

# TIGER TIMES

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### FOUR PLMS ORCHESTRA STUDENTS SELECTED TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL

Congratulations to four PLMS 8th Grade students who were selected to perform at Carnegie Hall. These students were selected as Junior Finalists through a competitive audition process for the 2017 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall and will perform with the Junior Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in June. Junior finalists for the Honors Performance Series include students from 43 U.S. States, several provinces of Canada, Australia, and Taiwan. These students will have the opportunity to play with some of the best middle school musicians from around the world, learn from renowned conductors,

experience New York City, and perform at Carnegie Hall. PLMS Junior Finalists include: Cara Cha (viola), Fiona Martin (cello), Sophia Hoffman (violin), Katelyn Johnson (cello).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 3

## PENNY WAR BETWEEN 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BEGINS



TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7PM - Black and Gold Choir  
Concert at LSHS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

5PM TO 9PM Costa Rica Travelers  
Fundraiser @ LA FUENTE  
MEXICAN RESTAURANTS

## LSMO ROCKS

The PLMS Tiger Smart club painted rocks to hide in Lee's Summit parks and public spaces. This is in conjunction with a group called LSMO Rocks and aims to provide a little joy to peoples' days. The idea is that people find the rocks and then hide them again, while also going home and painting their own to add to the fun.



## PLMS TIGER ORCHESTRA

On Thursday, March 2, the PLMS Tiger Orchestras performed for adjudication at the KC Metro District Orchestra Festival. The Festival featured 30+ middle school orchestras from the area and was held at Blue Springs High School. Both 7th and 8th grade orchestras were awarded an "I" rating (**termed Exemplary/Superior**) by a panel of 3 judges. Congratulations.



Photo credit Janet McKee

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PLMS 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BANDS

More congratulations to our Band for their performance at KC Metro District Large Group Festival on March 4<sup>th</sup> hosted by Blue Springs High School. Both the 7th and 8th grade bands received a I rating!



## MAP TESTING DATES

7th grade:

4/17-4/21 - English Language Arts

4/24-4/28 - Math

8th grade:

4/17-4/21 - English Language Arts

4/24-4/28 - Math and Science

During Map testing, please help make sure your child is at school and prepared to show off what

they know. Students will need headphones and calculators. Cell phones/smart watches are not permitted in testing environment. Thank you!

## HELP SUPPORT STUDENT TRAVELERS TO COSTA RICA

Who wants to cook? Skip it and join us for some tacos, burritos, chips and salsa, and much more at La Fuente Mexican Restaurant!!!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 5PM TO 9PM**

15% OF SALES FOR THE NIGHT WILL GO TO SUPPORT OUR PLMS STUDENT TRAVELER



LA FUENTE MEXICAN RESTAURANTS AT BOTH OF THESE LOCATIONS:

**1255 NE DOUGLAS ST OR THE 899 SW LEMANS LANE**

## PLMS RECOGNIZED BY KC HEALTHY KIDS I AM HERE PHOTO CONTEST

Pleasant Lea Middle School was recognized in the KC Healthy Kids' I Am Here photo contest. Receiving honorable-recognition were seventh-graders in Joel Staponski's class. The entries included photo stories showing how their community helps or hinders healthy habits.

The PLMS healthy photos included playgrounds, crosswalks, sidewalks, Lee's Summit Farmers' Market and Sprouts. Photos illustrating items that hinder health submitted by the students included old, cracked sidewalks, streets without sidewalks and fast food restaurants.

Through the contest, teachers helped students think critically about how their surroundings – walking trails or broken sidewalks, safe playgrounds or blighted lots, schoolyard gardens or fast food restaurants – impact their health. Third- through eighth-grade students from six counties in the metro area were invited to participate.

KC Healthy Kids, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the health of Greater Kansas City's children presented honorable mention awards during the Champions for Health youth summit on March 2, and students were recognized during the I Am Here Awards, held over lunch at the summit.

Champions for Health is an all-day conference where 200 students who participated in the contest learned to speak out for healthier food in schools, walkable communities, urban farms and gardens and more.

Find out more about I am Here Awards at <https://www.kchealthykids.org/2017-champions-health-youth-summit-awards/>

| <b>Fall Squad</b>  | <b>Winter Squad</b>   |
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| Jayla Aldridge<br>Jules Barker<br>Brooklynn Bellah<br>Bailey Birchfield<br>Mallory Fiegener<br>Maddie Kerr<br>Tatum Scharfen<br>Malana Scharfen<br>Corinne Shackelford | Lily Aldenderfer<br>Avery Arnold<br>Grace Benedict<br>Chelsea Foxhoven<br>Olivia McKee<br>Larissa Mikle<br>Cailey Sommerer<br>Maggie Upp<br>Paige Wilbert |