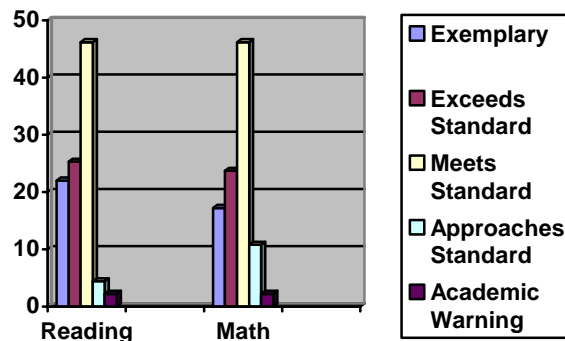


KAW NEWS

PERRY-LECOMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2009

Congratulations are in order for the Perry-Lecompton High School class of 2010, The PLHS faculty and the entire district! This class has continued to build on past success on the Kansas State Assessments in Math and Reading. The graph below represents the percentage of student score's by category for the Math and Reading assessments. As you can see from the Reading scores, 93.4% of our students scored at or above a "proficient" level. (A proficient level includes those students that score in the Exemplary, Exceeds Standard, and the Meets Standard category.) The performance on the Math assessment was also exceptionally strong, as 87% of our students scored at or above a proficient level. The scores on both assessments were high enough to earn the "Standard of Excellence" honor from the Kansas Department of Education!



We are quickly making our way towards Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holiday season. With that being said, students only have a few weeks before their semester grades are final. Students are encouraged to hand in any late assignments that can be accepted for credit and complete upcoming assignments on time. Parents are encouraged to closely monitor student grades by using the Power School website.

Many families are making plans for family visits during the holidays. As you are making these plans, please keep in mind the high school schedule for final exams. Finals for the fall semester have been scheduled for December 16th and 17th, (December 18th has been scheduled as a make-up day for finals). We would appreciate your support by encouraging ample study time for students. If questions arise, please don't hesitate to contact the teacher or the PLHS office.

Educationally,

J.B. Elliott
Principal

WHAT'S GOING ON AT PLHS????? ..



..... www.usd343.org



Want to stay in touch with what is going on at the High School on a daily basis? Please remember that you can access the PLHS daily announcements through Power School. To access

Power School, go to the district website, (www.usd343.net) and click on the Power School – Parent/Student icon on the right side of the page. Use your parent user name and password to gain access. The announcements can be found under the “School Bulletin” icon. They are updated every morning, so it is a great way to keep up with what is going on in Kaw Country! If you have lost your user name or password, please contact the PLHS office for that information.



PLHS and PLMS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The PLHS and PLMS Activities calendar can be found at the following link:

http://www.highschoolsports.net/defaultcal_300.cfm?ct=2d&school=KS6607312076&spt=-1&lvl=-1&division=-1&timezone=300

Hold down your control button and click on the link to be sent to calendar. This calendar is updated daily and will keep you up-to-date on any game cancellations at the click of a button! This site provides all PLHS and PLMS associated activities such as field trips, games, cancellations and inner school activities. By clicking the green “INFO” button, you can view departure and return times and other specific information important to that particular activity. This site also provides a scoreboard that reports scores of past sporting events. The site is easy to navigate and you can access future activities as well. Add this to your “favorites” so that you can have easy, quick access to any and all activities at Perry-Lecompton High School and Perry-Lecompton Middle School.



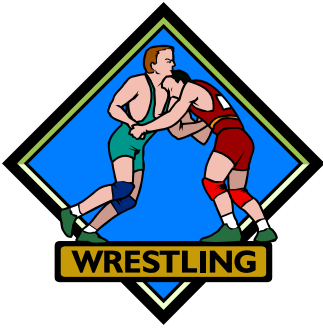
You can also access this site from the homepage of the district website: www.usd343.org by clicking on the “**PLHS/PLMS EVENTS CALENDAR**” icon located on the right-hand side of the page. By clicking this icon, you will be directly linked to the activities calendar described above. We hope you enjoy it!

PLHS HOMECOMING 2009

Homecoming 2009 was a huge success! Many students participated in weeklong activities including dress-up themes each day, the parade and bonfire was held on Wednesday evening this year, a candidate pep rally was held outside on Friday afternoon, the ceremony Friday night, and finally the Homecoming dance. Student Council, SkillsUSA and Blue Krew were in charge of these events.

A special thank you goes out to the SkillUSA club members and Mr. Winchester, sponsor. They were in charge of the parade and bonfire this year and was a huge success. It was opted to have the parade during the evening this year to allow more community members to observe and participate. At the end of the parade route, the community enjoyed a hot dog eating contest and bonfire. It was enjoyed by all.

