



PERRY ★ LECOMPTON

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 343

February/March 2014 Newsletter

Newsletter #4

USD 343 Staff Off to Healthy Start in 2014

By Denis Yoder, Superintendent

“If I’d known I was going to live so long, I’d have taken better care of myself.” ~Leon Eldred

More than several years ago while a student at Emporia State University in the late 60’s & early 70’s, I started running 20 – 30 miles per week with a competitive group of former college runners. The group was aptly named the 5:00 Gang because of the time we would meet at ESU stadium to begin our runs out on the roads of rural Lyon County. I continued to run and compete in road races after my days at Emporia until knee problems as the result of a basketball injury led me to bicycling.

I naively believed that throughout my years of running and bicycling that as long as I exercised on a regular basis, watched what I ate and maintained a very slow heart rate in the 40 beats per minute range, I was healthy.

What was overlooked is that I have a family history of hypertension with my father, his mother and father all suffering fatal strokes. The fact is, no matter how far or fast we run, ride, swim or walk, or how well we eat, we all need to consistently monitor our overall health, including blood pressure and cholesterol checks.

Did you know that according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

- 59% of employees do not get adequate exercise
- 50% or more have high cholesterol
- 27% have cardiovascular disease
- 26% are overweight by 20 percent or more
- 24% have high blood pressure

We know that employee health affects more than just medical costs. A healthy workforce is a more productive workforce. Health officials estimate that between 70 to 90 percent of health care spending is caused by preventable, modifiable health risks such as the ones listed above. Unhealthy lifestyle choices often lead to chronic diseases, costing businesses across the country more than one trillion dollars in lost productivity alone.

USD 343 staff members have taken a healthy step forward this year with the **Kaw Wellness Challenge 2014**. The 12-week program will award daily points for eating fruits and vegetables, participating in physical activities and checking blood pressure. Teams from the elementary schools, middle school and high school will compete for the greatest points earned per person through the event. Participants in the program will not only have the opportunity to improve their health, but also be entered in a drawing for one of five \$50 Target shopping cards.

Check out the Wellness button under the District Information heading on the front page of the district website. There you can find wellness articles, activities and newsletters for the entire family.

We believe that a focus on healthy living in USD #343 is good for everyone. The Roman poet Virgil recognized the value of good health over 2,000 year ago when he wrote, “The greatest wealth is health.”

Good health to everyone in 2014!

Board of Education
Meeting Summary – December 9, 2013

The USD 343 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013.

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

Nonaction items on the agenda included the following:

- Judy Chamberlain, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, presented information regarding outdoor education sites currently located in the school district as well as future opportunities to update current sites and develop new sites through available grants.

Board action included:

- The board approved Barb Huffman as a van driver.
- A donation of \$200 from the Willow Domestic Violence Center Projects to the PLHS Activity Fund was approved.
- A Healthy Habits for Life Grant totaling \$764.75 from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and submitted by Jill Bradney, LES physical education teacher, was accepted to be used for a quarter-mile running/walking path at LES.
- After a presentation by Steve Adams from OPAA! Food Management, the board approved the district pursuing a RFP to solicit bids from potential food management vendors.
- Early graduation requests from PLHS seniors Carissa Palmer and Dakota Rector were given board approval.
- A motion was approved to begin the January 13, 2014 board meeting at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of superintendent evaluation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Board of Education
Meeting Summary – January 13, 2014

The USD 343 Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014.

At 5:33 p.m. the board went into executive session for the purpose of evaluation of the superintendent.

At 6:30 p.m. the board returned to regular session.

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

Nonaction items on the agenda included the following:

- Superintendent Yoder recognized USD #343 board of education members for their service to the district. January has been designated as School Board Recognition Month in Kansas.
- Building principals provided board members with mid-year updates for their respective buildings.
- The consensus of the board is to continue to explore options regarding the sale and development of school district property located south of the high school.
- Dates and board member participants in various meetings/activities were identified.
 - Jan. 23 – Meeting with at KASB with John Rasmussen to include Travis Daniels, Matt Erickson and Traci Eddy
 - Jan. 24 – Meeting with 360 Energy Engineers to include Tiffany Ball and Gene Barrett
 - Jan. 28 – Visit to Santa Fe Trail Schools to observe OPAA to include Tiffany Ball and Jenny Morgison
 - Mar. 14 – Facility needs walk-through to include Travis Daniels and Matt Erickson
- The consensus of the board was to schedule the PLMS board member lunch visit on Thursday, February 20.

