



PERRY ★ LECOMPTON

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 343

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER #1

JULY 2021 – DECEMBER 2021

A note from the Superintendent... J.B. Elliott

Picture this.... You are in a field on the edge of a wooded area on a harsh, very cold winter day. You just cut down two large, dry dead trees and have to chop all this wood into useable pieces to use in your woodstove for the much needed warmth. You gaze at the very LARGE mound of wood and think about the challenge ahead. You cinch down your hat and coat, then lean over and pick up your newly sharpened axe and you start chopping...and chopping...and chopping. As time passes, you glance often at the very big stack of logs and it doesn't seem to get much smaller. But you are a tenacious, determined person, so you get back to humming your favorite tune and even sing out loud a bit as more time passes, and you keep on chopping...and chopping...and chopping. After even more time passes, you notice that your shoulders are sore, and so are your wrists, but what do you do? You don't stop and you keep chopping...and chopping...and chopping...

You know, after having started your day very early that morning, it doesn't feel like you are close to being done with the job at hand. You know you still have lots of logs to split and take back to your home. Even then, unloading all those split logs and stacking them neatly in the log shed will be another mountainous task, but you continue on and pretty soon...you look up, and there are 10 logs left to split, then 5, then 3, then 1. Things are moving along now, and you've loaded all the logs and hauled them to your cabin. You are exhausted, but proud of yourself for staying focused and not giving up. You stack your last piece of fire wood and walk into your cabin with a few in hand. You light the newly cut logs in your stove, take in a deep breath smelling that fresh burning wood, then you brew up the best cup of hot cocoa you have ever tasted. And you sit down and you think back on the challenges of your long day.



This story reminds me of how this last school year was for all of us and this is where I feel we are now as a Country, a State, a community and a school district. We started off the school year with the pandemic in full force causing EVERYONE to make constant adjustments to the way they normally would do things. COVID-19 caused topsy-turvy changes to education, healthcare, travel, work/employment, socializing with family and friends, and just about every other aspect of life. But through all that, I saw moments where people came together to help each other to "get all that wood chopped" and I saw moments where people came together to help get "all that wood stacked". With that perseverance and steadfastness displayed, we are on the downward side of the challenges we faced at the beginning of this pandemic. We should always keep moving forward working toward a better tomorrow and stay positive!

USD 343 has an awesome teaching staff with an enormous amount of knowledge and has excellent support staff who work in different areas to assist with your student's learning. The USD 343 staff carries with them a sense of anticipation knowing all the great things in store for the students and the wonderful memories they will make this school year! I can promise you, we are constantly making every effort to help the children of USD 343 achieve socially, emotionally and academically, as it is our ongoing goal to create a unique learning environment that engages each student. It is an honor to be a part of your child's learning and our staff is ready and excited to start the Perry-Lecompton 21-22 school year!

My wish for you and your family in the 2021-2022 school year is that everybody is healthy and strong and moves along on our course to a new normal with the same determination as the person in the story above. Reach out to someone if you are in need of support and, if you are able, support someone in need or be active in giving back to your community in some way. I couldn't be more proud of EVERYONE in our District and surrounding communities for displaying such great determination, grit and tenacity over the course of the last school year and before that. Please always remember, I'm here if you want to share a concern or compliment, or just want to chat. My door is always open, so feel free to reach out any time. Go Kaws!

Unified School District #343

2021-2022 Calendar

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August

9-11 -- 3 Inservice Days
 12 -- Teacher Work Day
 13 -- First Day of School

September

6 -- Labor Day (no school)

October

19 -- End of First Nine Weeks
 20 -- No Classes - Workday 8-12 am & P/T Conf 2-8 pm
 21 -- All Day Inservice/ P/T Conferences 4-8 pm
 22 -- No School
 25 -- 2nd Nine Weeks Begins

November

24 - 26 -- Thanksgiving Break (no school)

December

21 -- End of Second Nine Weeks
 22 - 31 -- Winter Break (no school)

January

1 -- 4 Winter Break (no school)
 3 -- Teacher Flex Work Day (no school)
 4 -- Full day Inservice (no school)
 5 -- 3rd Nine Weeks Begins
 17 -- MLK Day - Inservice (no school)

February

23 -- Evening Only P/T Conferences 4-8 pm
 23 -- End of the 3rd Nine Weeks
 24 -- No Classes - Inservice 8-12 am & P/T Conf 2-8 pm (6.5)
 25 -- 1/2 Flex Work Day (no school) (3)
 28 -- 4th Nine Weeks Begins

March

14 - 18 -- Spring Break (no school)

April

15 -- Good Friday (no school)
 18 -- Inservice (no school)

May

19 -- Last Day of School
 20 -- 1/2 Teacher Work Day
 30 -- Memorial Day

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- Inservice day
- Teacher work day
- Inservice & work day
- No classes & P/T confs.
- Evening only P/T confs
- School Closed



Board of Education meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.

