



# PERRY ★ LECOMPTON

## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 343

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### School Funding Showdown Coming to Topeka

By Denis Yoder, Superintendent

The Kansas Supreme Court is expected to make a ruling on the Gannon School Finance case prior to the upcoming Kansas Legislative session. *Gannon vs. State of Kansas* was filed against the State of Kansas on November 2, 2010. It alleges that the State has violated the Kansas Constitution by not adequately funding Kansas public schools.

USD #343, like many other small Kansas school districts, has made a number of staffing cuts in the past 5 years as the result of declining enrollments and budget cuts at the state and federal levels. Building projects and equipment purchases have been delayed while special education costs continue to increase as their funding levels decline.

There is wide disagreement among various groups in the state regarding the adequacy of funding for schools. Some say the state is doing a good job of funding K-12 schools while others accuse the state of enacting huge tax cuts for the wealthy at the expense of schools and other key programs.

If the Kansas Supreme Court rules in favor of schools as many believe will happen, we can expect to see the upcoming legislative session focused on what the legislative response will be to the court order.

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding school funding in USD 343. I would encourage you to visit with your local state legislators as they prepare for the upcoming legislative session. I don't believe it's hyperbole to say the events that transpire during the next 6 months in the Kansas legislative, executive and judicial branches will have a significant impact on the future quality of K-12 education in our state, once known for its outstanding schools.

Rochelle Chronister, formerly a Kansas legislator, cabinet member and chair of the Kansas Republican Party, is in a unique position to comment on school funding in Kansas.

*"There has been a lot of exaggeration going on about how much money is being spent by Kansas schools and where it is going. Americans for Prosperity has been running a radio/TV ad indicating that Kansas schools are throwing their money around recklessly. Gov. Brownback is claiming that he is putting more money than ever into K-12 education and even if he isn't, it's all the fault of his predecessors. Neither of these claims are correct. They are examples of the way that numbers can be twisted to prove anything.*

*When you say "only" 60% of school funding goes in the classroom you don't count speech therapists, librarians, social workers, nurses, psychologists, counselors and media specialists. Without them our children would have much less rich educational experiences.*

*For the first time, included in his numbers are bonds and interest on school buildings which have been voted on by individual schools; transportation (always a separate category) and federal grants, including food services.*

*Teaching positions have actually been increasing in the classrooms when you include special education paraprofessional and instructional aides. The truth is that Kansas schools have been losing money and when the income tax reduction was enacted under Gov. Brownback's administration, it left only two ways to provide the funds needed to provide the constitutional funding required to keep our Kansas schools at the level of excellence we expect - raise the sales tax or raise the property tax.*

*In anticipation of when the state of Kansas loses - once again- the education case before the Kansas Supreme Court, the Speaker of the House sent out a list of "Talking Points" to his Republican caucus. One of the suggestions he makes is that they should be prepared to consolidate schools. We know that voluntary consolidation is taking place as communities decide for themselves what is best for their children. Forced consolidation, especially in the western parts of the state where there is only one school district per county, already would mean that children would either be in boarding school situations or spend half their "school days" riding a bus.*

*Beware those who twist facts!"*

**Board of Education  
Special Meeting Summary**

The USD 343 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2013.

- The board and administration participated in goal setting presented by Dr. Brian Jordan from KASB.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

**Board of Education  
Meeting Summary**

The USD 343 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2013.

A consent agenda was approved, which included minutes and various financial matters.

**Board action included:**

- The following employment contracts/recommendations were approved by the board:
  - Clint Van Scyoc as PLMS head wrestling coach
  - David Roberts as PLMS assistant wrestling coach
  - Saul Heide as a PLMS/PLHS assistant track coach
  - Shelbie Glissman shared PLHS volleyball head coaching
  - Justin Dunnaway shared PLHS volleyball head coaching
  - Cieara McCoy as a bus route driver
  - Olie Bowden as a paraprofessional for ELL student assistance
- The 2012-2013 USD #343 audit as prepared by Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, CPA, was approved by the board.
- An early graduation request from Amanda Faughn was approved by the board.
- A resolution was approved by the board supporting the City of Perry as a host site for the Smithsonian Exhibit, *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America*.
- The board approved a resolution recognizing November 18-22, 2013 as American Education Week.
- The board approved providing free Thanksgiving dinners to district staff and USD #343 senior citizens on Friday, November 22.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



**Board of Education  
Meeting Summary**

The USD 343 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2013.

