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# PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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May 2008

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## Keystone Adventure Camp



Keystone Learning Services (formerly NEKESC) is offering fun and exciting opportunities for Grades 2-8 at a week of "Adventure Camps" at the Keystone Lecompton building June 23-27. We have a variety of classes including: hip-hop dance, different art techniques, forgotten favorite sports, Spanish for beginners, lego robotics, volleyball basics, basic cooking skills, plastic canvas, picture perfect, make your wish book and sewing for beginners. All sessions are \$60 a week for half days and \$120 a week for full days. We are also offering an all day Wilderness Adventure Camp at Lake Perry for \$150. If you are interested please call 785-863-3410 or go to [www.keystonelearning.org/AdventureCamps](http://www.keystonelearning.org/AdventureCamps).

## Athletic/Spirit Group Annual Physicals for 2008-2009



Athletic physicals for the 2008-2009 school year will be completed during the school day on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. The Jefferson County Health Department nursing staff will do lab screenings. Lab will include a urinalysis, which screens kidney function, hemoglobin, which screens for anemia, and a blood sugar, which screens for diabetes. Parents will be notified of abnormal findings.

Parents wishing their child to have a physical this day must complete the athletic physical form. Physical forms are available at the school office. The completed physical form and the \$25.00 fee must be returned to the school by Wednesday, May 7 (one week prior to the date of the physical). Checks should be made payable to PLHS. If you have any questions, please call the Jefferson County Health Department at (785) 863-2447.

## Lecompton Bridge Reminder



Please remember that the Lecompton Bridge will be reduced to one-lane traffic beginning May 12 through mid August. This could affect drop off times during PM bus routes. Please be aware that your child may return home five to ten minutes later than usual.

## 2008-2009 Bus Route Information

If families wish to receive notification of bus routes and times, it is critical that completed before or at the establish enrollment date. When families miss the deadline, it is impossible to fully assign routes and contact families about pick up and drop off times. Returning USD 343 families that don't receive a phone call regarding pick up and drop off times should anticipate the same times as the previous year. Driver will only contact new families to the district or families that have a different pick up / drop off time. A family that does not enroll by the established enrollment date may not receive district transportation until after the first week of school.



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# State Science Fair Winner!

Scott Hirsch, a fifth grader at PLMS won the state science fair at Wichita. This is what he had to say.

“I’ve been doing the Wamego Science Fair for five years so I was very confident. I wasn’t surprised that I won the Wamego Science Fair, but I was surprised to go to the state science fair because it was the first state science fair for Kansas.

I had to give a presentation to three judges. I was nervous because I was the last one to give my presentation to the judges.

I was on vacation when I learned that I won! I was surprised that I beat the fourth-eighth graders in every category. I won a trophy and a 1,000 dollar saving bond for college! I went berserk when I heard this.”

*Interviewed by  
Seth Surface*



## *Graduation Exercises & Academic Awards*

The Graduation ceremony is set for 7:00 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> in the high school gymnasium. During the ceremony the academic accomplishments of the graduating 8th graders will be recognized.



## *8th grade Worlds of Fun Trip*

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go on their annual Worlds of Fun trip on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

All outstanding balances must be paid prior to going on this trip. Make sure that enrollment fees have been paid and library books and sports uniforms turned in.

Students must also meet academic and behavioral guidelines to be eligible to go.

Students who plan to attend should bring their **\$20.00 ASAP.**



## *Last Day of School*

On May 26th students will be dismissed from PLMS at 10:55 Buses will run their normal routes after that time. Students will not be eating lunch at school on this day and should arrive at home in time for lunch.