86
87
173

Days Taught - 173= 1,136 hours
 Inservice Days - 7.5
 Work Days - 3.5
 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3
 Teacher Contract Days - 187



Perry & Lecompton Elementary Schools

Mark Lamb, LES Principal
*Lisa Whitehair-Carver, PES Principal/
Childcare Director*



It is the middle of summer and we hope you are enjoying some quality time with your families. As we approach the beginning of the 2021-22 school year we would like to remind you of some important information regarding upcoming events and current staff assignments for PLES below. Stay safe and healthy and enjoy the rest of your summer!

PLES Faculty and Staff:

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| <u>Principal:</u> | PES – Lisa Whitehair-Carver | LES - Mark Lamb |
| <u>Childcare Director:</u> | Lisa Whitehair-Carver | |
| <u>Admin Assist:</u> | PES-Ronda Green | LES-Meta Hetrick |
| <u>Preschool:</u> | Kelli Jewell & Sarina Smith | |
| <u>Kindergarten:</u> | Megan Jones, Jennie Powell & Kylie Mathews | |
| <u>1st grade:</u> | Grace O'Trimble, Todd Gish & Annie Wade | |
| <u>2nd grade:</u> | Christina Scheer, Jennifer Brown & Brianna Kent | |
| <u>3rd grade:</u> | Allison Day, Sydney Akin & Desiree Browning | |
| <u>4th grade:</u> | Christina Bartlett, Lauren Parnell, & Jessica Christman | |
| <u>P.E.:</u> | Matt Simmons & Jill Bradney | |
| <u>Music:</u> | Elca Wagner | |
| <u>Librarian:</u> | Tammara Capps | |
| <u>Counselor:</u> | Tracey Paramore | |
| <u>Title Teachers:</u> | Kellie Robb & Pam Powers | |
| <u>Special Educator:</u> | Karen Stevens, Zac Duncan, & Kathy Shobe | |

Important Dates to Remember:

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| <u>Enrollment:</u> | July 21 st | ONLINE enrollment opens |
| | August 2 nd | 2:00 to 7:00 pm @ PES |
| | August 3 rd | 4:00 to 7:00 pm @ LES |
| <u>LES Sneak Peek:</u> | August 12 th | 5:00 pm - LES |
| <u>PES Sneak Peek:</u> | | 6:00 pm - PES |
| <u>1st Day of School:</u> | August 13 th | 8:00 am to 3:00 pm |

Sneak Peek provides an opportunity for children and parents to meet their new teachers, see the new classroom and drop off school supplies. This event alleviates some of the stress that occurs on the first day of school.



We are looking forward to a terrific school year!

JULY-AUGUST | 2021

PERRY-LECOMPTON

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Fall updates for the parents of the PLMS Kaws



COMMUNICATION

Message from the Principal

I would like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. This community is amazing and I am so excited to share what makes us who we are and why the staff and I have stayed for so many years. The faculty and staff of PLMS are looking forward to another exciting (hopefully more "normal") school year.

You can expect monthly school newsletters, weekly email reminders, and regular social media postings. Our goal is to keep you up to date as to what is happening here at PLMS and in the classrooms. A good way of staying up to date is to visit our websites, calendars, and social media pages.

We are thrilled to begin the 2021-2022 school year at Perry-LeCompton Middle School. We will strive to provide the best education possible for your child. If at any time during the school year you feel the need to contact me, please feel free to call 785-597-5159 ext. 1039 or via email at emoland@usd343.org.

Sincerely,

- Instagram
 - <https://www.instagram.com/plmsofficialpage/>
- Facebook
 - <https://www.facebook.com/PLMSKAWS/>
- Google Calendar
 - <http://bit.ly/PLMSstudentca>

We strive to keep all of our social media accounts and calendars up to date. While we do send out monthly and weekly calendars please think about subscribing to our Google Calendar for the most up to date activity information.

New Staff/Staff Changes at PLMS

This past spring we said some difficult good-byes to some of our staff members who are moving on to other opportunities. We wish them the best of luck as well as our new staff members!

Mr. Matthew Anguiano -
Exploratory Agriculture

Mr. Bill Culver - Intro to
Industrial tech

Mr. Caleb Denton - 7/8
Health and PE

Mr. Kevin Daniels - 6th ELA

Mr. Matt Simmons - K & 5/6
PE

Mr. Luke Walz - 5th Grade

August Dates to Remember!

- 7/21 - Online Enrollment Opens!
- 8/2 - In building Enrollment, 2-7 pm
- 8/3 - In building Enrollment, 4-7 pm
- 8/13 - 1st Day of School!
- 8/16 - 1st Day of Fall Sports Practice!
- 8/20 - PLMS Fundraiser Starts

New Classes Offered at PLMS

- Exploratory Agriculture - Mr. Anguiano will work with students to introduce them to the world of agriculture.
- World Languages - Ms. Whitman will take students around the world to introduce them to world languages and culture.

