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PLMS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION – 2 YEARS IN A ROW!

2016 SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

The annual PLMS Spelling Bee, held after school on Tuesday, November 15, proved to be an intense competition lasting for thirty-seven rounds. All of the participants displayed impressive spelling skills; however, round fifteen through thirty-six showcased the tenacity of only two remaining spellers: seventh grader, Anna Murphy and eighth grader, Sophia Hoffman. For twenty-two rounds, the two girls battled back and forth, spelling words that many middle school students never knew existed. Words such as interminableness, prestidigitation, hors de combat, and netsuke were spelled with authority. However, all spelling bees must come to an end, and in the thirty-seventh and championship round, Sophia Hoffman spelled the word reminisce correctly to become the winner of the 2016-2017 PLMS



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT - KINDNESS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Wrestling – 8:30 a.m. @ Bernard Campbell Invitational Tournament

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

WRESTLING AT HOME @ 4PM

Girls Basketball Tournaments

8th Grade A Team @ Brittany Hill
B Team @ Paul Kinder

Boys Basketball Tournaments

8th Grade A Team @ Delta Woods
B Team @ Moreland Ridge

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Girls & Boys Basketball Tournaments

8 PM Tiger Orchestra Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

4PM WRESTLING @ RAYTOWN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

CYBER PATRIOTS ROUND TWO

Spelling Bee. The winning word, reminisce, was fitting since Sophia was also the winner of last year's annual spelling bee, moving on to win the Jackson-Clay County Championship Bee last February and competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May, 2016. As the winner of the PLMS Spelling Bee, Sophia will compete next in the Division Spelling Bee and the Jackson-Clay Championship Spelling Bee in February, 2017. Good luck, Sophia!

SCHOLAR BOWL SEASON

Scholar Bowl season is almost here! Come see Mrs. Fuchs in Room 202. Scholar Bowl is an academic competition in which team members answer questions from all kinds of disciplines under a time constraint. If you think you are smarter than the average Tiger, come on out with us.

HIGH FIVE AWARDS

This is the 15TH year that our Partner In Education, Lee's Summit Medical Center and Mazuma, will recognize and reward students for their academic achievement in all content areas by awarding "The High Five Award". Our business partners have joined in to help sponsor this award and will continue this year by providing gift cards. Four students per month will receive the award - two OUTSTANDING STUDENTS (one 7th grader and one 8th grader) and two Most Improved students (one 7th grader and one 8th grader).

DECEMBER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT WINNERS



**Kendall Boone, Jackson Doyle,
Mrs. Miller, Val Fry, and Johnny
Pryor**

The three PLMS Cyber Patriot teams participated in the first round of competition on Friday, November 11, at Summit Technology Academy. The teams were given a Windows image (mock operating system), and had to find the 18 security problems in the system. Each of the three teams scored 100% in the round. The second round of competition is Friday, December 9. GO PLMS CYBER PATRIOTS!!!



PLMS ROBOTICS TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to the PLMS Robotics teams! The Black and Gold Alliance and Tiger Alliance competed in the regional qualifier on November 19th at Summit Lakes Middle School. The teams have been working since September to build and program their robots to complete missions on the "Animal Allies" board. However, that is only one portion of the program. They also had to complete a research project where



they offered a solution to a problem animals are facing today; then make a presentation about their project. They also completed a presentation about the core values they learned and used during the First Lego League season.

While neither team will continue on to the regional competition, both dramatically improved their scores from the previous competition at Lee's Summit High School. So proud to have these young ladies and gentlemen representing PLMS so well!

TRIP TO NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA IN JUNE 2018

Don't miss out! There are only 11 spots available for the Tour of Nicaragua and Costa Rica in June 2018! We will tour these two beautiful countries for nine days and visit 3 volcanoes, go white water rafting, zip lining, tour rain forests, snorkel in the Pacific Ocean and see so many exotic animals!! Contact Marcy Hess for more information. This tour is open to ALL middle school students and one parent. We are currently doing 3 fund raisers!!

<https://sites.google.com/a/lsr7.net/marcyhess/home/costa-rica-tour-2?scrlybrkr=9c9422a9#>

CONSESSION STAND OPEN DURING ALL HOME GAMES



Support students going to Costa Rica buy purchasing snacks and drinks. Also available a special 4 oz bag of chocolate covered coffee beans from Costa Rica- Only \$6!! Yummy!!



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STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Thanks to the members of the 2016-2017 Student Council for their hard work organizing and decorating for the Fall Dance. They collected, by far, the most canned goods collected for a dance.



December 5th through the 9th Student Council, along with LS Hospital, is collecting **gently** used shoes. Students are asked to bring shoes to advisory December 5-9. Any size is welcome. Top 3 advisory rooms will receive a prize.

SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 21 6:30PM – 8:00 PM PLMS AUTHORS' CONFERENCE

MAKING A CHANGE FEATUREING samples of students' writing and artwork they complete in class and showcasing them. Guest author, Toriano Porter, will be speaking, and all of the students' writings will be compiled into a bound book and given to each of them. The artwork will be displayed in the commons in a gallery walk fashion. This is in celebration of literacy, and stakeholders from around the community will come and celebrate these awesome kids with us as well.

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