

# *Tiger Times Newsletter*

Week of November 14th - November 18th



## Welcome to Pleasant Lea Middle School

**Address:** 630 SW Persels Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64081

**Phone:** 816-986-1175 **Attendance Phone:** 816-986-1177

**Office Hours:** 7:45am - 3:45pm

**School Hours:** 8:20am - 3:15pm

## Administrative Staff



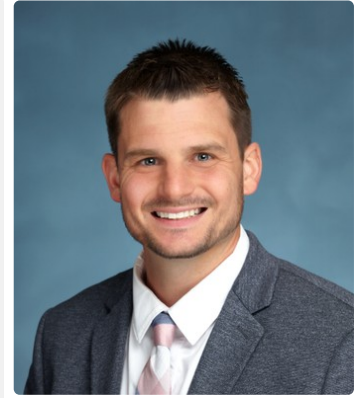
**Principal**

**Mr. Brian Linquist**



**Assistant Principal 8th  
Grade**

**Dr. Carrie Hardin**



**Assistant Principal 7th  
Grade/Athletic  
Director**

**Dr. Andrew Haws**



**Assistant Principal 6th  
Grade**

**Mrs. Marsha Hasty**



**Principal's Secretary**

**Mrs. Dawn Fortner**



**STAD/Athletic  
Secretary**

**Mrs. Mary McDonough**

### *PLMS Calendar*

School activities and important dates

LORENZO BROWN



**GO TIGERS!**

JULIA WHITEHEAD

6<sup>th</sup>



JULIA IS IN  
BAND, STUDENT  
COUNCIL,  
& CLUB 121.

AYDEN REID

7<sup>th</sup>



AYDEN IS ON THE  
HADCC DANCE TEAM & IN  
HEART OF AMERICA  
YOUTH BALLET.

BRANDON LAM

8<sup>th</sup>



BRANDON IS PASSIONATE  
ABOUT ALL THINGS  
RELATED TO  
HEALTH & FITNESS.

GEORGE ESSIG

8<sup>th</sup>



GEORGE HAS BEEN ON THE  
PRINCIPAL'S  
HONOR ROLL & HAS BEEN AN  
OUTSTANDING LEADER.



MORGAN ROSSON

8<sup>th</sup>



MORGAN HAS BEEN ON THE  
PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP  
HONOR ROLL FOR  
7TH & 8TH GRADE.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH** S E P T E M B E R

LEO RAMIREZ-VAUGHN

7<sup>th</sup>



LEO LOVES  
TO BUILD MODEL  
BATTLESHIPS  
THAT ACTUALLY FLOAT.

NAYA JENSEN

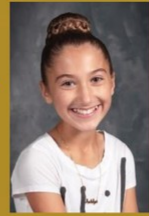
6<sup>th</sup>



NAYA IS IN  
CLUB 121,  
THEATRE, & ART.

ASHLYN RUTLEDGE

6<sup>th</sup>



ASHLYN PLAYS  
SOFTBALL & IS ALSO  
ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH  
YOUTH GROUP.

GABE RAMIREZ

7<sup>th</sup>



GABE PLAYS  
GUITAR & IS A RED  
BELT IN  
TAEKWONDO.

ALYSSA WILLIS

8<sup>th</sup>



ALYSSA IS  
OUTGOING,  
FUNNY, & HAS THE  
KINDEST HEART.

TREASURE BAILEY

8<sup>th</sup>



TREASURE  
LOVES TO PLAY  
BASKETBALL  
& GO HORSEBACK RIDING.

STELLA HUXOL

7<sup>th</sup>



STELLA PLAYS  
SOCCER & IS ON A  
SWIM TEAM.

MACK RUEHTER

7<sup>th</sup>



TEAM MANAGER  
FOR THE PLMS  
VOLLEYBALL  
TEAMS.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH** S E P T E M B E R





## Scholastic Book Fair

### When

Monday, Nov. 14th, 8:15am to Friday, Nov. 18th,  
3:15pm

### Where

630 Southwest Persels Road Lee's Summit, MO

### More information

This is a great time for students to stock up on some winter reading or even do a little holiday shopping. The fair will feature several high-interest fiction books including the Missouri Truman Nominee titles, as well as nonfiction options.

