



The staff at both PES and LES “Welcome” you to the 2011-12 school year. I feel very fortunate to be working with a dedicated staff that is ready to meet the needs of our students. This year we welcome Rebecca Beaulieu as our Elementary Music Teacher.

Our enrollment numbers for this year: PLPK: 30, PES: 106, LES: 182

The first two weeks of school have brought several opportunities for our families to visit the school. It is my goal to continue to promote a positive home-school partnership.

- August 15: Sneak Peek: a time to meet the teacher and relieve any anxiety about the 1st day of school.
- August 23 & 24: Back to School for Parents: a time for parents to meet with the teachers and learn about the expectations at each grade level.

Many of the teachers are implementing new learning and teaching strategies along with technology this year that we believe will have a positive educational impact on your children. We will continue to implement the following assessment tools to measure academic growth as well as develop specific learning strategies to meet the needs of our students: MAP – Measurement of Academic Growth: grades 2-4th; Success Maker: grades K-4th, AIMSweb reading & math screener: grades K-4th. Toward the end of September we will begin the implementation of MTSS or Multi-Tiered System of Supports. This is a structured design model where students will be placed in small instructional level reading groups for 30 minutes. This is in addition to the 60 minute classroom reading block.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either school. My schedule will be such that I will spend a half day in each building every day. It is my desire to continue a positive connection with all participants. I am looking forward to an exciting year at PES & LES.

Connie Thornton

Principal

School Hours For safety reasons, students should not arrive at either school before 7:40 am. Breakfast is served from 7:45 to 8:10am. Please keep in mind that school starts at 8:10 am! Anyone arriving after 8:10 is considered tardy and will need to go to the office upon arrival to obtain an admit slip. It is very important for children to attend school regularly so that they will be able to gain the necessary skills for successful grade level advancement.

Daily Transportation: I am happy to report that the transfer of students between buildings continues to work well. As each day passes everyone gets more familiar with the routine. It is our intent to keep all children safe during this process. Please remember to notify the office of a change in transportation for your child **before 2:15 pm**. Our 1st dismissal time begins at 3:05 pm and it is important that the office receives transportation changes in a timely manner. Thank you in advance for helping us to make transportation flow as smoothly as possible. If your child is a car rider at PES please follow this

procedure: Enter through the north parking lot, drive completely around the school and drop your child off at the south west exit. No cars should be left unattended. If you choose to walk your child into the building please use the parking lot on the north side of the building.



Up Coming School Events:

9/5: NO SCHOOL

9/7: Elementary Picture Day

9/12: BOE mtg.: 7:00 pm

9/13: Site Council: 6:00 pm

9/21: Parent Teacher Conferences: 4-8 pm

9/22: No School for Students: Parent Teacher Conferences: 2-8 pm

9/23: Bald Eagle Rendezvous – field trip for grades K-4th

9/26: PTO mtg.: 7:00 pm @ PES – PTO Math Wizards Fund raiser Kick off!



District Web Site

USD 343 is committed to making this site useful to all patrons.

On this site you will find up to date information and interesting articles as well as specifics about each school. Please note that there have been minor changes to the elementary school tabs. You will find information dealing with both schools under the Perry & Lecompton Elementary School tab. Please use the calendar on the elementary home page to keep up to date on elementary events. Hopefully this will keep the process simpler for you. I will never include photographs with student names. Most of these pictures are of group activities.

Homework

By now parents should know what the classroom expectations are concerning homework. I would like to reinforce the following:



- Homework should be completed by the student.
- Parents should provide a quiet environment with minimal assistance.
- Homework should be reinforcing previously taught skills.
- The length of homework should follow these basic guidelines, unless your child did not use their classroom time appropriately: K-5/10 min, 1st- 10/15 min, 2nd-15/20 min, 3rd- 20/30 min, and 4th- 30 min.
- Homework should not be a struggle between parents and children. If this is happening, put the homework up and let your child deal with his/her teacher the next day at school. It would also be beneficial for you to talk with the classroom teacher if you are having issues at home.
- If your child states that they do not have any homework, they can do one of the following:
 - *read to themselves or read aloud to someone
 - *practice math facts
- Sometimes the most valuable lesson children are experiencing with homework is learning responsibility and the completion of tasks.

Community News

2011 Perry Fall Festival 9/9 & 9/10

5K Walk Run, co-ed softball, bounce house, obstacle course
Dunk tank, BBQ competition, live music and much much more!