A consent agenda was approved, which included minutes and various financial matters.

**Non-action items on the agenda included the following:**

- A report was presented to the board by Superintendent Denis Yoder regarding the rising costs associated with membership in Keystone Learning Services.
- The board went into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

**Board action included:**

- The following employment contracts/recommendations were approved by the board.
  - Lisa Surface as Interim Head High School Girls' Basketball Coach
  - Kent Morgison as Assistant High School Girls' Basketball Coach
  - Jordan Allen as Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach
  - Saul Heide as Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach
  - David Roberts as Assistant High School Wrestling Coach
  - Alayna Powell as Assistant High School Track Coach
- The following supplemental coaching resignations were approved by the board.
  - Lisa Surface as Assistant High School Girls' Basketball Coach
  - Kent Morgison as Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach
- The following gifts to the district were given board approval.
  - Connie Robertson donated a membership to the United States Tennis Association to the PLHS tennis program.
  - Faneuil Inc., located in Lawrence donated the following items to PLMS.
    - 4 Dell Optiplex 755 Tower
    - 2 Lenovo Flat Screen Monitor 19"
    - 2 Flat Screen Monitor 14"
    - 4 Standard keyboards and mouse
- The consensus of the board was to not move forward at this time with negotiations with Fred Braun to sell school district property under cultivation located south of the high school.
- Goals and action steps identified by the board and administration were given board approval.
- The board of education member lunch visit to PLHS was scheduled for Wednesday, December 4.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



## **Perry & Lecompton Elementary Schools**

**Connie Thornton, Principal**



PLES classes participated in the following field trip activities in September, October and November: 4th grade: Kaufman Stadium, 3rd grade: KU Museum of Natural History, 2nd grade: American Royal and Pre School went to the Pumpkin Patch. All elementary staff and students extend a 'Thank You' to the elementary PTO for their support of grade level field trips!

On November 13th all PLES students participated in Body Venture. This exhibit is an interactive educational event for students in grades K-5 which is sponsored by Child Nutrition & Wellness at the Kansas State Department of Education. Body Venture is about learning to EAT SMART and PLAY HARD. It's a great opportunity for students to learn about the importance of making healthy food choices and being physically active. This exhibit is a tour of the human body featuring engaging and experiential educational activities. Body Venture consists of a 45-foot by 50-foot Venture-through exhibit representing the human body. Body Venture was developed to help children learn about good nutrition, physical activity, and other healthy lifestyle choices. Lifestyle choices made at early ages have a direct impact on adult health. Students need to learn about healthy lifestyle choices and to avoid behaviors that have an adverse impact on adult health. Healthy eating and physical activity are important life skills that help children grow and prevent them from developing health problems. Thank you to the following adults for assisting with this activity: Matt Sawyer, Karla Metcalf, Tiffany Ball, Karen Orr, Megan Cottrell, Gretchen Byer, Sara Ivins, Pat & Nita Gottstein, Laura and Tony Pennel, Kelsey Baldwin, Regan Agre, Karla Meyer, Kelsey Nelson, Ed Bradley, and Rebecca Killen.

Once again the 1st grade got us into the holiday spirit as they hosted the traditional 'Thanksgiving Dinner' on November 26th. The PES gym was filled with Pilgrims and Indians enjoying a wonderful feast and time of friendship!

Mark your calendars for the elementary music concert on December 19th. The concert will start at 6:30 pm and will be held in the PLHS gymnasium. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying some holiday music.

On December 20th our classroom winter parties are scheduled as follows: LES: 12:30 -1:30 pm; PES: 1:45-2:45 pm. A reminder that winter break is scheduled for December 23rd to January 6th. My sincere wishes for a joyful holiday season!

Lecompton Elementary continues to provide additional support for students through the after school program – Kaw Camp. This school year has been full of new and exciting activities! We welcomed three new staff members and have added PE equipment for the students. Students have been tracking their steps with pedometers and graphing their progress. Students continue to use iPads during camp and checkout iPods for use at home. Kaw Camp will hold an Open House on December 12th and take a field trip to First State Bank on December 17th.

The most important skill primary students acquire is the ability to read. Adults can support this effort by reading aloud to children. This is a wonderful way to spend time together, help children build reading skills and teach them the joy of reading! Try to read every day for 15-20 minutes, take turns choosing books and share the reading adventure. Anything we do in life requires proficient reading!