***PLMS Scholastic Book Fair Page***

[Click here for more information and to see a preview catalog.](#)





## THIS WEEK IN PLMS ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

**14****MONDAY**

4:00 pm- Wrestling  
meet at Kinder/  
Brittany Hill  
(Held at PKMS)

5:30 pm- Winter  
Guard Tryouts  
(Held in Gym B)

**15****TUESDAY****16****WEDNESDAY**

3:30 pm- Spelling  
Bee (Held in  
library)

4:00 pm- Home  
wrestling meet

5:30 pm- Winter  
Guard Tryouts  
(Held in Gym B)

**17****THURSDAY****18****FRIDAY**

2:15- 3:15 pm- 6th  
Grade Fall Mixer

7:00-8:30 pm- 7th  
Grade Fall Dance

7:30-9:00 pm- 8th  
Grade Fall Dance

**19****SATURDAY**

LSR7

### Tiger Fan Day Wrestling

Wednesday, November 16  
3:15 pm- 5:30 pm

What is it?

A fun activity where students can demonstrate their  
school pride by cheering on our wrestling team

Who can go?

Up to 100 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students.

How can my student sign up?



Click the link below to fill out a form.

*Fan Day Form*

### PLMS TIGER CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

**ARCHERY** - Students learn the basics and fundamentals of our Archery program. The season begins in Sept. Contact Tracy Payne. 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade.

**ART CLUB** - Open to all PLMS students. Meets weekly starting in October. Contact Jennifer Bialik. 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade.

**AWARDS ASSEMBLY SHOW** - Students audition for singing, dancing, Master of Ceremonies, tech, lighting, sound/built, and backstage bands to perform at the luncheon of the year Awards Ceremony. Contact Tracy Payne. 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade.

**BASKETBALL** - Basketball - Boys and Girls tryouts October. 7th and 8th Grade.

**BLACK & GOLD CHOIR** - Students audition at the end of June. 7th grade year. Those chosen enroll in Advanced Choir their 8th grade year. Contact Courtney Williams. 8th Grade ONLY.

**BLACK STUDENT UNION** - We seek to provide an educational opportunity for all learners to embrace/encourage a diverse/inclusive school community. Contact Tracy Nix. 6th-8th Grade.

**CHEERLEADING** - Cheerleading has tryouts end of 7th Grade. Head Coach Denise Lewis. 8th Grade ONLY.

**CLUB 121** - is a student led faith based group for all and includes prayer, Bible study, snacks and games. Meets Thursday before school. Contact Mr. Condit. 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**CROSS COUNTRY** - Begins in August each year. Head Coach: Kent Tipton and Jon Lammert. 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade.

**CYBERPATRIOTS** - Interested in computers, and cyber security? Students are given training during practices and compete as a team. Begins in September. Contact Tracy Payne. 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade. requires application approval.

**DANCE TEAM** - Open to all students who are interested in team dance, stepping, and performing. Contact Tracy Nix or Tara Sisk. 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**FOOTBALL** - begins in August. Ted Coons is Head Coach. 7th and 8th Grade.

**GENDER-SEXUALITY ALLIANCE (GSA)** - Promotes a more inclusive and accepting environment and provides safe place to discuss concerns and resources. Contact Katrina McLeod. 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**JAZZ BAND** - Jacob Crawford. 7th and 8th Grade.

**LEE'S SUMMIT TEACHER ACADEMY** - Students interested in a career in education meet periodically and visit/assist at other local schools. Contact: Jeremy Moreno. 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES** - The library provides monthly STEAM, Book Club, Make & Take, and Orka groups during Advisory. Contact Tracy Baker. 6th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**MUSICAL** - Students audition to act, sing, dance, or serve as part of the set, tech, or lighting crew to perform the fun and entertaining annual PLMS musical. Contact Nika Stanley. 6th-8th Grade.

