
PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2008

News from the Principal

Spelling Bee

End of Quarter

The third quarter ends on Friday, March 13th. There will be no school for students on Friday, March 14th. Teachers will use this day for in-service activities and reporting third quarter grades.

Girls and Boys Track

Track practice will begin on Tuesday, March 11th. Don't forget that students must have a current physical in order to participate. Mrs. Culver and Mrs. Packard, our boys and girls head track coaches will hold an informational meeting with students before spring break. There are three home meets in April this year.

Eighth Grade Graduation

This is an information item to help parents and 8th grade students prepare for graduation. The PLMS Student Handbook outlines the criteria for eligibility for 8th grade students to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students are required to pass 14 semester classes out of the 16 semester classes offered in their 8th grade year. Students must also meet the citizenship requirements and be a student-in-good-standing.

Homework Policy

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Ann W. Foster

Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

The school spelling bee was held Monday, Jan 28th. There were 53 participants. That is record group of spellers for the school spelling bee.

Shannon Foster is the PLMS School Spelling Champion for this school year and RJ Whitaker is the runner up. Shannon represented PLMS at the Jefferson County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 12th at 7 PM in Nortonville at Jefferson County North School.

Participants in this year's PLMS School Spelling Bee were:

Tony Bayless, Catie Winchester, Andy Davis-Worthington, Cole Cobb, Erik Brooks, Caleb Daniels, Isaac Remboldt, Scott Hirsch, Annie Mehl, Anna Tust, Blake Wingert, Nick DeVader, Jacob Morgison, Amber Remboldt, Dani Winchester, Victoria Nichols, Amber Pearson, Molly Dillman, Quinten Sledd, Michelle Wilkins, Ben Maloun, Brianna Hernandez, Connor Remboldt, Tyler Archinal, Brandon Eddy, Ryan Seetin, Will Hinrichsen, NikkiLee Aguilar, Amanda Jeter, R.J. Whitaker, Logan Hatfield, Krystal Thompson, Eric Johnson, Seth Surface, Teresa Bayless, Charis Fisher, Katelyn Schultz, Jennifer Rodriguez, Zach Linqvist, Clara Foster, Jake Walker, Jillian Schuler, Nicolas Aguilar, Nate Blair, Cheyenne Black, Hannah Shoemaker, Shannon Foster, Jessica Hurst, Colby Easum, Travis Treanor, Macy Scott, Delana Schwyhart and Chelsea Stanwix.

The Kaw Valley League Spelling Bee was also held on February 12th at 9 AM at Tonganoxie Middle School. Kaw Valley League Spelling team: Shannon Foster, Isaac Remboldt, Cole Cobb and Charis Fisher competed on Tuesday with other Kaw Valley League schools on Tuesday February 12th at Tonganoxie Middle School. 7th graders competing were Chelsea Stanwix and Tony Bayless.

Judy Romero

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Request for change in transportation

If a change in transportation is needed, parents should following the guidelines listed below.

If the change occurs in the morning, please call the bus barn at 597-5303 so that the driver can be notified. Please make this call at least 15 minutes before your child's schedule pick up time.

After 8:00 AM, if a change needs to occur for the PM route, parents should call building secretaries at their child's attendance center.

All calls should be made by 2:30 PM unless it is an emergency, no change requests should be made after 2:30 PM.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Josh Woodward



Since January, Mrs. Zimmerman's room has once again been transformed into a rainforest. A green tint fills the room, "wild" animals rest on a number of surfaces, and students are learning about the animals, people and products of the rainforest.

February 13 was Banana Day. The room took on a bright yellow glow as students sampled 53 banana flavored foods and drinks. Every activity involved bananas – math, spelling, writing, reading, and science.



March 3 the class travels to the Rainforest Café for an informative tour and tasty lunch. A quick stop at Pet World in Lawrence will allow the students to handle some animals originally from the rainforest. Our unit concludes on March 12.

Pat Zimmerman

PLMS / PTO SCHOLASTIC Book Fair a Success

The PLMS Library along with PTO held a SCHOLASTIC Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conference Week. There were lots of great books to select from. Thanks to all parents, teachers, and relatives for their support of reading. A big thanks to students for their enjoyment of reading.



There were many AR TOPS Report winners. Prizes ranged for \$5 to \$25 of free books for the book fair.

Winners were: Scott Hirsh, Emerie Hefner, Brittney Hamersky, Jessica Hurst, Patrick Olson, Macy Scott, Amanda Jeter, Taylor Fuller, Dani Bowser, Ben Maloun, Levi Smock, Chelsea Stanwix, Kade Welp, Megan Kasson, Sam Buchannan, Cole Cobb, Erin Hayes, Sierra Morgison, Charis Fisher and Brett Chenhall.

