



Pleasant Lea Middle School

Mission ~ We equip PLMS students with the tools to be successful.

TIGER TIMES NEWSLETTER

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PLMS PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

You are invited to join the Pleasant Lea Middle School parent group. We need your unique talents, whether it's volunteering a few hours a month or a few hours a year, serving on the board, or attending meetings. Click [PTA Membership Form](#) to print and fill out the form. Bring the completed form and your check to the Main Office here at PLMS.

STUDENT ACTIVITY GROUPS FORMING

The following is a listing of the groups students will be able to participate during the school year during their PowerHour at the end of the day (except on Wednesdays) and some include after school participation. Middle School is all about discovering new things so encourage your student to participate. Meeting new friends is a bonus!

- **AWARDS ASSEMBLY** – is PLMS's HUGE end of the school year stage production. Need actors, songs, dances, videos, music, and crews for creating the set, running the sounds, lights and video. Auditions February 5-9, 2019. Practices begin March 12-16, 2019.
- **CYBERPATRIOT** – This is an awesome opportunity to compete as a team to learn the skills of CYBERSECURITY. There will be a meeting on September 4, from 2:30 to 3:15 in PLMS Room 108.
- **LEE'S SUMMIT TEACHER ACADEMY** – for students thinking about pursuing education profession. Meet once a month beginning September 6, 2018.
- **ROBOTICS** – Learn how to design, build, program and operate a robot to compete in head-to-head competitions with other schools. There are a limited number of spots. Decisions will be

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, August 27

5pm-7pm District Band Rental
PLMS Gym A and B

Tuesday, August 28

Wednesday, August 29

Thursday, August 30

6PM - 8PM All Middle School
Skate Night @ Landmark Skate

Friday, August 31

Robotics Applications due to Mrs. Griffin, Rm 109

Community America Teen Advisory Board Applications due online (see article on page 2)

LSR-7 AUGUST CHARACTER TRAIT - FAMILY



determined by using the student's application and teacher recommendations. Pick up the application packet in Mrs. Griffin's room 109. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.**

- ⇒ **SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL** – Come join The Cat in the Hat on a magical journey taken by the powerful imagination and imagery of Dr. Seuss. There are roles for everyone – some "lead roles" with solos and duets and then there are plenty of colorful character parts for those who just want to be involved.
- ⇒ **SCHOLAR BOWL** – Students compete against other schools in a quiz bowl team format. Questions come from all academic areas, pop culture, and just about anything else. Recruitment starts in December and competitions start in January through March. Practices after school
- ⇒ **STUDENT COUNCIL** – Students take part in school making decisions that affect the student body. Applications are available outside Room 315 and on the Student Council bulletin board. Completed applications are due October 5
- ⇒ **TALENT SHOW** – If you have unique talent, we want you in our show! Audition forms will be available soon. Auditions are September 20 from 2:40 to 5:00
- ⇒ **TIGER SMARTS** – is designed for students who want to make their world a better place. They participate in community service, plan fun activities and focus on drug and alcohol free lifestyle.
- ⇒ **TRAVEL TO LONDON, PARIS AND ROME** – This is a teacher lead trip June, 2019. Parent meeting Thursday, September 6 at 5:00 pm in the PLMS library.

Could your teen become the next Mark Zuckerberg?

The CommunityAmerica Innovation Lab is actively accepting new applications for our 2018-19 Teen Advisory Board. We are seeking bright, highly engaged teens age 13 and older who are interested in learning how to bring a new product to market.

Each program participant will be rewarded with a \$200 stipend. Those enrolled in high school are strongly encouraged to apply. Act fast! Applications close Friday, August 31 at 11:59pm CST. Click on the picture below to learn more and apply online.



PARENTS – Please make sure ALL PERSONAL belongings are marked with your student's first and last name.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Follow this procedure when it becomes necessary to be absent from school:

1. The student's parent should notify the school attendance office by phone between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the day of absence with the reason for non-attendance. If this procedure is followed, it will not be necessary to bring a written note.
2. If the school has not received information from a parent before 9:00 a.m. concerning the student's absence, the student's name will be listed on the absentee sheet as "undetermined."
3. Should the parent fail to notify the school office by 9:00 a.m., or if the school office has been unable to contact the parents, a written excuse from home will be required. The note should explain the reason for the absence, list dates absent, and be signed by a parent.
4. If the student forgets to bring a written excuse from home the absence will be marked "unexcused" and will be recorded on the attendance record.
5. Students may not return to attend any after-school activity if they are not in attendance at least 4 clock hours or if they leave school ill during the day (without administrator approval).