Board of Education
Meeting Summary – January 13, 2014 cont'd

- Board members were informed of a Board Member Leadership Training series through K-State Research and Extension.

Board action included:

- Olie Bowden's paraeducator's contract was terminated since his student has withdrawn from school.
- Out of district attendance requests were approved as presented.
- A motion was approved to extend the contract for Superintendent Denis Yoder to June 30, 2016.
- The board went into executive session to discuss items affecting non-elected personnel.
- The board went into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



**Perry & Lecompton
Elementary Schools**
Connie Thornton, Principal



Thank you for your donations toward a very successful food drive during the month of December. God's Storehouse and the Lecompton United Methodist Food Pantry appreciate your efforts to help those in need.

During the month of January both schools have been busy giving mid-year assessments. K-1 Pathways to Reading; K-4 AIMSweb Reading; and 2-4 Measurement of Academic Progress for reading and math. The assessment results are then used to guide classroom instruction, especially when developing small group intervention to meet specific learning needs. These assessments also indicate a prediction of a child's ability to successfully read at or above grade level and above average performance on state assessments. These assessment results will be shared with parents during the February Parent Teacher Conferences.

Congratulations to the following two students for their performance in the 2014 Spelling Bee: Miles McPherson (Champion) & Kylee Risinger (Alternate). Good Luck to Miles at the County Spelling Bee. Over 30 third and fourth graders participated in this event. I am very proud of their efforts.

Valentine's Day celebrations are just around the corner on Friday 2/14. Times for the celebrations are: PES 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; LES 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.



If you have a child that will be 5 yrs. old by August 31, 2014 please contact Perry Elementary School 597-5156, as they are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year.

Important Reminders:

- Volunteering is an important way for patrons to make connections at school. We encourage volunteers in both elementary buildings. Please contact one of the school offices to volunteer.
- Nightly reading helps your child! Review the information below:
 - 20 min. = 3,600 min. per year & exposure to 1,800,000 words
 - 5 min. = 900 min. per year & exposure to 282,000 words
 - 1 min. = 180 min. per year & exposure to 8,000 words

Connie Thornton
Principal



News from Perry-Lecompton Middle School

Josh Woodward, Principal

Prior to taking the ACT (college admission test) in high school, USD 343 students take the PLAN in 10th grade and the EXPLORE in 8th grade. The ACT EXPLORE is a College and Career Readiness Program developed by ACT. Scores provide early indicators of whether students are on track for college, if that is the career path that they choose. PLMS 8th graders completed this test back in early November and results were shared with students just before winter break. Overall, PLMS students scored above the national average in all tested subject areas (English, Math, Reading and Science). Congratulations to the PLMS 8th grade students!

A big thank you goes out to PLMS students for gathering over 150 stocking caps, winter gloves, and scarves during December. All items were given to God's Storehouse so that those in need could benefit. As you may recall, the PLMS students also raised approximately \$700 in coins/change during the month of November. This money was used to purchase turkeys for families in need. The PLMS staff and community are very proud of the effort shown by our students.

You may notice three unfamiliar faces walking the halls of PLMS this semester. Courtney Chilcoat, a student from KU, will be student-teaching in Ms. Brown's 7th grade Math class. Sarah Newman, also a student from KU, will be student-teaching in Mrs. Zimmerman's 5th grade classroom and Rachel Helmke, a student from Emporia State, will be working with our school psychologist, Amy Conklin. If you get a chance, please offer a friendly Perry-Lecompton welcome to these three individuals.