One-for-Books raised \$30 for the purchase of picture books for the Grantville Early Childhood Center.

The last book fair for the year will be in May before week close the library for inventory. It is a Buy-One-Get-One Free book fair.

Judy Romero

Probability Day in 5th Grade

March 13 will find all 5th graders immersed in math for the entire day. This day, known as Probability Day, introduces probability to the students and allows them to practice it in a fun and varied setting. Students watch video clips, play a movement game, learn in short directed lessons, and then practice in centers using hands-on materials.

A number of parent volunteers will staff each station, helping the students understand the concept of probability. Lunch takes on a different feel as students dine on sub sandwiches, chips, and cookies from Mr. Goodcents. Art and drama are brought into the day to help solidify the concept for students just before they take the district assessment. It is an outcome in a day!

Pat Zimmerman



NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR

8th Grade Career Fair



Our 8th graders have been exploring their interests/careers and the unit will be highlighted by a *Career Fair* on March 7th at 1:30. They will interview Twenty Five guests about their occupation.

Also, Wayne Ledbetter, district Career Director, will speak to each LA class about opportunities that they will have while in High School. These experiences will help the students in their enrollment process for high school.

8th Grade Enrollment Night at PLHS-March 26th 7:00

PLEASE, all students and parents are required to attend. Enrollment forms, booklets and other valuable information will be given to the 8th graders for enrollment at Perry Lecompton High School. Ms. Snyder, PLHS counselor, will be in class following enrollment night to answer questions and further help students with filling out the 4 year plan and Freshman enrollment sheets.

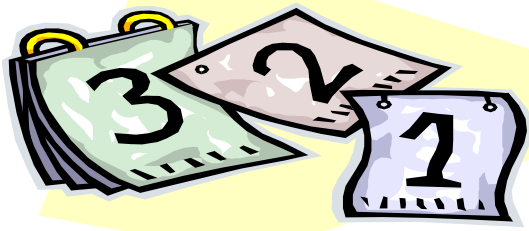
Summer Career Academy

Information will be given after Spring Break to our 7th and 8th graders about the Eighth and last Summer Career Academy. We will take 30 students on four days of field trips to explore different careers. T-shirts, lunches and snacks are provided. The dates are Tuesday-Friday, *May 27-May 30, 8:30-4:00*.

Previous to this year, we have been fortunate to have received grant money for this fabulous experience for our students. We, Mrs. Faimon, Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Hupe, are looking forward to sponsoring our last year and hope that your child will be available that week to attend.

Beth Hupe





Date	Event	Destination	Depart	Return
3/3	Zimmerman class field trip	Rainforest Café	9:30	3:00
3/5	StuCo Meeting in Weatherford's room @ 7:30 AM			
3/7	5 th grade Bowling Trip-Topeka	Westridge Lanes	8:15	11:20
	6 th grade Bowling Trip-Topeka	Westridge Lanes	12:15	3:10
	8 th grade Career Fair	PLMS Gym	12:00	3:00
3/10	KVL Vocal Music	Lansing	TBA	TBA
	School Board Meeting @ DO-7:00 PM			
3/11	TRACK PRACTICE BEGINS			
	7 th grade Hearing Screenings			
3/12	KVL Band @ Perry-3:30-8:00 PM			
3/13	3rd 9 Weeks Ends			
	5 th grade Probability Day-8:30-1:00			
3/14	Inservice/Work Day-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS			
3/17-21	SPRING BREAK			
3/24	PTO Meeting in Library @ 7:00			
3/26	Grade Cards Mailed Out			
	KVL League-Math	Lansing	7:15	2:30
	8 th grade Enrollment Night in PLHS Theatre @ 7 PM			



Information worth repeating..again and again and again and again.....

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

Homework Policy

When students miss school parents are encouraged to call the school office (597-5159) between 8:30 and 9:00 A.M. to make arrangements to get homework assignments. The homework policy can be found in the Perry-Lecompton Middle School Handbook.

In all classes, students have a minimum of two school days for each day of excused absence to submit make-up assignments for full credit. In all classes students will be expected to complete and submit all homework regardless of "credit" ...Perry-Lecompton Middle School Student Handbook

Office Depot cash back

Office Depot is taking care of education! Every time parents, students and school supporters give our school's 5% Back to Schools ID number when buying qualifying school supplies at Office Dept, OUR SCHOOL receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for FREE SUPPLIES!

Our schools ID Number is 70038934

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.

Marty Strait mstrait@usd343.org

Food Service *EZSchoolPay* Information

Has your child ever announced at breakfast, "I'm out of lunch money and can't eat today if you don't send more?" You have no cash and you're out of checks! Now what do you do?

