
PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2009

Early Arrival

The student handbook says that the front doors at PLMS open at 7:45. We have recently added staff to supervise students at 7:30 to accommodate early vans and buses. Students who must be dropped off early may enter and wait in the entry hall out of the weather. A number of students are arriving at PLMS front doors as early as 7:00 a.m. This is too early for the middle school to accommodate and could leave students without shelter in dangerous conditions. Please make necessary arrangements to avoid leaving you child at PLMS before 7:30.

Site Council & PTO

Both the Site Council and the PTO will meet on Monday, January 19. Site Council begins at 6:00 in the PLMS conference room and the PTO meeting will begin at 7:00 in the Library. Attendance is open and new ideas are always welcome.

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.

- 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.

CANDY GRAMS are coming!

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAMS are coming soon to a gymnasium near you. Candy bars wrapped in individual Valentine's Day themes will be sold for \$1.00 each at PLMS, PLHS, and Jr. Kaws boys and girls home basketball games. The candy grams will be delivered to your Valentine at their respective school on February 13, 2009. Proceeds from the sale of the candy grams will benefit the PLHS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM who are reigning Kaw Valley League and Regional Champions. **GO KAWS!**



January Activities

Date	What	Where	Depart	Arrive	Sponsor
1/6	Chemistry Trip	Baker University	9:15	1:15	Levi Mehl
1/7	Chemistry Trip	Baker University	9:15	1:15	Turner
1/8	Chemistry Trip	Baker University	9:15	1:15	Carroll
1/9	Chemistry Trip	Baker University	9:15	1:15	Zimmerman
1/9	7/8 Awards Assembly @ 2:00				
1/12	School Board Meeting @ 7:00				
1/14	Robotics	Burlington	7:30	2:30	Brune
1/15	7C/B/A Boys BB	Home @ 4:00			
1/15	8A/B/C Boys BB	Jeff West	2:50	8:00	Hoffman
1/17	A-team tournament	Pleasant Ridge @ 9 AM	TBA	TBA	Staff
1/19	7C/8C Boys BB	Home vs Silver Lake @ 4:00			
1/19	Site Council Meeting	PLMS Library @ 6:00			
1/19	PTO Meeting	PLMS Library @ 7:00			
1/22	8B/A Boys BB	Home @ 4:00			
1/22	7B/A Boys BB	Monticello Trails	2:30	7:30	Vigna
1/26	Spelling Bee	7/8 Commons @ 1:00			
1/27	Snow Creek Trip	Weston, MO	8:20	5:00	6 th grade Staff
1/27	7B Boys BB vs Lexington Trails	PLMS Gym @ 4:00	5th quarter will be played		
1/27	7A Boys BB vs Lexington Trails	PLMS Gym @ 5:00			
1/27	8B Boys BB vs Lexington Trails	PLHS Gym @ 4:00			
1/27	8A Boys BB vs Lexington Trails	PLHS Gym @ 5:00			
1/29	7B/A Boys BB	Home @ 4:00			
1/29	8 B/A Boys BB	Basehor Linwood	2:50	6:45	Hoffman
1/31	7/8 B Boys Basketball Tournament	Jeff North @ 9:00 AM	TBA	TBA	Staff

January....Did you know?

January is named for Janus (Ianuarius), the god of the doorway; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (*ianua*) - January is the door to the year. January's birthstone is the garnet. Its birth flower is the carnation or snowdrop

INFO WORTH REPEATING

Homework Kansas

HomeworkKansas is an after school tutoring service that connects Kansas students one-on-one with live tutors.

It is targeted at students in Kindergarten through 12th grades, college introductory students, adult GED students, and other adult learners.

Students need only to go to the HomeworkKansas website at www.homeworkkansas.org and choose "Click here to connect to Homework Kansas" to initiate a session.

Students can connect to tutors from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week. HomeworkKansas is also available in Spanish, Sunday through Thursday, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Help is available in the following subjects:

- Math: elementary, algebra I, algebra II, geometry, trigonometry and calculus
- Science: elementary, earth science, biology, chemistry, physics
- Social studies: American History, World History, Political Science and more
- English: spelling, grammar, book reports, essay writing and more



To access HomeworkKansas, students need a [Kansas Library Card](#) which is available at school libraries. For more information about HomeworkKansas please contact Eric Gustafson at the [State Library of Kansas](#) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m Monday - Friday. You can send emails to egustafson@kslib.info or call (785) 296-8152.

Power School Abbreviations

The following is a key to the abbreviations that all Middle School teachers use in their grade books.

Power School Grade Card Abbreviations

- AB Absent (points exempt)
- EX Excused (points exempt)
- NC No Credit (zero points)
- M Missing (zero points)



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 have the remainder of the week to raise their grade to passing. If the student does not raise the grade by the grade-check on the following Monday, the student is ineligible to play for the week. The cycle repeats until the student's grade is raised to passing on the Monday grade-check. Students will be expected to raise their grades by completing and submitting homework and retaking tests. Students are guaranteed the opportunity to raise their grade to "passing" each week. They may practice but are expected to use their practice time to regain their eligibility. Official grade checks began Monday, September 8th.