaff, Amber Remboldt, Seth Surface, and Anna Tust.**

Looks like the adults had a great time.....and the students ate and played from 5:30 to 11:30. Ms Romero wishes to thank the following parents for helping with their time: Angie Gantz, Matt & Laura Hirsch, Caryn Anderson, Jerome Ratzlaff, Theresa Bowser, Mary Levi-Mehl, Linda & Rick Aldridge, and Monica Rembolt for their time. And for sending snacks: Melissa Fast, Lisa Surface, Stephen Hurst, Trace Eddy, Janet Tust, Denise Miller, Louise Phillips, Monica Remboldt, Lori Jeter, Linda Aldridge, Mary Levi-Mehl, CP Anderson, Jessica Ratzlaff, Laura Hirsch, and Theresa Bowser,

The next AR Late Night for 5th & 6th graders will be April 4, 2008. 50 AR points will be needed to attend the event.

PLMS Winter Program

The Winter Band Program for PLMS will be in the high school on December 5 at 7:00. The vocal music PLMS program will be presented at 7:00 on Monday, December 17. Please come to enjoy the presentation of our students.

To respect the hard work that all of our students have committed to these programs we ask that parents and students stay through the entire program. Leaving early is very disruptive. The programs are not long and we hope very enjoyable for all.



PTO & Site Council

Neither the Site Council or the PTO will meet in December. The PTO will resume meetings on the 21st of January at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is open and new ideas are always welcome.

Reward Activities for Second Quarter



Reward activities are planned for Friday, December 21 for all grades 5-8.

Students in grades 5 and 6 who are in good standing will participate in a basketball tournament in the gym. After basketball the school will provide pizza for students and staff as part of the activity.

In the morning of the 21st the 7th and 8th graders who are in good standing will attend the movie National Treasure II and return in time for a regular school lunch. Lunch is not included with the 7th and 8th reward activity.

To be "in good standing" a student must:

- be academically eligible which means they may not have an F in any one class for two consecutive weeks prior to the reward activity.
- be below Level 4 on the PLMS Discipline Point Matrix (see student handbook page 15).
- not have excessive absences.

Students who are ineligible are assigned to regular classrooms and will work on make-up work, completing assignments, or reading library books. They will eat the regular school lunch when served then join regular activities in the afternoon.

5th and 6th grade Reward

On December 21, 2007 all fifth and sixth grade students in good standing will be participating in the 5th and 6th grade basketball games and pizza lunch.

A student in good standing must be academically eligible which means he/she may not have an F in one of the core classes for the two weeks prior to the basketball/pizza lunch activity. A student in good standing has not served an In School Suspension or an Out of School Suspension during the 2nd quarter. A student in good standing has not reached Level 4 on the PLMS Discipline Point Matrix (see student handbook page 15). Also, a student in good standing does not have excessive absences.

Those students that qualify will be participating in a morning of basketball games between teams that will be established in the 5th and 6th grade PE classes. More information about the scheduling of these games will be sent home at a later date. After the games, a pizza lunch will be provided by the school reward fund for students and staff only.

Students that do not qualify will be completing late or missing assignments and will be eating a school lunch.

The afternoon will be spent according to the individual plans of the classroom teachers with classroom parties for all students.

Early School Dismissal

Winter is coming and along with winter comes the inevitable snow and ice. 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.

- Media will be notified: WDAF TV - Kansas City, TV Channel 4, WIBW - Topeka, TV Channel 13, radio 580 AM and 94.5 FM.
- At WES the school calling tree will be initiated to contact all parents.
- At PLMS all students are given the opportunity to call parents and make special arrangements.
- Parents of students at either building may send special instructions to the office for early dismissal. We will keep those instructions on file.
- 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.

Dates to remember.....

December 1	7A/8A GBB @ Lansing-(L-8AM/R-3PM)
December 3	7A/8A GBB @ Home 4:30
December 3	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ HCC
December 4	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ PLHS
December 5	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ LEC
December 5	PLMS Winter Band Concert @ 7:00 in PLMS Gym
December 6-7	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ LEC
December 10	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ LEC 8 th grade boys basketball practice @ HCC School Board meeting @ 7:00 PM
December 11	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ PLMS 8 th grade boys basketball practice @ PLHS
December 12-13	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ LEC 8 th grade boys basketball practice @ HCC
December 14	8 th grade boys basketball practice @ HCC
December 17	Vocal Music Program @ 7 PM in PLHS Little Theatre
December 17-19	8 th grade boys basketball practice @ HCC
December 20	7 th grade boys basketball practice @ LEC 8 th grade boys basketball practice @ HCC
December 21	2 nd 9 Weeks Ends 5-6 Reward day 7-8 Reward trip to Southwind Theatres in Lawrence-(L-8:30/R-12:15)
December 24-31	NO SCHOOL
January 1-4	NO SCHOOL



Directions to Schools this Month

Lansing Middle School: (50 miles from PLMS on K7, US 73)
When arriving in Lansing, go past the Prison and look for Ida Street.
Turn west on Ida and go approximately 1 mile to the school.

Rossville Jr/Sr High School: (32 miles west of PMS) Take US 24
west to Rossville, turn left on Main Street to High School. 800 S
Main Street.

Information worth repeating.....