Respectfully,  
Connie Thornton  
PLES Principal



## News from Perry-Lecompton Middle School

Josh Woodward, Principal

Wow! The first quarter of the 2013-2014 school year has come and gone. As we get into the 2nd quarter, the PLMS staff would like to wish everyone a safe, fun, and memorable holiday season.

**Tips for Turkeys** - The character education trait for the month of November is caring. To support this character trait, PLMS students participated in a “Tips for Turkeys” benefit to raise enough tips to help ensure all families in our surrounding area have a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner! Students were encouraged to bring their ‘tips’ to their 8th hour EL class during the week of November 11th – 15th. The final tally of tips was a total of \$687.58 raised for area families! Great job!!

Has your child been struggling with linear equations, solving inequalities, fractions, integer sums, slope and Y-intercept, ratios, and/or long division? If so, check out this website: <http://www.khanacademy.org/> Khan Academy is a not-for-profit educational organization created in 2006 by a MIT graduate. It is a free website that provides an online collection of over 2,600 short tutorial videos stored on YouTube teaching mathematics and utilized across the country. As always, PLMS recommends close parental supervision whenever students are online.

Have you been receiving the PLMS weekly email? As in past years, the PLMS office is sending out a weekly email to parents, guardians and/or other interested community members. This email contains information such as scheduled field trips, extra-curricular activities, assemblies, and the weekly schedule. If you are not receiving the weekly email but would like to be included, please send an email to [jwoodward@usd343.org](mailto:jwoodward@usd343.org) Be sure to include your name and the name of each of your children attending PLMS.

The PLMS winter music programs have been scheduled and you are invited to attend. The 5th/6th grade Band and Choir Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 pm. The 7th/8th grade Band and Choir Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm. We hope you can make it for a festive night of music.

Only a few more chances to catch our girls’ basketball team in action at home. Please plan to attend and support our girls on Monday, December 2nd vs. Royal Valley at 4:30 pm and on Monday, December 9th vs. Riverside at 4:30 pm. Our girls conclude their season on Thursday, December 12th at Sabetha.

Come support the PLMS wrestling team by traveling to Santa Fe Trail on Tuesday, December 3rd or the Big 7 League Meet at Holton, Saturday, December 7th.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, and/or praises, please don’t hesitate to give me a call at PLMS, 785-597-5159 or email me at [jwoodward@usd343.org](mailto:jwoodward@usd343.org).

Josh Woodward  
Principal, PLMS

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## **Spiders!**

**By Jasmine Colbert, age 13, 8th grade**

The Journal-World asked young writers across the Lawrence area to submit their best scary stories, and today we're pleased to announce that one of our own was the winner for the middle school contest!!!

I was about to go trick or treating when I saw a shadowy figure watching me from across the street. As each of its limbs split to two, fear and adrenaline coursed through me. Eight glowing red eyes were peering at me eerily. Its glittering white fangs were dripping an iridescent green liquid onto the ground.

"Hello?" I asked fearfully. My voice quivered. Its only reply was a sort of wheezing, raspy sigh. An odor reached my nose; a disgusting, putrid smell, mingling with...mothballs?

I screamed, and ran back to my house. The door was locked. Finally, as I gave up pounding on the door for my older brother to wake up and save me, I turned around.

Bright red eyes were glaring into mine creepily. Fangs glistened in the dim glow of the porch lights. Bristly hairs vibrated on its long spindly legs. Pincers snapped near my face. I cried out in fear.

"Jamie..." it rasped. I couldn't breathe, its pungent breathe filling my nostrils. "Jamie..." it repeated louder.

"No, no, no, no!" I screamed. "Please, no! Someone help me!" My throat ached. Laughter erupted from the spider. It reached up with one spindly, bristle-haired leg, and pulled its ugly face off.

"You should see your face, Jamie!" my older brother exclaimed. His face peeped out of the fat, hairy spider costume. All the relief that filled me was overcome by white hot rage.

"Gosh! You are such a jerk! I thought..." I paused, not wanting to embarrass myself further by telling him I was scared.

"You actually thought that was real? You crack me up, Jamie," he laughed incredulously. I grabbed his hair and pushed him to the ground as hard as I could, only to come face to face with another spider!

"Not Funny! I already know the trick!" I growled, yanking on the long fang, trying to pull off what was sure to be a mask...except it wasn't plastic. The green goo burned my hand, the flesh being eaten away. Screaming in pain and shock, I looked down at the milk-white bones of my hand.

My brother's screams mingled with my own as the spider descended upon us. Miniature spiders spilled out of its gaping jaws. I screamed again as the small legs and hairy bodies covered us, their bites stinging like bees.