PLMS Office Reminders

Office Hours

The middle school office will be open for business beginning Monday, July 19th. Office hours will be 8:00a-3:00p through August 6th. Beginning August 10th, office hours will be 7:30a-4:00p.

Bus Lane Before School

When dropping off students before school, please do not use the bus drive in front of the school. Please remember our building does not open for students until 7:45 am.

After School Pick Up

When picking students up after school you may use the bus drive. Please do not block the gated drive where the buses will exit.

Fall Sports

Getting Started in Fall Sports

All students must turn-in or have on file at the middle school a current completed physical form with parental permission signed. The physical must be dated after May 1st. Students may not participate or practice without this complete document.

First practices are on Monday, August 16th.

Coaches run their own programs.

If you have questions, please contact the head coach for further information about practice schedules, procedures, games, and overall questions.

Head coaches:

Cross Country: Coach Packard,
kpackard@usd343.org

Football: Coach Roberts,
droberts@usd343.org

Volleyball: Coach Singleton,
ksingleton@usd343.org



Perry-Lecompton High School

Mike Maloun, *Principal*
Rhett Scrimsher, *Assistant Principal*



Parents and students, welcome back to a new year at Perry-Lecompton High School. We are looking forward to the start of this year and want to build on the success we had last year. With the disruption of COVID, I hope people did not miss the successes we had last year as a school. State Football Runner-up, Volleyball qualified for the State tournament, Boys X-Country qualified for the state meet. In the winter we had wrestlers that placed at state, musicians that made and performed with the district and state honor groups. In the spring we had several track participants qualify for the State meet and Perry-Lecompton, proudly, took home a 3rd place finish at the State Track meet. Academically our students were great representatives of PLHS as State Runners up in Scholars Bowl along with numerous awards and scholarships earned last year. This year, we hope to keep building on those successes and continue to add to the great tradition of excellence that we have at PLHS.

This newsletter has some important dates and basic information to make the start of the school year run smoothly. Please take time to carefully read the information and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the PLHS office via my e-mail mmaloun@usd343.org or by calling the PLHS office at 785-597-5124, ext. 2004.

During the school year I will send out a weekly calendar of events. Also don't forget to follow us on twitter, @PLHASKAWS, and Facebook, Perry-Lecompton High School. I really hope this year to get to know all of our parents better, if you see me at events don't hesitate to come talk with me, come share your positives about PLHS as well as any concerns you may have, or anything else that is on your mind.

Again, welcome back to a new school year, I look forward to seeing you at PLHS.

Mike Maloun

PLHS Principal



PLHS New Staff

Megan Adams – English/Language Arts
Matthew Anguiano – Vocational Ag
Joey Franzitta – Social Studies & Girls Basketball
Kalen Hilst – Mathematics
Kelsey Singleton – Physical Education
Robert Weinstein – Spanish
Matt Pendry - Business

FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

Remember all students must have a current, completed physical form on file in the high school office along with the drug testing consent form, and a concussion form signed by a parent. These forms can be found on the district website at: <https://bit.ly/35NLAeS>

Students may not participate or practice without this completed document. The first practice for PLHS teams will be Monday, August 16th. Coaches control their own practice schedules. Please contact the head coach for further information about practice schedules, procedures, games, and overall questions about the program. Their contact information can be found below. The Fall Sports Parent Information Night will occur on Wednesday, August 11th at 6:00 pm in the PLHS Little Theater.



Head Coaches Contact Information

Volleyball: Coach Kyle Billings - kylebillings830@gmail.com

Football: Coach Mike Paramore - mparamore@usd343.org

Cross Country: Coach Kasi Packard – kpackard@usd343.org

Tennis: Coach Rhett Scrimsher - rscrimsh@usd343.org

AUGUST 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon., Aug. 2nd: PLHS Enrollment 2 - 8 pm

Tues., Aug. 3rd: PLHS Enrollment 4 - 8 pm

Wed., Aug. 11th: Fall Sports Info. Mtg. at PLHS - 6 – 7 pm

Fri., Aug. 13th: Freshmen 1st day of school & Freshmen Orientation day

Mon., Aug. 16th: 10th – 12th Graders 1st day of school

Mon., Aug. 16th: 1st day of Fall Sports Practice

Thurs., Aug. 27th: PLHS Football Jamboree @Nemaha Central at 6 pm



We encourage you to access the USD 343 Calendar, as all dates for activities and athletics are on the USD 343 Calendar and can be found at:

http://bit.ly/2021-22_343_Cal

This is a public calendar and can be added to your phone or computer so you are always up-to-date with any changes to schedules throughout the year.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

ALL Kansas Students can receive a free breakfast and lunch through the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option each school day in the 2021-22 school year ensuring they are fueled and ready to learn.