We have a solution for your problem. Beginning in February, USD 343 will implement *EZSchoolPay*. This online meal payment service is easy to use and once you are registered, the money can be in your student's lunch account in ten to fifteen minutes! You will be charged a small fee of six percent. In the initial stage, this service will be available to students at Perry Lecompton High School and Perry Lecompton Middle School. We hope to offer it to elementary students by March. To participate in this program, simply follow the directions below.

STEP 1:

- Obtain your students Personal Identification number.
- This is either a 5-digit or 8-digit number.
- It is not the same number you use to access PowerSchool.
- You may obtain the number by calling Food Services at 785-597-5872 or you can email Donna Buchanan at dbuchana@usd343.org

STEP 2:

- Once you obtain this number, go to the EZSchoolPay.com website and register.
- You will need a valid email address and either a Visa or MasterCard.
- Complete the requested information and your ready to go.

The best part about *EZPay* is that you don't have to deposit money to use the service. If you want to continue making cash/check payments through the office, you can still have access to the *EZPay* website to monitor your child's balance at no cost.

FAQ: How do I know the *EZPAY* website is secure?

The *EZPAY* site has security measures in place to protect the loss, misuse and alteration of the information under our control. We use YourPay, a FirstData company and a leader in secure web commerce, to process payments. We also use a Comodo security certificate that guarantees the transactions for up to \$10,000. You can click on the TrustLogo to verify that you are actually using the *EZSchoolPay* web site.



PHONE BROADCAST INFORMATION SCHOOLREACH



What is a phone broadcast system?

The power of a phone broadcast system is its ability to share information quickly with students' families, including school closings for inclement weather, power outages, emergency safety measures, transportation changes, reminders and announcements. Perry-Lecompton schools use SchoolReach to provide this service, allowing district and building administrators to contact all affected families within moments. You need not sign up for this service – your inclusion is automatic. We simply are asking for your help in identifying the numbers you want us to call. Rest assured that your personal information and contact numbers will be strictly secure and you will not receive any non-school messages as a result of this service.

Primary Contact Number

A home number for each student is kept in a "primary" list. The primary list is used for communications in the late night or early morning (such as a snow day), or on the weekend. It also is the number used for reminders and non-urgent announcements. This number is obtained from each student's enrollment form (For families with no home land line, an alternate cell phone should be designated.)

Emergency Contact Numbers

Emergency numbers in SchoolReach, such as a parent/guardian cell or work phone number, are used when there is urgent information to be shared with parents or guardians during the regular school/work day. Every student has the option of up to three additional emergency contact numbers, in addition to the home number on the primary list. Emergency numbers will be called all at the same time (there is no option to prioritize the numbers). Please note the following criteria when selecting the best numbers to be included for your student's emergency contacts:

- ❖ You must include an extension to be dialed if you list a number that is answered by a switchboard operator or automated attendant.
- ❖ If you list a number for someone other than a parent or guardian (such as a grandparent or neighbor), please inform that person that they may receive recorded messages from the schools and how you would like them to handle the information provided in a message.
- ❖ Please do not list numbers that are answered in multiple locations (such as a dispatch center).
- ❖ Numbers must include an area code – **800/866/877/888 numbers will not work in this system.**

Keep Your Student's School Informed of Changes

Keeping your student's school informed of primary and emergency phone number changes is an integral part of helping to make this system work. We do ask that if you have a home phone number change or cell phone change (in either the primary number or emergency numbers), please notify the school office immediately. We will keep our database current with your changes.

If you wish to update or change your primary home phone number, cell phone number or emergency contact number, please call the middle school office (785) 597-5159 or you can e-mail the office at clangton@usd343.org. We appreciate you helping to keep us informed so we can in turn keep you informed!!!



Perry-Lecompton Schools Endowment Association

Membership & Brick Order Form

A gift of \$50 will include membership in the Endowment Association and an engraved brick in the Endowment Patio.

A 4" x 8" personalized engraved brick may be purchased for \$50 per brick.

Name _____

Address _____ City & State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Payment Method: Cash _____ Check _____ Gift Amount \$ _____

What would you like to have engraved on your brick? Please limit your engraving to up to 19 letters/characters per line. There is a 4-line limit. Example:

#1) IN MEMORY OF
THOMAS REED
PERRY RURAL HIGH
CLASS OF 1955

#2) MICHELLE LEE-SMITH
PERRY -LECOMPTON
CLASS OF 1983

Please print clearly your inscription, using one character/letter per space provided. If you wish to purchase more than one brick, please use a separate form for each brick. (Please print clearly.)

Line #1

Line #2

Line #3

Line #4

Please forward this form to: Perry-Lecompton Schools Endowment Association
% District Office
PO Box 729, 205 West Bridge St.
Perry, Kansas 66073