ABSENCES - DEFINITION OF EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED

An absence will be listed as excused if the reason can be classified under one of the following categories:

1. Personal illness of the student verified by a parent.
2. Family illness or emergency that necessitates a student's presence at home.
3. Dental or medical appointments that cannot be obtained at a time other than during school hours. Dentist/Physician verification of the appointment must be given to the attendance secretary upon return to school.
4. Trips with parents, provided school officials are notified prior to the absence.
5. Unusual opportunities for educational experiences not available at other times, providing permission is received from the administration in advance. A student with an absentee record of ten percent or greater will not be eligible.
6. Other reasons not listed may be considered excused if approved by administration prior to the absence (religious observances, visits to family member on active duty, other).

Students who are excused for an absence are permitted to make up all work and assignments missed while absent, but must do so within a time limit. The general rule is one school day for each day of absence. A student absent three days would thus have to complete all make-up work within three days after returning to school.

An absence shall be classified as unexcused when it cannot be classified under one of the six reasons listed above, or if no information is provided to the attendance office.



A student assigned O.S.S. is expected to make up homework, projects and tests. He/she will receive one half credit for the homework accurately completed on time. He/she will receive full credit for projects, quizzes and tests accurately completed on time. This does not apply to time recorded as unexcused due to truancy or classes skipped. No credit will be given for work due or missed when a student is truant.

CHECKING STUDENTS OUT

A photo ID is required to check students out of the building. A student will not be allowed to leave unless the person checking the student out is on the emergency contact list. The school utilizes controlled access at the main entrance. Upon arriving to school, guests will press the button next to the door to be greeted and granted access. After entering the building, all guests are expected to check in at the front office.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The possession and use of electronic devices (E-devices) is a privilege, not a right. The school may revoke the privilege of possessing and using E-devices at any time at its sole discretion. E-devices include devices used to communicate, receive, send, store, record, or listen to voice, text, digital, audio, video, photo, electronic, or internet cyberspace data images and/or information. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen E-devices or any damage to the E-device, its programs, or its contents.



E-devices may be carried by the students during the school day but must be carried in an off mode. E-devices shall not be used to connect to district electronic equipment or district electronic networks at any time.

Students may use E-devices in the classroom at teacher

discretion; however, any other use will be prohibited in the classroom. Students using E-devices in the classroom without the consent of the teacher will be subject to disciplinary action ranging from detention to suspension. Disruptions of classrooms, school activities, or detentions caused by cell phones and/or other E-devices will result in an office referral and disciplinary action.

Headphones/ear buds must be removed upon arrival to school and may not be worn throughout the day.

No camera or video-capable electronic device may be used in the locker room or restrooms at any time. Students violating the E-device policy may subject their electronic device to possible confiscation and search by administration in accordance with the law.

To comply with a request by the Lee's Summit Police Department, absolutely ALL cellular phones, pagers, and any two-way communication devices MUST be turned off when an emergency lock-down, fire, or tornado situation is announced.

Publishing or sharing images or recordings of inappropriate conduct (i.e. fighting, harassment) taken in the school environment is not acceptable and subject to disciplinary action up to 10 days O.S.S.

LATE ATTENDANCE TO SCHOOL

The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. Students who arrive after 7:30 a.m. must check in at the attendance window before

going to class. The school district provides transportation for students living within the PLMS attendance area. Students who choose not to use the bus transportation services will be excused only if the reason for tardiness falls within the excused absence guidelines.

We will refer to different areas of our student handbook throughout the year in the newsletter.



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We are happy to announce the introduction of our PLMS “**Un-Fundraiser.**” What is an Un-Fundraiser? It is a simple, open-donation format, and 100% of your donations goes directly to PLMS. No need to task our students with selling door-to-door, collecting money, or delivering goods. The Un-Fundraiser is quick and simple. We are asking for \$40 per family but you can give whatever you can. If you are able to make a larger donation, please consider doing so. Thanks for considering a donation! Check out our PLMS Website for more information.