"...And the spider ate her and her brother...Human-flesh-eating spiders!" the girl shrieked, her friends gasping in horror.

"Ewww!" they all cried. They didn't even notice the giant tarantula in the room with them, hiding in the shadows for the next unlucky victim.

# Perry-Lecompton High School

J.B. Elliott, Principal



Over the past year at PLHS we have been working to sharpen our focus on goals related to student achievement that will go beyond scoring well on State Assessments. Our conversations have centered on preparing PLHS students for life after high school. Obviously when we ask parents what that means to them, a common response would be they would like their child to have a job that provides a quality income, thus being able to care for oneself financially in life. As a staff, we agree with this statement and we are heading down a path to accomplish that goal. This goal is referred to as the “Employability Goal” at PLHS.

When visiting with employers in our area, there are always two main characteristics they look for when hiring an employee – 1) they want an employee that shows up to work every day and on time and 2) they must be able to pass a drug test. Obviously there will be many more requirements, but it is a great place to start. So, what else will students need as they enter the workforce in future years? Below you will find data that has been collected at various state and regional meetings attended by our staff. It will be the same data that we will use to guide the curriculum for our students in the future years.

-By 2018, 64% of jobs in Kansas will require some type of postsecondary education. This means students will need a degree, certification, training, or specialized license in order to qualify for these jobs. In short, a simple high school diploma will not be enough for the majority of the jobs available.

-The 64% of jobs can be broken further by education levels: 18% of the jobs are expected to need some type of technical training or certificate, 12% will require an Associate’s degree, 24% will require a Bachelor’s degree, and the final 11% will require a Master’s degree or better.

-In comparing today’s work force to the past, high school educated workers represent a decreasing share of the “middle class”. In 1970, 28% of the “middle class” workforce had less than a high school education, 46% of the middle class had a high school diploma, 12% had some college or an Associate’s degree, 8% had a Bachelor’s degree, and 6% had a Master’s degree or better. In comparison, workers in the middle class in 2007 had the following education: 8% had less than a high school diploma, 31% had a high school diploma, 32% had some college or an Associate’s degree, 22% had a Bachelor’s degree, and 7% had a Master’s degree or better.

-In looking at the “upper class” of the economic society, 1970’s numbers showed that only 44% had education beyond high school. Today, 81% of the “upper class” citizens have education beyond high school.

-Data also shows that the more education or training a worker obtains equates into a higher personal income. Additionally, we find a trend that shows as education or training increases, the unemployment rate of that group goes down.

In summary, we want to make sure that our students are prepared for the future demands of the workforce. We are infusing programs and classes that will show our students different opportunities and paths for a career of their choosing. We are not only promoting careers that require a college education, we are also promoting careers that require vocational training and military training. We would encourage you as parents to ask questions as they come up, be involved in conversations with your student, and most importantly, encourage your student to find the post secondary education that will enable them to live successful productive lives.

J.B. Elliott  
Principal  
Perry-Lecompton High School

## District Library Media News

The District libraries have been very busy places this year. We started the year off with learning about how to be a good digital citizen using Common Sense Media's curriculum and tools. We will continue to learn more about online safety, cyber-bullying and digital citizenship throughout the year.

We are participating in the Price Chopper Reading program for K-8th grades. Students have already submitted their "Bag your Favorite Book" entries for judging and will work on "Feeding their Reading Appetites" by achieving their classroom pages read goals.

Students at Lecompton Elementary school have been working diligently on their animal research projects. They use the information from their research for a short story and an Animoto video. This project will help students learn about research, citing their sources, putting information into their own words, and so much more. I am excited to see their finished projects!

This week, some students in the 5th grade, 6th grade, and keyboarding at PLMS will be interviewing family members and using the information, along with pictures, to create an Animoto video! It will be a great way for our students to learn about their family history.

The lessons in the media centers are not just about new technology skills and digital projects, our students are still learning about books and authors. Please feel free to contact me at [swhitake@usd343.org](mailto:swhitake@usd343.org) if you have any questions – I would love to visit with you about some of my favorite subjects - teaching, books, and technology!

