PLPK, PES & LES News

October 2016

Mark your calendars for these important events!

10/1 – 10/30: PTO 'Change for the Better' campaign

10/3: Picture Retake Day

10/5: 3rd Grade Music Program 6:30 pm @ PLHS Theater

10/10: 9:00 am: Kindergarten to Schaake's Pumpkin Patch

10/11: Fire Prevention @ LES

10/12: **No School for PLPK**: PLPK Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30 – 8:00 pm

10/12: 4-8pm: PLES Parent Teacher Conferences

10/13 & 14: No School

10/13: 2-8 pm: PLES Parent Teacher Conferences

10/14: End of 1st 9 weeks

10/17: PLES Aspire Fundraiser

10/20: 6:00 pm: Parents as Teachers Play group in PLPK room @ PES

10/21: PLPK Field Trips to Shaake's Pumpkin Patch: 8:15 am & 12:30 pm

10/21: 9:00 am: 1st grade to Mulvane Art Museum

10/21: Grade Cards sent home

10/24: 6:30 pm: PTO mtg. @ PES

10/28: PLES Sports Day

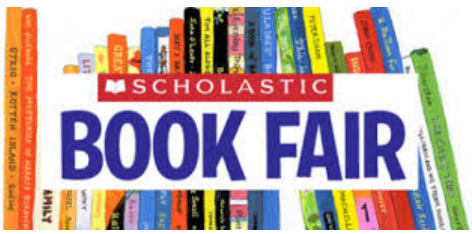
10/28: PLES 'Super Hero' family fun night! 5:30 – 7:30 @ LES

10/31: Halloween parties & parade: PES 12:15 – 1:30; LES 1:45-3:00

Safety One of my highest priorities is to provide a safe and secure learning environment at the elementary schools. During the first weeks of school PES & LES students and staff have practiced tornado and fire drills and lock down drills. Please remember when you are visiting the schools: 1) always use the front entry to check in and out of the office and 2) wear a visitor's badge.

Parental Involvement in School: When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms & dads volunteering in classrooms? That's only one way to help. Research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Below are some conversation starters to use with your child to engage them about their school day: 1) "Let's see what you brought home!" Always go through your child's book bag and discuss their papers and read over notes from the school. 2) "Show me what you have for homework!" Your child should be able to explain to you what they are supposed to do – it is the parent's job to provide a 'distraction free' place for them to complete the work. 3) "Describe a book you enjoyed today!" This gives you the idea of what your child likes to read. Encourage reading and listening skills by reading aloud to your children. 4) "Tell me something you're learned that you'd like to know more about!" Use your child's interests as family activities. When families are engaged in learning activities with their children students make greater academic gains. Building partnership with families is a priority for PLES. We are looking forward to 100% attendance during parent teacher conferences.

Parental Involvement



Fall Book Fair: Come support your children as readers and help the school library get new books for everyone to enjoy! The Fall Book Fair will be at Perry Elementary school from Friday, October 7th, through October 14th. Students and parents can visit during the school day as well as during Parent Teacher Conferences, October 12th from 4-8 and October 13th from 2-8. Don't have time to come in and/or want to see a greater selection of books? Check out the online book fair from 10/2 - 10/15 at **http://www.scholastic.com/bf/perryele** - All orders

support the school and will ship free after 10/14. Thank you for your continued patronage! Book fairs are responsible for adding hundreds of popular books to the shelves; students and teachers all are sincerely appreciative.

A Message from Dr. Charles Fay – Love & Logic: How do I overcome my urge to rescue?"

I've heard this question multiple times from caring parents concerned with their tendency to lift off, hover, and rescue any time their children encounter challenges. Here are some thoughts to ponder:

1) Sometimes it's fine to rescue: Love and Logic parents rescue their children when life and limb are in danger. They also do so…occasionally…when their youngsters aren't demanding it, appreciate the help, and don't make a habit of needing to be rescued.

2) Helicopter parenting sends a very powerful and damaging message: "You're weak. You can't solve the problems you face." Children learn to take good care of themselves through modeling.

3) If we can't say "no" to them, what are the chances they'll learn to say "no" to their peers? Children love and respect only those adults who are willing to set and enforce healthy limits.

4) Having a good long-term relationship with our children depends on occasionally allowing them to be very upset with us. Sincere empathy makes all of the difference! We can hold our children accountable for their poor decisions. We can expect them to own and solve the problems they create. Sincere empathy allows us to do these things without losing their love and respect. It also allows us to discipline without having to feel guilty.

PLES Site Council: This council is designed to acquire knowledge about school programs and procedures; help communicate the school's vision and purpose to the public and engage in thoughtful dialogue about the performance of the school. PLES Site Council consists of the following individuals:

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PLES PTO Activities: Fundraising: 'Change for the Better': Help support PTO and PLES activities by donating your 'unused change': If the school raises over $750 there will be a 'special' event on 10/28 (see attached flyer)

PTO will also be sponsoring a 'Super Hero' Family Fun Night on 10/28 @ LES 5:30. More details will follow later this month!

PLES Face book: Remember to keep up with some of the latest information through the Perry Lecompton Elementary or PTO pages.

Please continue to check the district web site for up to date information
www.usd343.org

I truly appreciate your support of our schools!

Connie Thornton

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