

TIGER TIMES

PLEASANT LEA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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IN MEMORY OF SCOTT WILKINSON

The Lee's Summit R-7 community and most especially the students and staff at Pleasant Lea Middle School are mourning the loss of Scott Wilkinson, who passed away unexpectedly Sept. 14. Scott taught industrial technology at Pleasant Lea Middle School and also coached freshman and varsity football and served as head varsity girls track at Lee's Summit High School. He previously coached football at Lee's Summit North High School. In addition, he was a Lee's Summit Educational Foundation PEAK Grant recipient.

Scott was well-respected by his students and colleagues and was known as a generous and giving person. He is being remembered as an innovative and talented teacher and coach who made meaningful connections with students. A kind-hearted person, Scott will be missed by many in our community.

EXCITING NEW CLUB AT PLMS

Lee's Summit Teacher Academy (LSTA)

The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th 2:50-3:50 in Room 314. All students interested in a career in teaching are welcome to join. If you want to make a difference in someone's life, enjoy working with kids and want to find out what it's really like to be a teacher, then join this rock star group of students and teachers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8th Grade Girls Volleyball Home
4pm

Cross Country meet 4pm at Belton

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

LSTA first meeting 2:50-3:50 Rm 314

8th Grade Football at Delta Woods
MS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8th Grade Girls Volleyball 4pm at
Summit Lakes MS

Cross Country at Home 4pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

CYBERPATRIOT TRAINING 2:15 TO
4:45

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

TUG O' WAR @ PLMS 5:30 PM

PLMS STUDENTS RAISE AWARENESS

Students at PLMS had the opportunity to join in and help raise awareness for the serious tragedy affecting the world's elephant population. On average, ninety-six elephants are illegally poached and killed every day in Africa. Added up over an entire year, that is over 35,000 elephants are killed each year for the ivory in their tusks. Students were able to join in and help raise awareness of this terrible situation by folding and creating origami elephants. The elephants that the students folded and created were mailed off before the September 16 deadline to add to the Wildlife Conservation Society's attempt at breaking the Guinness World Records title for the largest origami display. The current record is 33,764, and the WCS's goal was to collect 35,000 - one for each of the elephants that is unfortunately killed over the course of a year. A huge thank you to those who participated! For more information about this tragedy, and how to help, check out: 96elephants.org.



PLMS TUG O' WAR TOURNAMENT

PLMS will be hosting the Lee's Summit all 3 middle school Tug of War tournament Friday, September 23. How To Enter:

- ↔ Get a group of 6-10 friends together
- ↔ Come up with a team name
- ↔ Grab a form off of the Tiger Smart bulletin board in the science hallway
- ↔ Return the form and \$10 to room 310 by September 22nd



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Awards are given in the form of candy and gift cards to the winning teams and the teams with the most spirit so think of great costumes you can create. Hope to see you there to take on Campbell and Summit Lakes. The event runs from 5:30 - 7pm on Friday, September 23rd.

TIGERETTE'S DANCE CAMP "WATCH ME DO"

The Tigerette Dance Camp is open for participants in grades PK-8. Each participant will learn a dance routine within their skill level by being divided into three dance levels: Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced. Participants will take part in a two-night camp, where they will learn a mix routine to Meghan Trainor's hit songs. The performance will then take place during the **Pre-Game** show at the September 30th LSHS Varsity football **HOME**COMING game on the football field.

Camp Dates/Location:

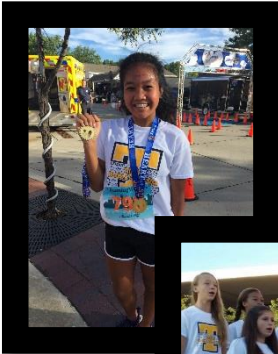
September 26th and 28th 6:30-8 PM in the LSHS B Gym on Browning Street

September 30th Football game. Performance is prior to the game. Arrive by 6:15 PM

Cost: \$35 per participant. Multiple sibling discount, \$25 each.

Each participant and one parent/guardian will be admitted to the game at no cost via a pass handed out during the camp and each participant will also receive a camp T-shirt to be worn for the performance Friday night. Participants will need to wear black bottoms along with tennis shoes for the performance.

BLACK AND GOLD CHOIR SINGS AT HEART OF THE SUMMIT 5K



Our PLMS Black and Gold Choir sang the National Anthem and God Bless America during the Heart of the Summit 5K on Saturday, September 10th on the steps of City Hall. Race day events included the race, Chris Cakes, face painting and many vendor booths. Money raised is for the LS Fire and Police houses The



LSHS Drumline also performed at the event. PLMS 8th grader, Heather Santiago, came in 1st place in her age group at the race!

CHOOSING THE BEST PATH – 7TH GRADE PROGRAM

Annually, the Lee's Summit R-7 School District presents a Human Growth and Development Unit for seventh grade students. Health classes will be using abstinence-based curriculum materials from the "Choosing the Best Path" curriculum. Due to the sensitivity of the subject matter, boys and girls will meet separately for portions of this unit.

We feel a shared responsibility with the parents and the community to disseminate information that will assist students in making intelligent and informed decisions concerning their health, safety, and well-being. To better support your understanding of the curriculum, we have scheduled informational parent meetings to allow you to obtain an overview of the videos/student workbook from the "Choosing the Best Path" curriculum. For parents of students taking Health in the fall, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM. For parents of students taking Health in the spring, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Parents need only attend one meeting. The meetings will be held at in the Boardroom of the Stansberry Leadership Center located at 301 Ne Tudor, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

If you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to see the material, or you feel you need more time to review the material, you may contact Dr. Eric Flack's office (986-1086) and request a time.

The topics for the Human Growth and Development Unit are listed below:

1. Heredity and the influences of family and environment on human growth and development.

2. The reproductive system which includes male and female organs, and the specific hormones responsible for the production and release of reproductive cells and the development of secondary sex characteristics.

Facts about sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS

If you prefer that your child opt out of the “Choosing the Best” portion of the curriculum or you prefer that your child not receive instruction during the Human Growth and Development or AIDS unit, including videos, please provide a written notice to Mrs. Mayes or Mr. Staponski.

SUMMER 2017 WASHINGTON D.C. STUDENT TRIP



Summer of 2015 PLMS Students and Chaperones

There will be a parent informational meeting for the trip on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the PLMS Library Media Center.



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How to help your teen handle peer pressure

How to set limits you can enforce
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Parenting the Love and Logic Way
(A special offering for parents of youth 11 to 18 years of age)
Bernard Campbell Middle School
1201 NE Colburn Rd.
Mondays, November 7 through December 5
6:30 to 8:00 pm

The cost for the class is \$42 per person. Previous participants may return to this class for free.
Scholarships are available to residents who live within the Lee's Summit, R-7 school district boundaries.

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***Please register by Nov. 4**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing or email address: _____

Circle Payment Method: Cash Check (payable to ReDiscover) Credit Card Scholarship

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Lee's Summit CARES has offered the Becoming a Love and Logic Parent program for 17 years through a collaborative relationship with ReDiscover and the Lee's Summit R-7 School District. United Way of Greater Kansas City and the City of Lee's Summit assist with funding and program scholarships.

ROBOTICS TEAM HARD AT WORK