On January 28, year 2 of the PLMS Scholar's Bowl team will kick off with Ms. Brown serving as the coach. PLMS was the only league school to place both the 7th and 8th grade teams at the Big 7 League Meeting last year. Although the bar has been set high, the PLMS Scholar's Bowl team is ready for the challenge.

As we head into the month of February, please note that Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on February 5th from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and again on February 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please visit the PLMS webpage and download the January/February Newsletter for more information.

As always, the spring semester will be a busy time at PLMS. Students and staff will complete MAP and AIMSweb testing (to check on academic progress), complete the fall semester awards assemblies, complete boys basketball, Scholars Bowl, and track seasons, plus prepare for and administer the new version of the Kansas State Assessments.

Josh Woodward
Principal

Perry-Lecompton High School
J.B. Elliott, Principal



It's hard to believe that the first semester has ended! We hope that your student put forth their best efforts last semester and that their grades reflected the positive effort. If first semester grades are not what students expected, they should see their teachers, get a study buddy, use their planners, and get organized. The best key to success is enthusiasm and hard work.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates! February 5th we will be having Parent Teacher conferences from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will also be having conferences on February 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The first day of conferences will be scheduled by appointment only and in the teacher's classroom. Parents will be able to schedule times on the website or call the high school office to schedule time for the various teachers. Each teacher's conference schedule will be updated daily on the website until the time of conferences. The second day of conferences will be the arena style, as it has been in the past. Parents, please support your student by attending conferences. We also encourage all students to attend conferences with their parents. Attending together helps create a very positive conference environment. More information about how to sign up will be sent to parents through our phone and email notification system at the end of January.

Seniors, spring semester is a very busy time. Financial aid applications, scholarship applications, and applications for post secondary education all have deadlines; you cannot afford to be late turning in your paperwork. It is a very competitive world out there so please make sure that you do not miss out because you did not apply. Also, please make sure that you meet all deadlines at school. Many of you still need recommendation letters and impressive transcripts, and others need all credits for graduation. Please stay focused and don't let "senioritis" make you lazy! If you are unsure on what you need to do, please refer to the "Senior Year – At a Glance" information on page 10 of the student handbook.

Educationally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.B. Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style.

J.B. Elliott
Principal
Perry-Lecompton High School

Attendance

One of the most important things that we can do for our children is to make sure that they attend school every day, starting in preschool. This seems like common sense, but research is telling us that habits formed early in life (such as going to school when we would rather be doing something else) stick with us as adults. Going to school is really the child's "work"... and we know that employees who don't show up to do their jobs every day often end up missing out on opportunities to get ahead and earn more money. Even so, it can be hard to inspire a reluctant student to jump up in the morning! Here are some benefits that you could point out:

- Other kids are looking forward to seeing them at school. Missing school means missing out on being with friends.
- Their teachers will miss them. Our staff members care about every student, and they worry about them when they do not show up.
- Class activities using technology are really interesting. It is hard if not impossible to duplicate the lessons after the fact.
- The new ways of teaching Math are different, and it is better to hear the explanation from the teacher along with the rest of the class than to try to catch up later.

If you notice that your child seems anxious about school, try to find out what is going on in his or her experience there. Your school counselor is a great resource for resolving this type of situation, and will be happy to work with you. Please call or email them for support and suggestions.

P/LES: Linda Nightingale, lnightingale@usd343.org, (785) 597-5156 or (785) 887-6343

PLMS: Beth Hupe, bhupe@usd343.org, (785) 597-5159

PLHS: Tracey Paramore, tparamore@usd343.org, (785) 597-5124 ext: 1007

Also, please remember to schedule appointments for your child on teacher inservice days as often as possible. Those days are shown on the district calendar, which is mailed out in July and is on the website as well. This one step will show your child that his or her time in school is important to you.

You may be interested to know that we do track our attendance rate, by school and for the entire district. Last year, we averaged 95% of our students in class each day. Thank you for helping us to achieve that high number!

Judy Chamberlain
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Warm Up to Good Book at Our Fiesta Book Fair! Come on in and join the party!!

The winter Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the PLMS library and LES Library from February 4th - February 12th, during school and during Parent Teacher conferences. When you come to conference with your child's teachers, be sure to stop by the library to check out all of the great titles.