Why should you take part in your school's free school meal program?

- ★ **USDA covers the cost of the meals for ALL STUDENTS.** You are not taking meals away from someone who might need it more.
- ★ **Every meal that is served helps your local food service program financially and keeps local food service staff employed.**
- ★ **Free school meals help extend families food budgets and can save time on meal preparation.**
- ★ **Meals are safe, nutritious and delicious!**

Contact your school or district office for more information.



HERE COMES THE BUS!



**Rhett Scrimsher,
Transportation Director**

The 2021-2022 school year will begin on Friday, August 13th for Kindergarten through 9th grade students. The first day of school for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades will be Monday, August 16th. The district would like to take this opportunity to make each of you aware of proper procedures and behavior expectations prior to loading a school bus or van. Our primary concern is the safety of all students, while still operating our school transportation system as efficiently as possible. Keeping the safety of our students and the idea of maximum efficiency in mind, we would expect the following:

- Bus and transportation schedules and routing maps will be updated annually prior to the opening of school. **Prior to the start of the school year, each bus route will be established based upon pickup at the home residence, pick up point, or a daycare provider in that attendance center. If the daycare provider changes, the new day care provider must be on an already established route for the student's attendance center.**
- Bus Drivers will contact you by Thursday, August 12th with approximate pick-up and drop-off times. Please be patient. If you checked the needs transportation box during enrollment your child is on our list. We will contact you if there are any changes on pick-up or drop-off times.
- Students should be out near the road or pick-up point **when the bus arrives**. Parents should plan on five minutes on each side of the designated time for pick-up of the student. The driver will stop and open the bus door, and if the student is not in sight, the driver will continue on his/her route. **The bus will not wait on students.**
- Students should stay well away from the bus stop area and should not move toward the bus until it stops and the door opens.
- Students who must cross the road, either to enter or leave the bus, should wait until the driver signals for them to cross. Also, those students crossing the road to load or unload the bus should always cross in front of the bus and be at least ten feet ahead of the bus so they can be seen.
- The district approved policy is each student is to have **one (1) primary pick-up/drop off point and (1) emergency point**. It will be the **parent/guardians responsibility** to make arrangements to be at one of those two points. *District wide, there were over 300 special transportation changes during the 2019-20 school year. With the responsibility of student safety being our primary concern, having multiple points and special circumstances, and special calendars creates confusion and delays especially for our substitute drivers.* Please refrain from using our districts buses for transporting to special events such as birthday parties, scouting, etc. Seating is often limited, with the addition of students who do not ordinarily ride, this can create confusion and delay for the rest of the route.
- If you **must** make a change from your child's primary point then you **must** call your child's attendance center **by 2:30 p.m.** The building secretary will give your child the required note which will allow them to board the bus. Do not call the bus barn or transportation director, as that may only cause confusion. Please include addresses of the location for your child to be dropped off rather than just names. Please do your best to help keep the transporting of our students safe and simple.
- If you know in advance your child needs to ride a different route home, please send a signed note to the office secretary. The secretary will initial the note, make a copy and give a copy back to your child. Your child should present this note to the bus driver. The note **MUST** be initialed by the office secretary to be considered valid. **This includes all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade.**
- The driver is in charge of the students and the bus. The student should obey the driver's request in a prompt and orderly fashion. **NO INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR OR LANGUAGE WILL BE TOLERATED.** Classroom conduct is to be observed by the students while on the bus. In the interest of safety, only low conversation is acceptable. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is not acceptable.



Transportation Information (continued)

- **The driver will not discharge riders at other places besides the regular bus stop unless the driver has the proper authorization to do so.** Proper authorization is a note from a parent or guardian, **INITIALED** by the principal or his/her designated representative. Also, a phone call can be made to the school authorizing the principal, or his/her designated representative, to write a note for the driver. These calls should be made to the child's attendance center by **2:30 p.m.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be dropping off or picking up students at individual houses in Lecompton or Perry.** We will have two designated stops in both Lecompton and Perry. This is in addition to the grade schools. These stops are for the convenience of our students and a service to our communities, but we are not required to provide these extra stops. The stops at Lecompton will be the same as year's past. The stops in Perry will be determined before school starts and parents will be notified via the district's school messaging system.
- If a student is **not** riding the bus in the AM morning route, you must notify the **driver or the bus barn**. If you know in advance that your child will **not** be riding the AM route, you can call the bus barn. It is open from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at **597-5303**.
- If a change in transportation is necessary for the PM route, please call the school building where your child attends. Again, this call must be made before **2:30 p.m.** to ensure proper notification.
- When bus rules are not observed, disciplinary consequences may include the following: a verbal warning from the driver; the student being assigned a seat-no matter their grade or age level; parental contact; a meeting with the principal. If problems continue, the principal will issue a written warning, which could be followed by removal of the student from the bus. At any point, consequences will be determined by the building principal for each offense. Severe offenses could result in the loss of bus riding privileges.
- If a parent has a bus question or concern, they should contact the bus driver.