We wish to congratulate the 2009 King and Queen, Wes Boaz and Tori Crump. Also, in the royal party were runners-up Grace Hupe, Breanna Robinson, Cameron Shoemaker and Riley Shafer. Junior attendants were Amanda Frye, Katie Beckwith, Taylor Akagi, Abbey Bays, Dalton Bahnmaier and Zach Walker. The 2008 Queen, Daffodil Reumund and King candidate Eric Hastert presented the crown and football to the 2009 King and Queen. The child escorts were Bret Paramore & Avery Lamb.



WINTER SPORTS HOME SEASON OPENERS!



Mark your calendars for the Winter Sports Season Opener contests:

Wrestling: Tuesday, December 8 vs. Anderson County @ 5:30 p.m.

JV & V Boys Basketball: Friday, December 11 vs. Hayden @ 6:00 p.m.

Fr, JV & V Girls Basketball: Tuesday, December 15 vs. Tonganoxie @ 4:00 p.m.

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER.....

November 2009

We completed PSAT testing for juniors and sophomores in mid-October. PLAN testing for sophomores was in mid-September. I thought testing went extremely well and I was very proud of the dedicated effort put forth by our students! PLAN score reports are back and students have been meeting with me to review their scores. As a school our students did very well! PSAT score reports should be returned to us by early to mid-December. Please discuss the test(s) with your student! I know these diligent and conscientious students appreciate interest and congratulations from parents and teachers!

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SCHOLARSHIP BUTTON ON OUR PLHS WEB PAGE. ALL SCHOLARSHIPS THAT COME THROUGH THIS OFFICE ARE ON THAT SPACE. IF AVAILABLE, WE INCLUDE WEBSITES AND CONTACT INFORMATION! PLEASE TAKE A LOOK!

The whole financial aid process is confusing at times. Scholarships come from a variety of sources including the schools our students will attend. Financial aid must be applied for using the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**. The FAFSA is completed online and colleges will send you award letters based on the results of your FAFSA. These awards could include grants (free money, if you qualify), loans or work study.

Senior newsletters can be found on our web site. Occasional junior newsletters should be there, too. I encourage parents and students to read these newsletters which contain lots of pertinent information for our students. I include timely information as well as college, military or vocational rep visits.

We have been having **ACT practice test sessions** on Mondays during reading time. I have been very pleased with the commitment of the students who are participating. Several have commented that practicing the tests for time helps them manage their response times on the actual test. We know that "taking the tests cold" is not the best policy and are pleased that students understand the importance of practice.

We have encouraged students to use our school license for **ACT online prep**. This is another way to practice and review the types of directions and questions that can improve ACT scores dramatically. Please encourage your child to see me asap to get an online prep code. To register for a future ACT please go to www.actstudent.org **As a reminder, to be considered for State Scholar competition, students must have completed the ACT no later than the December test.** The deadline to register for the December ACT is Nov. 6.

Please don't forget **Financial Aid Night on December 2 at 6:30**. We will have a financial aid expert from Washburn who can answer your questions and steer you through the process of applying. You can't submit financial aid forms until after January 1, so please don't panic!

Some parents, as well as many students, have asked me about private scholarship searches. We recommend www.fastweb.com though there are other search programs that are well recommended and reputable. Companies who appeal to vanity or who charge money for services are of concern. Please call me if you have questions.

During November and early December students will be allowed to discuss possible changes to their second semester class schedules. Some **schedule changes** will require parent signatures to be valid. It's important that students and parents remember PLHS graduation requirements, qualified admission requirements, as well as pre-requisites for KATS.

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Financial Aid Tips

- ❖ The initial step to determine your eligibility for Financial aid and many of the state and institutional need-based aid programs requires completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ❖ Remember, gift aid funds are limited; therefore, it is important to find out each college's financial aid application deadline. Generally, you should initiate the aid application process by completing the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 for the next academic year. Most colleges will require that a student be accepted for admission before processing a financial aid application.

**City of Perry Christmas Events
and
Visit with Santa**

All the events are sponsored by the City of Perry and the Perry Pride Committee. If you have any questions, call Pat Putnam at 554-8168.