Can't come to the fair? Check out the book fair web page with a link to the online fair where you can have access to books and more for all ages. The online fair is accessible Jan. 25th - Feb. 14th. Items will be shipped free to the school after Feb. 16th. Below are the links to each school's online book fair homepage:

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

(<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/perrylecomptonmiddleschool>)

LECOMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

(<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/lecompton>).

During the fair, we will be participating in the Scholastic "One for Books" program. Donations into the "One for Books" collection box help in two ways: they provide new books to the library AND Scholastic matches the funds with donations to worthy children's charities. All sales and donations, no matter how small, help provide the library with new materials for everyone to enjoy so we sincerely appreciate your support.

Contact Susie Whitaker at swhitake@usd343.org if you have any questions or comments. Happy Reading!

BREAKFAST MENU
Whole grain cereal available daily

February 2014

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Sausage Patty Cheese Slice Hamburger Bun Orange Juice Milk	4 Blueberry Oat Muffin Whole Grain Cereal Orange Juice Milk	5 No School Parent/Teacher Conferences	6 Breakfast Stick Assorted Juices Milk	7 Max Cheese Stick/Dip Pineapple Chunks Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
10 French Toast Stick Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	11 Cinnamon Swirl Fresh Apple Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	12 Bubble Bread Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	13 Waffle Apple Pancake Topping Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	14 Whole Grain Cereal Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
17 No School Teacher Inservice Day	18 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	19 Chicken Strips Biscuit Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	20 Breakfast Wrap Salsa Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	21 Fruit Strudel Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
24 Breakfast Stick Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	25 Breakfast Croissant Baked Ham Cheese Slice Assorted Juices Milk	26 Coffee Cake Assorted Fruit Juice Fresh Assorted Fruit Milk	27 Whole Grain Cereal Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	28 Pancake w/Syrup Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk

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 & PLHS daily

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekly Avg for Grades K-4
3 Whole Grain Corn Dog Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Applesauce Milk	4 Crispito Cheese Sauce Mexicali Corn Refried Beans Rosy Pears Milk	5 No School Parent/Teacher Conferences	6 Taco Soup Nacho Chips Fresh Baby Carrots Fruit Cocktail Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes / Gravy Fresh Baby Carrots Fresh Apples Jelly Whole Grain Roll Milk	Cals. 613 Carbs 96.8g S. Fat 4.1g
10 Chicken Quesadilla Nacho Chips Salsa Refried Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk	11 Spaghetti w Meat Salad w Tomatoes Pineapple Chunks Milk	12 Chicken Ranch Wrap Lettuce & Tomato Carrots Salsa Rosy Pears Ranch Dressing Milk	13 Baked Ham Stromboli Seasoned Peas Fresh Baby Carrots Banana Milk	14 Macaroni & Cheese Meatballs Rosy Pears Cauliflower Fresh Baby Carrots Milk	Cals. 609 Carbs 90.6g S. Fat 5.8g
17 No School Teacher Inservice Day	18 Baked Chicken Whole Grain Bun Oven Fries Fresh Baby Carrots Peaches Barbeque Sauce Milk	19 Chili Nacho Chips Bananas Cinnamon Roll Milk	20 Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomato Nacho Chips Cheese Slice Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple Chunks Milk	21 Mexican Burrito Salsa Green Beans Mexicali Corn Fresh Apples Milk	Cals. 697 Carbs 103.3 g S. Fat 5.7g
24 Chicken Tetrazzini Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Pears Milk	25 Mr Ribb on a Bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Triangles Green Beans w Bacon Orange Sections Barbeque Sauce Milk	26 Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Green Beans w Bacon Fresh Grapes Milk	27 Baked Italian Pasta Peas & Carrots Applesauce Royal Brownie Milk	28 Hamburger on a Bun Lettuce & Tomato Oven Roasted Potato Pork & Beans Orange Sections Milk	Cals. 631 Carbs 88.9g S. Fat 5.6g