Happy Reading!  
Susie Whitaker, the Kaw Librarian

**BREAKFAST MENU**

Whole grain cereal available daily

**December 2013**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 French Toast Stick Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	3 Sausage Patty Cheese slice Hamburger Bun Orange Juice Milk	4 Blueberry Oat Muffin Whole Grain Cereal Orange Juice Milk	5 Breakfast Stick Assorted Juices Milk	6 Max Cheese stick/dip Pineapple Chunks Assorted fruit Juice Milk
9 Breakfast Round Peach Slices Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	10 Cinnamon Swirl Banana Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	11 Chicken Strips Biscuit Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	12 Pancake w/Syrup Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
16 Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Slice Milk	17 Whole Grain Cereal Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	18 Coffee Cake Banana Milk	19 Breakfast Stick Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	20 French Toast Stick Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
23 Winter Break No School	24 Winter Break No School	25 Winter Break No School	26 Winter Break No School	27 Winter Break No School
30 Winter Break No School	31 Winter Break No School			

**MEAL PRICES:**

K-4th Breakfast \$1.45  
K-4th Lunch \$2.40

5th-12th Breakfast \$1.55  
5th-12th Lunch \$2.55

Reduced Breakfast \$0.30  
Reduced Lunch \$0.40

Extra Milk \$0.40

**PLEASE NOTE: Snack milks and more than one milk consumed at breakfast or lunch are 40¢ each, as their cost is not covered by the Free and Reduced State Lunch Program.**

Milk is served with all meals. Menus are subject to change. All breakfasts are served with milk and juice or fruit.

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**LUNCH MENU**

Garden Bar at PLMS &amp; PLHS daily

MONDAY MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekly Avg for Grades K-4
2 Whole Grain Corn Dog Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Applesauce Milk	3 Chili Nacho Chips Orange Sections Cinnamon Roll Milk	4 Taco Salad Lettuce and Tomatoes Nacho Chips Shredded Cheese Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple Chunks Milk	5 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Fresh Carrots Fresh Apples Jelly Whole Grain Roll Milk	6 Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Fresh Broccoli Mixed Fruit Milk	Cals. 614 Carbs 93.9g S. Fat 4.5g
9 Mexican Burrito Salsa Garden Salad Cooked Seasoned Carrots Peach Slices Milk	10 Crispito Cheese Sauce Mexicali Corn Refried Beans Fresh Apples Milk	11 Spaghetti with Meat Salad with Tomatoes Banana Italian Garlic Roll Milk	12 Baked Chicken Savory Rice Fresh Baby Carrots Green Beans Rosy Applesauce Milk	13 Hamburger on a Bun Oven Roasted Potato Pears Pork and Beans Lettuce and Tomato Milk	Cals. 651 Carbs 99.7g S. Fat 4.9g
16 Taco Soup Nacho Chips Fresh Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Milk	17 Baked Ham Stromboli Seasoned Peas Fresh Baby Carrots Pineapple Chunks Milk	18 Mr. Rib on a Bun Lettuce and Tomato Green Beans w/Bacon Orange Sections Milk	19 Soft Tacos Mexicali Corn Refried Beans Rosy Pears Salsa Milk	20 Chicken Sandwich Oven Fries Fresh Baby Carrots Peaches Milk	Cals. 630 Carbs 93.8g S. Fat 5.1g
23 Winter Break No School	24 Winter Break No School	25 Winter Break No School	26 Winter Break No School	27 Winter Break No School	
30 Winter Break No School	31 Winter Break No School				

**BREAKFAST MENU**  
Whole grain cereal available daily

# January 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Winter Break No School	2 Winter Break No School	3 Winter Break No School
6 Inservice Day No School for Students	7 Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Slice Milk	8 Fruit Strudel Peach Slices Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	9 Whole Wheat Bagel Scrambled Egg Bacon Slice Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	10 Whole Grain Cereal Fresh Apple Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
13 Breakfast Stick Assorted Juices Milk	14 Hamburger Bun Sausage Patty Cheese Slice Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	15 Waffle Apple Pancake Topping Assorted Fruit Juice Pancake Syrup Milk	16 Bubble Bread Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	17 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
20 No School for Students	21 French Toast Stick Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	22 Whole Grain Cereal Fresh Apple Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	23 Coffee Cake Orange Sections Milk	24 Chicken Strips Biscuit Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
27 Whole Wheat Bagel Scrambled Eggs Bacon Slice Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	28 Cinnamon Swirl Bear Grahams Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	29 Pancake w/ Syrup Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	30 Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Slice Milk	31 Blueberry Oat Muffin Whole Grain Cereal Assorted Fruit Juice Milk