1. Perry City Christmas Tree Lighting - 6-6:30 pm, Sunday, November 29 at Perry City Hall.
Please bring an unbreakable ornament to hang on the tree!!!
2. City Wide Christmas Decorating Contest - open to both residences and businesses
Judging will be between Dec. 12-15 - Prizes for best overall, best residence, best business.
3. Children's Visit with Santa - Children up through grade 5 will get to talk to Santa and receive a small gift!
Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - at the Perry American Legion. (children must be accompanied by an adult)



KAW EXCEL PROGRAM

This program was developed with the intent to reward students who follow appropriate school behavior on a regular basis. A reward of one personal day or "day off" the following semester is awarded to eligible students. Spring semester, seniors can earn a personal day in May if they meet the criteria by May 1. Nine week grades will be used for GPA information.

Within the semester, a student will accrue:

1. Less than 2 points on the Discipline point system.
2. 4 or fewer excused absences per class period.
3. no unexcused absences
4. 2.5 or above GPA
5. must be a student in good standing

Notification from the Honor Panel will be given to those students who meet all criteria. Only a student in good standing is eligible for personal day. Eligible students must submit to the office a personal day request that:

1. is submitted two (2) full school days before the requested date of leave; leave date must be taken on or before Dec. 5, (1st semester) and May 1, (2nd semester)
2. contains parental permission
3. indicates approval by all teachers
4. if the student takes a personal day, they must still be in school one-half day to participate in any school activity. Exceptions can only be made by the administration.

The following students have met the criteria to be named to the Kaw Excel Program for the Spring semester of 2008 and are eligible for a personal day this semester under the guidelines of the Excel Program. The deadline to use the personal day is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009.**

SENIORS

Gage Bergman, Melissa Blair, Kristen Boleski, Morgan Brown, Brooks Christman, Jessica Christman, Lauren Heckard, Katie Hirsch, Grace Hupe, Joshua Hurst, Chelsea Jacobson, Dusti Johnson, Katya Kalinichenko, Mikaela Kelley, Danielle Lawrence, George Martins, Brendan McGarity, John Mehl, Ethan Merritt, Colton Miller, Bradley Phillips, Shelby Politte, Tucker Pruett, Ashley Quattlebaum, Breanna Robinson, Lindsey Robles, Chevy Rule, Erin Sergeant, Cameron Shoemaker, Amber Smith, Katie Volle & Kyle William.

JUNIORS

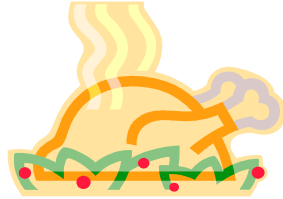
Ryan Akagi, Cody Amerine, Dalton Bahnmaier, Abbey Bays, Lance Blair, Christopher Callahan, Devin Carey, Dalton Carver, Logan Elliott, Kourtney Foley, Rachel Haley, Haylee Harden, James Hughes, Sean Kibbee, Ryan Langton, Josey Lust, Michael Mallonee, Skyler McMillin, Hayley Miller, Stephanie Miller, Dane Mitchell, Austin Naramore, Rhiannon Pearson, Jessica Porter, Allison Potter, Alex Price, Taylor Ricley, Trenton Robb, Keegan Ruppel, Elisabeth Schaffer, Dawn Schultz, Andrew Sorrick, Nathaniel Turpin, Tyler Williams, and Christopher Wood.

SOPHOMORES

Andrew Archer, Amber Aylor, Travis Bohannon, Jacob Bonham, Natasha Carver, Jamie Child, Cameron Coleman, Andy Davis-Worthington, Jonathan Denton, Derrick Eddy, Tyson Erwin, Charis Fisher, Clara Foster, Shannon Foster, Paul Funk, Trevor Hastert, Brandi Henson, Dale Hupe, Josey Hurd, Jeremy Immenschuh, Megan Johnson, Luke Kellum, Garrett Koehler, Dakota McDaniel, Virginia Nichols, Eduard Polovin, Issac Remboldt, Lucas Rombach, Alexis Schoen, Wyatt Schumann, Olivia Schwyhart, Austin Shackelford, Dustin Shuck, Austin Sledd, Amanda Wiyninger and Brittany Zilliox.



Free Thanksgiving Meal



USD #343 will provide free Thanksgiving dinners for senior citizens (age 65 or older who reside in the Perry-Leocompton school district) on Friday, November 20th. This Thanksgiving dinner will be served in all USD #343 schools, as well as delivered to the homes of senior citizens upon request.

If you are a senior citizen, or you know of a senior citizen who would be interested in having a free Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 20th, please call to request a meal at 785-597-5138 by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13th. When you call, leave the name of the senior citizen and the school where they would like to eat their Thanksgiving dinner. If requesting a Thanksgiving dinner be delivered, please be sure to provide a home delivery address.

Happy Thanksgiving from USD #343!