BREAKFAST MENU

Whole grain cereal available daily

March 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Fruit Strudel Fresh Assorted Fruit Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	4 Breakfast Burrito Assorted Juices Milk	5 Whole Grain Cereal Fresh Apple Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	6 Whole Grain Bagel Scrambled Egg Bacon Slice Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	7 Coffee Cake Orange Sections Milk
10 Breakfast Stick Assorted Juices Milk	11 Breakfast Croissant Cheese Slice Sausage Assorted Juices Milk	12 Pancake w/Syrup Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	14 No School
17 No School Spring Break	18 No School Spring Break	19 No School Spring Break	20 No School Spring Break	21 No School Spring Break
24 Whole Grain Cereal Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	25 Biscuit Sausage Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	26 Blueberry Oat Muffin Whole Grain Cereal Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	27 French Toast Stick Sausage Link Assorted Fruit Juice Milk	28 Cinnamon Swirl Bear Grahams Assorted Fruit Juice Milk
31 Chicken Strips Biscuit Assorted Fruit Juice Milk				

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10 Meatballs Hamburger Bun Marinara Sauce Shredded Cheese Oven Fries Fresh Broccoli Pineapple Chunks Milk	11 K- 8 - Ravioli 9-12- Lasagna Golden Corn Fresh Apple Italian Garlic Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	12 Chili Banana Cinnamon Roll Milk	13 Chicken Ranch Wrap Lettuce & Tomato Fresh Baby Carrots Salsa Rosy Pears Ranch Dressing Milk	14 No School	Cals. 608 Carbs 94.6g S. Fat 4.8g
17 No School Spring Break	18 No School Spring Break	19 No School Spring Break	20 No School Spring Break	21 No School Spring Break	
24 Sweet & Sour Chicken Seasoned Rice Fresh Broccoli Carrots Pineapple Chunks Milk	25 Crispito Cheese Sauce Mexicali Corn Green Beans w Bacon Fresh Apple Milk	26 Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomato Nacho Chips Cheese Slice Salsa Refried Beans Peach Slices Milk	27 Hamburger on a Bun Lettuce & Tomato Oven Roasted Potato Orange Sections Pork & Beans Milk	28 Mexican Burrito Garden Salad Salsa Cauliflower Fresh Grapes Milk	Cals. 621 Carbs 92.1g S. Fat 5.3g
31 Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Fresh Baby Carrots Peaches Milk				Cals. 647 Carbs 93.6g S. Fat 4.6g3g	

USD 343 District Newsletter Publication & Deadline Information



The USD 343 District Newsletter is published every other month. Issues will be sent out the last week in September, November, January, March and July. Articles should be submitted by the 15th of the month the newsletter is published. Whenever possible, please submit articles electronically by e-mail to: ahale@usd343.org or to Perry Elementary School, Attn: Autumn Hale, PO Box 168, Perry KS 66073

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 2nd – 4th – PLES Book Fair @ LES
- February 5th - PLPK & K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- February 5th – No School for Students
- February 8th – ACT Test Date
- February 10th – School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 12th - PLPK & K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- February 14th – Valentines Parties; PES 12:30 & LES 1:45
- February 17th – No School for Students/ Teacher In-service
- February 19th – PLHS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
- February 20th – PLMS Band & Vocal Concert 7:00 p.m.
- February 24th – PLES PTO Meeting @ PES 7:00 p.m.
- February 26th – PLMS/PLHS Spring Sports Preseason Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 9th – Daylight Savings Time
- March 10th – School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 12th – 8th Grade Pre-Enrollment Info. Night 7:00 p.m.
- March 14th - No School for Students / Teacher In-service
- March 17th – March 21st – No School/ Spring Break
- March 24th – PLHS Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 26th – PLHS Band Solo & Ensemble Night 7:00 p.m.
- March 31st – PLES PTO Meeting @ PES 7:00 p.m.

A graphic with the text "Happy Valentine's Day" written in a red, cursive font. There are two small red hearts, one above the 'e' in "Valentine's" and one below the 'y' in "Day". The background is a light, textured grey.

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.

Adopted by the USD 343 Board of Education on October 8, 2001

Note: *District Beliefs* are listed in random order

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