# Summer Vacation

**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*

## **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.

# Homework Policy

When students miss school between 8:30 and 9:00 A.M. to The homework policy can be



parents are encouraged to call the school office (597-5159) make arrangements to get homework assignments. 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](mailto: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 lunch account in ten to fifteen minutes! You will be charged a small fee of six percent. In stage, this service will be available to students at Perry Lecompton High School and Lecompton Middle School. We hope to offer it to elementary students by March. To 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](mailto:dbuchana@usd343.org)

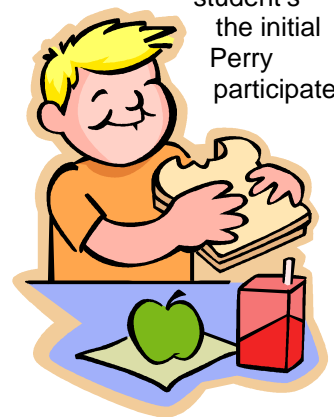
### STEP 2:

- Once you obtain this number, go to the [EZSchoolPay.com](http://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



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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 – you 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

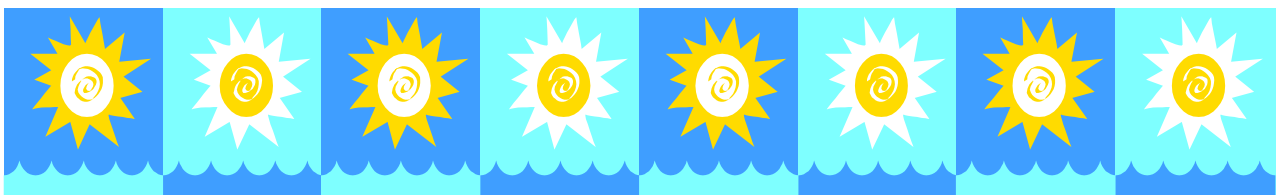
Emergency numbers in SchoolReach, such as a parent/guardian cell or work phone number, are used when there is urgent information to be shared with parents or guardians during the regular school/work day. Every student has the option of up to three additional emergency contact numbers, in addition to 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](mailto: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.)

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Line #3

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Line #4

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

Date	Event	Destination	Depart	Return	Sponsor
5/1	8th grade Art Class Trip	Spencer Museum-Lawrence	11:00	2:00	Drummond
5/2	DARE Graduation @ 2:00				
	Track Meet-weight/throwers/distance	Seaman HS	1:45	8:30	Packard
	Track Meet-sprinters	Seaman HS	2:45	8:30	Culver
5/3	7/8 Band to Worlds of Fun	KC, MO	6:30	7:00	Maloun
5/5	Hearing re-testing @ 8:30				
	Career Day	Lawrence Memorial Hospital	8:00	3:00	Hupe
	Middle School Track Dinner	Pizza Street in Lawrence	3:30	5:00	Packard
5/6	5-12 Spring Band Concert @ 7PM-PLHS Gym				
5/7	KVL Math Relays	Lexington Trail	7:45	2:45	Brown/Packard
	<b>Athletic Physical paperwork and money due-TODAY</b>				
	PLHS Stu-Co meet with 8th grade @ 2:35				
5/12	School Board Meeting @ 7 PM				
5/13	LES 4th grade visit @ 10:50				
5/14	PES 4th grade visit @ 10:50				
	<b>SCHOOL PHYSICALS GIVEN TODAY-Beginning @ 8:30</b>				
5/16	8th grade LA Trip	Southwind Theatre	8:30	1:30	Carey/Faimon
5/19	8th grade cook-out during lunch				
	8th grade Awards Assembly @ 1:30				
5/20	8th grade Trip	Worlds of Fun-KCMO	8:15	5:00	8th staff
5/21	8th grade tour PLHS @ 8:30				
	8th grade Graduation Practice @ 9:30				
	8th grade Dismissal @ 11:30				
	<b>8th grade Graduation PLHS Gym @ 7 PM</b>				
5/22	5/6 Track Meet @ 8:30				
	5/6 4th Quarter Trip	Southwind Theatre	11:30	3:00	5th/6th staff
	7th grade 4th Quarter Trip	SK8Away-Topeka	11:30	3:00	7th staff
5/23	7th grade Awards Assembly @ 8:30				
	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL DISMISSAL @ 10:55</b>				
5/27-5/30	PLMS Career Academy 8:30-3:30				



Have a Great Summer!