Our prime objective is to transport students safely and efficiently. We appreciate your cooperation and support!!!

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

This fall of 2021, the district will continue utilizing the online enrollment process with-PowerSchool Enrollment Express. **Student enrollment will be required to be completed online.** PowerSchool Enrollment Express is web based and the pages are mobile friendly. This will allow parents to complete the process on a computer, smartphone or tablet. Computers will be available in the buildings during onsite enrollment if you do not have access at home. In addition, we are strongly encouraging families to pay fees through the e-Funds link on our website.

Starting July 21st, parents can update current student enrollment information online through the Parent Portal. Please select the "Forms" button found on the left menu, for each student and complete **all** screens to ensure we have accurate information on file. If your child will be picked up from or dropped off at a daycare provider's home, please include that information in the Transportation section.

Next, patrons should go to the **Parents and Students** section of the District website (www.usd343.net) and open the **Enrollment** link. The necessary fee schedules are posted for your reference. Using that information, you may calculate your balance due. **Questions about fees should be directed to the appropriate school secretary or administrator.**

Payment may be made in one lump sum through e-Funds. Please keep in mind the system will charge \$1.00 for an electronic checking payment (from your bank account). The system carries a Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) charge if the payment is returned as such. Patrons using debit or credit cards will incur a \$2.65 flat fee per \$100, per transaction. These fees go directly to e-Funds and are not set by the district. For user's guides and more information on e-Funds please visit the [Online Payments](#) article on our website.

Patrons who prefer to write a check need to print out the Fee Schedules and send them with your check to the District Office (PO Box 729, Perry 66073).

For those families who choose to enroll in person, the school offices will be open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 2nd and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 3rd. We are looking forward to a great school year in partnership with your family. Please feel free to contact your student's school principal if you would like more information about enrollment procedures.



PERRY-LECOMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

2021-2022 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



5TH GRADE:

- 1 large box of Kleenex – no lotion
- 2 large packages of #2 pencils (**sharpened**)
- 1 set of 12 Crayola colored pencils (long)
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 3 pocket folders – horizontal pockets
- 3 composition books, not spiral
- 1 package wide lined notebook paper
- 1 black Sharpie marker – fine point
- 1 pair pointed sharp scissors – adult size
- 1 small bottle Elmer's glue
- 4 Expo dry erase markers
- 4 rolls of scotch tape
- 1 set of 4 colored highlighters
- 1 package index cards
- 2 erasers
- 1 small post it note pad
- 2 set-ear buds/ headphones
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 3 multicolored pens (ball point)
- 1 small pencil box
- Optional: Planner**
- Some supplies may need to be replaced.**

6TH GRADE:

- 1 set-ear buds/headphones (**required**)
- 2 expo dry erase markers
- 5 composition notebooks – math, science, LA, reading, Soc. Studies (**5 different colors***)
- Index Cards (3x5 lined)
- 2 boxes #2 pencils
- 1 box of 12 or 24 colored pencils
- 1 large student eraser or pencil top erasers
- 2 large boxes of tissues

- 6 pocket folders with center clasp for math, science, LA, reading, Soc Stu & homework (**Plastic-Same colors as composition notebooks**)
- pencil pouch (optional)
- 4 rolls scotch tape
- 1 pair scissors-Adult size
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 small post-it note pads
- 1 container Clorox Wipes
- 1 Black Sharpie-Extra Fine Point marker
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 box Quart Size Freezer Bags

****NO TRAPPER KEEPERS****

7TH GRADE:

- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 extra fine point black sharpie (SocStu)
- 4 pocket folders (Math, SocStu, Sci, LA)
- 2 fine point black Sharpie (Art)
- 2 packages 3X5 ruled note cards
- Blue or black ink pens
- 3 composition notebooks (Math-1, Sci.-1, LA-1)
- 1 package of colored pencils (at least a 12 /pkg)

- Erasers/pencil top erasers
- Highlighters (at least a four pack)
- 3 pkgs. Loose-leaf college ruled notebook paper
- Pencils
- Scientific calculator, TI-30XS-Multi-View college ruled notebook & folder (with 2 pockets) (choir)
- 1 set-ear buds/headphones
- pencil pouch
- 2 containers Clorox Wipes
- 2 expo dry erase markers

