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### CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY SELECTED DISTRICT ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students who will be performing with the Auditioned Middle School District Orchestra on April 8 at Liberty North High School! These 5 students were selected out of 189 who auditioned this Saturday. Congratulations!!



**Fiona Martin**  
 Cello  
 1<sup>st</sup> Chair

**Paige Morefield**  
 Violin 1  
 5<sup>th</sup> Chair



**Katelyn Johnson**  
 Cello  
 5<sup>th</sup> Chair

**Sophia Hoffman**  
 Violin 2  
 12<sup>th</sup> Chair



**Chase Kloiber Cello 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

**GOLDRUSH DAY – WEAR YOUR GOLD**

4PM Girls Basketball vs CAMPBELL AWAY

4PM Boys Basketball vs CAMPBELL HOME

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

4PM Girls Basketball RAYTOWN HOME

4PM Boys Basketball RAYTOWN AWAY



## HIGH 5 AWARD WINNERS FOR JANUARY



January High 5 Award  
Winners from the  
Modern Language  
Department

### **Most Improved**

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Noah Gray

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Cassie Forgione

### **Outstanding**

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Isabelle  
Murphy

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Vy Nguyen

## PLMS YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE 6:30PM TO 8:00PM - FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Be sure to save the date for our first PLMS Young Authors' Conference. This special event will recognize exemplary pieces of student writing and artwork adhering to the theme, "Make a Change." The evening will consist of a presentation by our guest author, Toriano Porter, as well as recognition of each of the student contributors. Students will receive a book containing a compilation of all student writing. Guests will also have the opportunity to view the artwork on display in the commons and join us for a brief reception following the program.

Students interested in participating may submit writing or artwork for consideration to their ELA teacher or Art teacher by Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Students selected for recognition will be notified by early February.

Come out and join us for this fun event celebrating Literacy.

## TEAM TIGER\_STEAM

Members of Team Tiger\_STEAM are gearing up for their next competition on January 18th in Camdenton, Mo. Although the team has only been together for 2 months, they are making a big impact in the First Technology Competition (FTC) community.

The team competed on December 10th in Smithville, Mo and earned *The Judge's Award*, and are looking toward the competition in Camdenton to earn a spot in the state competition in March. They have been hard at work improving their robot design and programming to help them advance. After the December competition, they overhauled their robot to include a better shooting mechanism and a lift system. These changes should help them earn more points in each match and make them a strong alliance member.

Look for an update on the January competition soon, and wish them luck as they go forward!



## REMINDER OF PLMS TIGER HOMEWORK ACADEMY (THA) POLICY

At Pleasant Lea Middle School, we are continually working to provide the most effective practices to ensure your student's success. Over the past few years, we have studied the most current research to design programs that best support our vision of high expectations and team work.

Our goal is to ensure each student is learning all essential skills. Tiger Homework Academy will hold each student accountable for completing each assignment and provide immediate intervention for those that choose not to complete an assignment. If a student does not complete an assignment, he/she will be assigned to Tiger Homework Academy for that afternoon or the following morning. Tiger Homework Academy will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday morning (6:45-7:45 a.m.) and afternoon (2:50-3:50 p.m.), Wednesday morning (7:20-8:20 a.m.) and afternoon (2:50-3:50 p.m.).

If your child is assigned a Tiger Homework Academy, you will receive a phone call from him/her. The purpose of the call is to inform you that he/she will need a ride home from school that afternoon or to be dropped off the following morning. Remember, this phone call must be **brief** so that your child does not miss valuable time in class. In addition, the teacher will not be available to speak to you at this time as he/she will be teaching class. Please feel free to send him/her an email or leave a voicemail if you have questions or concerns.

During Tiger Homework Academy, your child will have the opportunity to complete the assignment. The assignment will be accepted by the teacher the next class period. If a student does not complete the assignment during Tiger Homework Academy, it will be his/her responsibility to complete it on his/her own time. If the student fails to turn in the assignment during the next class period, he/she will be assigned another Tiger Homework Academy.

Since we understand that everyone has a bad night, we are providing each student with two Tiger Homework Academy passes each quarter. This does not excuse the student from completing the assignment, but does excuse them from a Tiger Homework Academy. The assignment will still be due the next class period.

We believe that our Tiger Homework Academy intervention will provide for the needs of our students by giving them the extra time and help they need to complete their assignments and learn the essential skills necessary to be successful. At PLMS, we continue to partner with parents in this endeavor and appreciate you encouraging your student to complete assignments each and every day.

## COMMUNITY VISION TEAM SAVE THE DATE MARCH 11, 2017



SAVE THE DATE: On March 11th from 8:00AM - Noon, the Community Vision Team will host an on-site hours of service opportunity for staff and students. More details to come, but mark your calendars. Thank you!

## CONCESSION STAND OPEN DURING ALL HOME GAMES

Support students going to Costa Rica by 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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LAST DAY TO PURCHASE YEARBOOKS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

FRENCH KIDS NIGHT AT LSHS JANUARY 30



**FRENCH KIDS NIGHT!**

COME FOR A NIGHT  
OF FRENCH CRAFTS,  
FRENCH FOOD AND  
LOTS OF FUN! ALL  
AGES WELCOME!

WHEN: JANUARY 30TH  
FROM 6:30-7:30 pm  
WHERE: LSHS B  
Gym

Sponsored by Madame Hayles  
and French Club  
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STUDENTS GET YOUR  
TEAMS TOGETHER SOON -  
\$12 FOR TEAM OF 6.



JANUARY CHARACTER TRAIT - COURAGE

Courage doesn't mean  
you don't get afraid.  
Courage means you  
don't let fear stop you.

~ Bethany Hamilton

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