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		1 Winter Break No School	2 Winter Break No School	3 Winter Break No School	
6 Inservice Day Work Day No School for Students	7 Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Fresh Broccoli Peaches Milk	8 Country Style Beef Whipped Potatoes Country Gravy Salad w/ Tomatoes Fresh Apples Milk	9 Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomato Nacho Chips Cheese Slice Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple Chunks Milk	10 Macaroni & Cheese Meatballs Rosy Pears Seasoned Peas Fresh Baby Carrots Milk	Cals. 644 Carbs 86.4g S. Fat 3.3g
13 Baked Ham Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Peas Orange Sections White Roll w/Cinnamon Jelly Milk	14 Spaghetti with Meat Salad with Tomatoes Peach Slices Milk	15 Chili Nacho Chips Banana Cinnamon Roll Milk	16 Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Green Beans w/ Bacon Fresh Grapes Milk	17 Hamburger on a Bun Oven Roasted Potato Orange Sections Pork and Beans Lettuce and Tomato Milk	Cals. 630 Carbs 100.1g S. Fat 3.8g
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Inservice Day No School for Students	21 Soft Shell Taco Seasoned Peas Orange Sections Cinnamon Bun Taco Sauce Milk	22 Chicken Tetrzzini Garden Salad Steamed Broccoli Applesauce Whole Grain Breadstick Milk	23 Chicken Ranch Wrap Lettuce and Tomato Carrots Salsa Rosy Pears Ranch Dressing Milk	24 Mexican Burrito Garden Salad Salsa Mexicali Corn Fresh Apple Milk	Cals. 645 Carbs 91.2g S. Fat 5.7g
27 Taco Salad Lettuce and Tomato Nacho Chips Cheese Slice Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple Chunks Milk	28 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Fresh Broccoli Applesauce Jelly Whole Grain Roll Milk	29 Hamburger on a Bun Oven Roasted Potato Orange Sections Pork and Beans Lettuce and Tomato Milk	30 Chili Nacho Chips Banana Cinnamon Roll Milk	31 Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Broccoli Peaches Milk	Cals. 637 Carbs 97.3g S. Fat 4.9g



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 4th – 5th/6th Vocal Music and Band Concert 7:00 pm
- December 8th – Register Deadline for ACT Test
- December 9th – School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- December 11th – Senior Financial Aid Night 6:30 pm
- December 14th – ACT Test Date
- December 15th – PLHS Site Council Mtg. 1:00 pm
- December 15th – PLHS Winter Band and Vocal Music Concert 2:00 pm
- December 16th – PLHS Booster Meeting 7:00 pm
- December 16th – PLES PTO Meeting @ PES 7:00 pm
- December 18th – PLHS Finals
- December 18th – 7th /8th Vocal Music & Band Concert 7:00 pm
- December 19th – PLHS Finals
- December 19th – PLES Winter Music Program @ PLHS 6:30 pm
- December 19th – No Kaw Camp
- December 20th – PLHS Finals Make-up Date
- December 20th – LES Winter Party 12:30 pm / PES Winter Party 1:45 pm
- December 23rd – January 3rd – Winter Break / No School
- January 6th – Inservice/Work Day- No School for Students
- January 7th – No Kaw Camp
- January 8th – No Kaw Camp
- January 9th – No Kaw Camp
- January 10th – Winter Royalty
- January 13th – School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- January 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day/Teacher and Secretary Inservice/No school for Students
- January 20th – Intl. Club Parents Meeting 6:30 pm
- January 20th – PLHS Booster Meeting 7:00 pm
- January 27th – PLES PTO Meeting @ PES 7:00 pm
- January 29th – 1st Grade Music Program @ PES 6:30 pm



# USD #343 Mission Statement

*The purpose of USD 343 is to provide all students the equal opportunity for improvement at the highest level of their ability in a positive and safe environment.*

Adopted by the USD 343 Board of Education on December 10, 2001

## USD #343 District Beliefs

- Our focus is on being a **UNIFIED** school district.
- Our schools must be centers of **OPPORTUNITY**.
- Mastery of **READING** and **MATH** is fundamental to a quality education.
- **PRIDE IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY** is an important element in a quality school experience.
- The success of our schools is accomplished through the willingness of all stakeholders to accept **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY**.
- For students to learn effectively they must have a school environment that demands **RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL**.
- The **EFFECTIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY** is essential for the success of our schools.
- **GOOD CITIZENSHIP** and **RESPECT FOR COUNTRY** by staff and students are important cornerstones of our educational system.
- The **FAMILY** is a key to a child's success at school.

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Note: *District Beliefs* are listed in random order

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