8TH GRADE

- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 fine point black Sharpie markers (Art)
- 1 extra fine point black sharpie (SS)
- 2 packages 3X5 ruled note cards
- college ruled notebook & folder (with 2 pockets) (Choir)
- Colored pencils (at least a 12-pack)
- Erasers/pencil top erasers
- Highlighters (at least a four pack)
- 3 pkgs Loose-leaf college ruled notebook paper
- Pencils
- Red ink pen and blue or black ink pen
- 4 Pocket Folders (LA, Math, Sci, SocStu)
- Scientific calculator, TI-30XS Multi-View
- 1 set-ear buds/head phones
- 3 composition notebooks (LA, Math & Science)
- Pencil Pouch
- 2 containers Clorox Wipes
- 2 expo dry erase markers

PE (7TH AND 8TH ONLY)

- Shorts and t-shirt
- Court shoes and socks

DISTRICT AND BUILDINGS' GOOGLE CALENDAR LINKS

Google calendars for each building in the district are available to anyone, as is the Public District Calendar. The biggest positive of using or subscribing to any of these Google calendars, is that events are in "real time". This means that any event changes will be accurate on the electronic version.

USD #343 will not provide printed versions of the district calendar again this year. We believe most parents and students are subscribing to the free electronic calendars that are synced to their phone, tablet, or home computer. **However, for those people who still want a printed copy, we have made this calendar available in a PDF format so you can simply print it. If you are unable to print a calendar, please contact the District Office and they will be happy to print a hard copy for you.** Be aware that the PDF version may have a few inaccuracy throughout the course of the school year due to rescheduled events. *Again*, the most **up-to-date** calendars will be the electronic versions you can open in your web browser or add to your calendar program.

Here are links to the various calendars:

To View in a Web Browser:

PLES- http://bit.ly/PLES_Web **PLMS** - http://bit.ly/PLMS_Web **PLHS** - http://bit.ly/PLHS_Web

To Add to Your Google Calendars, Outlook Calendar, or Apple Calendar:

PLES - http://bit.ly/PLES_Sync **PLMS** - http://bit.ly/PLMS_Sync **PLHS** - http://bit.ly/PLHS_Sync

Printable District Calendar:

http://bit.ly/2021-22_343_Cal

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| | <u>BUILDING</u> | <u>PHONE/TOLL FREE NUMBER</u> |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PL Daycare | PES | 785-597-5156 |
| Lisa Whitehair-Carver, Director | PL Daycare | 785-597-5156 |
| Bus Barn | | 785-597-5303 |
| Food Service | | 785-597-5872 |
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Email addresses for USD 343 staff may be found by accessing the District's web page at www.usd343.net and following the appropriate links.

USD #343 Mission Statement

Preparing students to become successful citizens.

Adopted by the USD 343 Board of Education on December 12, 2016

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 to obtain quality 21st century skills.
- **PRIDE IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY** is an important element in a quality school experience.
- The success of our schools is accomplished because all stakeholders accept **RESPONSIBILITY**.
- For students to learn effectively they must have a school environment that demands **RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY AND SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL**.
- The **EFFECTIVE USE and APPROPRIATE APPLICATION 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 partnership between **SCHOOL and FAMILY** is a key to a child's success.

Adopted by the USD 343 Board of Education on December 12, 2016

Note: *District Beliefs* are listed in random order

FREE INFANT / TODDLER SCREENING

Keystone Learning Services invites you to bring your child to a **FREE** screening clinic for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, 0-5 years of age. The purpose of the screening is to see how your child is developing. If you have questions concerning your child's walking, seeing, hearing or learning, the screening clinic will provide help. Trained professionals in the areas of speech and language development, concept development, social skills, vision and hearing will be there to screen your child. To find out the screening dates and to schedule an appointment, please contact Keystone at 785-876-2214.

Keystone Learning Services
Administrative Offices
500 E. Sunflower Blvd.
Ozawkie, KS 66070
785-876-2214 phone
785-876-2629 fax
www.keystonelearning.org

IN CASE OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS: Should it become necessary to close school due to inclement weather, road conditions, or other emergency situations, Perry USD #343 will notify parents through the district's school messaging system. Additionally, USD #343 will make immediate contact with the following broadcast stations:

WDAF TV – Kansas City, TV Channel 4
WIBW – Topeka, TV Channel 13, AM 580 AM and FM 94.5

We recommend staying tuned to one of the stations listed above in order to receive this information in a timely manner.

Other media to be notified as time permits are the following:

KLWN – Lawrence, AM 1320
KANU – Lawrence, 91.5 FM
KSNT – Topeka, TV Channel 27
KTKA – Topeka, TV Channel 49
KTPK – Topeka, FM 106.9
Sunflower Cable - Lawrence, TV Channel 6

Broadcasts will begin at 6:00 a.m. for all stations and will be reported approximately every 15 minutes until 9:00 a.m. Closing announced the preceding day would be broadcast on the 10:00 p.m. newscast. *In every case, the final decision regarding school attendance during inclement weather rests with the parents.*

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

USD 343 Perry Public Schools provides student accident insurance for all students in pre-school through grade twelve. This insurance provides the following coverage to students while they are:

- attending regular school sessions
- participating in or attending school-sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities
- participating in school-sponsored and supervised interscholastic sports, and
- traveling directly to and from school for regular school session; and while traveling to and from school sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities in school-provided transportation

The coverage the school district provides is supplement to your family health insurance. It only pays out after your family health or auto policy does, then within the limits of the policy's benefits. For more information regarding the District's accident insurance, contact your child's school secretary.