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

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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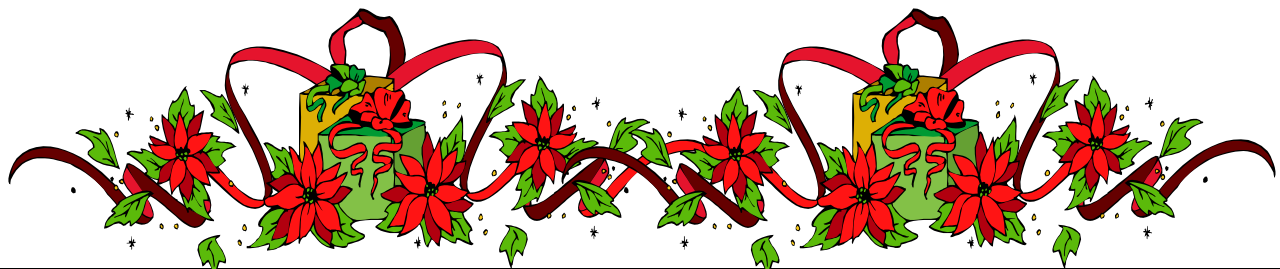
Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education is a great way for us to bring dollars into our school without extra expense to our supporters. All that is required is to save Box Tops coupons from packages that families (friends, neighbors, grandparents) may purchase anyway.

The \$\$\$ earned by each 7th and 8th grade class from Box Tops go to help pay for their 8th Grade WOF trip. For this year's 7th grade students, they will have been able to save \$\$ from 1/2 of last year, all of this year and all of next year to help pay for their trip. So far they have almost \$90.00 earned (over 890 Box Tops.) That may not seem like much... but it is money that comes from General Mills Box Tops and not from our pockets. They have the potential to pay for several dollars of the cost of the trip for each student... and it is okay if they earn all of the money from Box Tops.

Our 5th and 6th grade students are currently earning \$\$ for their 6th grade ski trip. After this year's ski trip the \$\$ earned by the 6th grade will start going toward their 8th grade trip... 6th grade has about \$150.00 so far toward their ski trip.

We also save HyVee receipts, Nestle water bottle labels, Tyson A+ labels, Campbell's and Best Choice labels(for the Elem school) and Thriftway receipts (-Thriftway receipts program only runs Jan 1 - April 30 each year.) And don't forget the pop top tabs.





Tis the Season to be GIVING!

As we enter the holiday season, it is important that we remember those who are less fortunate. The PLMS Student Council would like to share with you some ways that you and your family can give to those in need. For the month of December, we will be participating in the following activities. Please join us in sharing a little holiday cheer with those who need it most.

Coins for Camp



– PLMS will be having a “penny drive” to raise money for Camp Adventure, a local, non-profit summer camp for physically disabled youth and adults. Camp Adventure offers the camp experience for those, who would normally not be able to attend. Each 5th/6th classroom and 7th/8th directed study will be collecting money to help provide scholarships for those who cannot pay for camp. For more information please go to www.campadventureinc.com or email Christian Brown at cbrown@usd343.org.

Share the Warmth – Scotch Warmth Drive. This is a very need to do is donate old coats Scotch Cleaners will clean and in need.



Cleaners is hosting the Share the simple way to give. All you that are in good condition. distribute coats to families

Canned Food Drive – During the month of December PLMS will also be collecting can goods, diapers, and other non-perishable items to help restock the shelves at God’s Store House, a local food pantry. PLMS will be collecting December 3rd through December 21st. All donations will be collected outside of the library.



Fun times at AR Party!





KNOW THE RULES.....

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. When in a public facility always supervise your children, and **ALWAYS** accompany young children to the restroom. Make certain your children know to stay with you at all times while shopping and always **CHECK FIRST** with you or the person in charge before they go anywhere. It is important to know where your children are and who they are with at all times.
2. If older children become separated from you while holiday shopping, have meet you in a predesignated spot such as the sales counter of the store you were in or the mall's information booth. For younger children teach them to look for people who may be sources of help within the store or mall such as a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a nametag, person with a nametag who is working in the information booth, or mother with children. They should not leave the area, and they should **NEVER** leave the store/mall or go to the parking lot to look for you or your vehicle.
3. Make an outing to a mall a "teachable" experience in which children practice checking with you; using pay telephones; locating the adults who may be able to help if they need assistance; and, for older children, going to the restroom with a friend. Practice having them **CHECK FIRST** with you before going anywhere within a mall or store. Remember, allowing your children to wear clothing or carry items in public on which their name is displayed may bring about unwelcome attention from inappropriate people looking for a way to start a conversation with your children.
4. Parents or guardians should not leave children alone at public facilities such as video arcades, movie theaters, or playground as a convenient "babysitter" while they are holiday shopping. Never leave children in a toy or specialty store expecting store personnel to supervise and care for your children. They are not trained in this role, and it is not a function of their employment.
5. If you allow your older children to go to the mall or other activities without you, they need to **TAKE A FRIEND**. It's more fun and much safer. Older children should check- in with you on a regular basis while they are out. Make certain a clear plan is in place to pick them up including where, what time, and what to do in case of a change in plans.
6. Nothing takes the place of your supervision when you are in a public place with your children. If you are going holiday shopping and feel you will be distracted, make other arrangements for the care of your children. It's easy to get distracted with all the sights, sounds and crowds of holiday shopping, so make certain your children stay with you at all times.

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