Title I Support for Students

USD 343 offers Title I support to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade who qualify for services. Your child's school counselor is designated as the Parent Involvement Coordinator for their school site and would be happy to hear from you. By law, our District must provide the following information to parents or guardians upon request:

- ❖ *Whether the teacher has met the State requirements for licensure and certification for grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;*
- ❖ *Whether the teacher is teaching under provisional or other emergency status;*
- ❖ *The college major and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field or discipline of the certification or degree; and*
- ❖ *Whether the child is provided service by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.*

USD 343 is required to notify patrons about the accreditation status of each Title I school. All schools in the USD 343 District are fully accredited.

For more information about USD 343 Title I services, contact Josh Woodward, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at jwoodward@usd343.org.

The USD 343 *District Report Card* is available to view by following the link below:

https://www.usd343.net/pages/uploaded_files/PLHS_343_Accountability.pdf

If you have any questions about the USD 343 District Report Card, please call the District Office at 785-597-5138.

*** NOTIFICATION OF KANSAS STATE REGULATIONS ***

Article 36-13-2

Article 36-13-2 states "Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the operator of the bus, unless otherwise assigned by proper authorities. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the operator shall be sufficient reason for refusing transportation to any pupil. The operator of any school bus shall be responsible for the order and conduct of the pupils transported. Drivers are required to report misbehavior by students on the bus."

GENERAL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Students must be ready to load the bus at the established pick up time. If student doesn't appear, driver will honk the horn. Driver is to depart at designated pick up time. Please remember that if ten different students are one minute late, the bus is 10 minutes late for school.
- Students must ride their assigned bus. In order to ride a bus that they are not assigned to, they must present the driver with a signed note from the building office.
- Students won't be dropped off at a location different from the enrollment form unless the driver has a note or radio confirmation from the school office.
- Students must remain seated at all times.
- Students must face the front and sit in an upright position at all times.
- Absolutely no movement from seat to seat while bus is in motion.
- If the voice of a particular student can be heard, he/she is too loud.
- Students must enter and exit the bus in a safe manner.
- The aisle is to remain clear of feet, bags, etc.
- No horseplay, inappropriate language or name calling.
- High school and middle school students cannot ride in another student's car to PES or LES, then attempt to board the bus for the evening route.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES:

- Students who fail to follow the established rules will receive an oral warning from the driver.
- If a second incident occurs, the driver will contact the parent/guardian. A copy of the "Bus Discipline Report" form will be given to the building principal.
- If a third incident occurs, the driver will complete a "Bus Discipline Report" form and submit it to the building principal. Repeated rule violations can result in an assigned seat or suspension of bus riding privileges. Specific issues such as fighting, vandalism, use of drugs and/or behaviors that concern the general safety/welfare can result in immediate suspension of bus riding privileges.

District-Wide Safety & Security Information

District-Wide Emergency Drills

Each of the school buildings in the district has an Emergency Preparedness Procedures booklet in the office and in most classrooms. It addresses many possible situations, some of which involve moving students out of the schools to a secure off-site location. In order to ensure familiarity with the plans with staff, drills are held periodically during the year. Families and community may or may not be notified in advance of these drills.

In an actual emergency requiring relocation, families will be contacted through School Messenger and instructed as to reunification procedures.

School Safety Plans and Crisis Management Plans

The issue of safety at schools throughout the nation is a major concern. Perry-Lecompton School District has implemented several actions to address the issue of safety at all of our schools. The district will continue to implement measures which we believe will assist in this effort. We work cooperatively with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department to plan methods to address the safety of our students, staff and property. The support and cooperation of the community is appreciated. More detailed information is posted on the district website under two tabs: School Safety Plans and Crisis Management Plans.

Drug-Free Schools Policy

Maintaining drug-free schools is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the district's students. The unlawful possession, use, sale or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as a part of any school activity is prohibited. This policy is required by the 1989 amendments to the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, P.O. 102-266, 103 St. 1928. As a condition of continued enrollment in the district, students shall abide by the terms of this policy.

Tobacco Use Policy

The use of all tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco) is prohibited in or on all school district property. The policy applies to everyone working on, working in, using or visiting school district properties. It applies to personal vehicles on school district property and district-owned vehicles. This policy further prohibits tobacco industry advertising, marketing, and sponsorship on district property, at school functions, and in school publications. In addition, the exhibition of tobacco-oriented gear or paraphernalia by staff and students is prohibited.

Weapons Policy

No student or patron may knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be construed to be a weapon at school, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event. This shall include any weapon or device being used as a weapon, or any facsimile of a weapon. The school district reserves the right to ensure safety by conducting voluntary searches of bags, purses, backpacks, or other containers being brought onto school property at any time. Persons violating this policy shall be reported to appropriate law enforcement agencies; in addition, juveniles shall be reported to DFS or the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice.

Penalties for Students Possessing a Firearm or Other Weapon

Possession of a firearm or other weapon shall result in expulsion from school for a period of one calendar year, unless modified by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis, following an expulsion hearing conducted by the Superintendent's designee. Possession of a facsimile of a weapon may result in suspension or expulsion from school.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (Board Policy IDEA)

Surveys

Parents have the right to inspect any survey created by an outside agency before it is administered to their children, and to opt them out of such surveys unless they are directly connected to an educational outcome approved by the Board of Education.

Physical examination

This requirement does not apply to routine dental, hearing and vision screenings required under Kansas law. Parents will be notified of the need to conduct any non-emergency invasive physical examination of their student, and may opt them out on a case-by-case basis.

Marketing information

The schools do not collect any information for the purpose of marketing or selling it. Information may be collected for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services to students or to educational institutions.

FERPA Rights

Unless the information collected from student is designated as directory information, no information gathered about students is released to third parties without the express written consent of the parent or eligible student.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the objective of Perry Lecompton High School (PLHS) to assure equal opportunity in all aspects of education to all students. No qualified person with a designated disability or 504 Plan will be excluded from, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any courses, or programs. Students with disabilities will be integrated into any and all programs with their non-disabled peers as much as possible.

It is the policy of PLHS to provide equal opportunities to all special education and regular education students in all courses and programs including, but not limited to Career and Technical Education, internships, apprenticeships, and work/teaching studies. PLHS is committed to maintain and promote nondiscrimination regarding race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital status, gender, physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, sexual orientation, religion, political philosophy, or age in all phases of educational practices and in accordance with all applicable State and federal laws and Executive Orders

ASBESTOS ANNUAL NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Unified School District 343 has some asbestos containing materials throughout its buildings. All friable asbestos materials have been removed from our school buildings. Non-friable asbestos materials requiring attention include floor tile and some pipe insulation coverings which are covered and not accessible.

As required by AHERA, a certified asbestos inspector and management planner must inspect all school facilities and develop a management plan for each facility. The buildings are being managed and maintained according to law. The floor tile presents no immediate danger to students and staff and can be maintained for an indefinite period of time.

All asbestos information and a master plan are open to the public and available in the Central Office.

Digital Citizenship and Computer Policy

Use of any social networking sites is prohibited during school hours on school days.

Cell phones may be used for personal communication any time except during class, subject to the following limitation: text communication from staff to students must include the building administrator or athletic director as a recipient.

Personal handheld devices (including but not limited to DS and iPods) may be used as specified in each building's rules. The district accepts no liability for loss or breakage of such devices.

Employees/Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district e-mail or other official communication systems. E-mail messages shall be used only to conduct district business and for educational purposes. All employees/students must use appropriate language in all messages. Employees are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and to use the system according to these guidelines and other guidelines published by the administration. Students are expected to use the system following guidelines approved by teachers and administration.

Any e-mail or computer application or information in district computers or computer systems is subject to monitoring by the administration. The district retains the right to duplicate any information in the system or on any hard drive. Employees who violate district computer policies are subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Students who violate these rules, or any other classroom rules relating to computer use are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school.

Positive Learning and Working Environment

The district is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment free from discrimination, insult, intimidation, or harassment due to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Any act of harassment or discrimination directed toward a student or employee shall be reported promptly to the building principal or the district compliance coordinator for investigation and corrective action. Any student or employee who engages in conduct in contravention of this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school or termination of employment.

Discrimination against any student on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or religion in the admission or access to, or treatment in, the district's programs and activities is prohibited.

Superintendent, PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073-0729 (785-597-5138) has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

Before you...



THINK!!

T = is it True?
H = is it Helpful?
I = is it Inspiring?
N = is it Nice?
K = is it Kind?



to the
Perry~Lecompton
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Class of 2021!!

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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION INFORMATION

The USD 343 Newsletter will be published two times a year. The July-December issue will be distributed the first of July and will “look ahead” at enrollment and upcoming events. The January-June issue will be distributed the first of January and will “look back” over fall semester highlights. If needed, there will be an issue in May that will feature highlights from the spring semester, including updates from the Superintendent. Please submit articles to Deb Brehm’s attention by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter being published. Articles may be submitted by email to dbrehm@usd343.org or mailed to USD 343 District Office, PO Box 729, Perry, Kansas 66073.

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website at www.usd343.net
for additional important and timely information!**