**ROBOTICS** - Students interested in designing, building, programming, driving, communications and media teams apply in November to join the Robotics team.

### PLMS TIGER CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

**SCHOLAR BOWL** - Students team up to compete in educational trivia. Begins in January. Contact Heather Fuchs. 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**SPELLING BEE** - Open to all students interested in competing against other PLMS students and some higher levels of quality. Contact Linda Tobias. 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**STUDENT COUNCIL** - Students apply in September for Student Council Representatives. Students will take part in school decisions which affect PLMS student body plan and implement spirit days, make decisions toward a better PLMS. Meetings from September - May. Contact Kristy Hucker or Tracy Colburn. 6th, 7th & 8th Grade.

**TIGER FAN DAYS** - Students will attend sporting events as a group to cheer on sporting events. Will wear multiple times throughout the year with the first event occurring on September 13 (Football). Sign up will be sent out to all students.

**TIGER SMARTS** - Student pledge to be alcohol, tobacco and other drugs free and organize fun activities for all PLMS students. Contact Becky Hoffman. 6th, 7th and 8th Grade.

**TIGER TRIBE** - Spirit club for home athletic events. Contact Marcy Hess. 6th, 7th & 8th Grade.

**TIGER TROOP** - We are a group of PLMS students who enjoy all things theater. You do not have to be in a show to be a part of our group. We will meet and share theater experiences. 6th-8th Grade.

**TRACK** - Track is a spring sport available to 6th-8th grade students. An informational meeting will occur in early February and the season will start in late February.

**VOLLEYBALL** - Girls tryout in August. Jacquelyn Elvins is Head Coach. 7th and 8th grade.

**WRESTLING** - Wrestling is a winter sport available to eligible 6th-8th grade students. Contact Erik Whitman.

**YEARBOOK** - Student complete an application in September. Must be well motivated and able to work on a deadline. Student will write captions, interview students, staff members, and take pictures. You must be able to work with others. Contact Melissa Cunningham or Jeremy Moreno. 7th & 8th Grade.

**CHESS CLUB** - Students are welcome to come hang out, eat snacks, and play some chess every third Tuesday of the month with Mrs. Busenmet and Mr. Vaughn! The meeting start in October. Come learn the basics of Chess and play with your friends!

### Lee's Summit R-7 Schools District Athletics & Activities

The intramural athletics/activities programs of Lee's Summit R-7 School District have a variety of options for students. Through monthly participation of all students of that age, the only way to be successful is to "play hard and have fun!"

OCTOBER 2022

- Celebrating Activities
- Participating in College
- LSR7 Activity Pics
- LSR7 Middle School XC
- Staying Connected
- The Power of Music

**YOU LOOK GOOD IN STRIPES AND YOU'RE HELPING THE TIGERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

There is a shortage of high school officials in almost every sport. In some communities, the pool of officials is small and the pool of officials is being either poached or cancelled. Becoming a high school official is the reward of a life time. You make high school officials proud for the integrity of the game and the honor of the sport. You have the opportunity to help managers learn the rules that will benefit them for a lifetime. As a high school official, you will be able to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of young people every year.

Consider the many benefits of becoming a high school official:

- You'll be a role model for the youth in your community.
- It's a great way to stay in good physical condition.
- Hours are flexible.
- You'll earn extra income.
- You'll expand your network of friends and have fun!

## Clubs & Activities

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## Clubs & Activities (continued)

## LSR7 Athletics & Activities

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# LSR-7 Intramural Middle School Swim League

## LSR-7 Intramural Middle School Swim League 2023



The LSR7 Intramural Middle School Swim League is a swimming program designed for individuals wanting to explore the sport of swimming or experienced swimmers. Our Middle School Swim League programs' core focus is stroke development, technique progression, and teaching swimmer-lane etiquette. This focus also implements the training for turns, starts, and finishes.

The program goal focuses on swimmer development and creating a competent swimming foundation in mastering all four competitive strokes. Our model enables swimmers to advance their swimming abilities, improve skill proficiency, and reach obtainable goals, leaving swimmers with a positive and well-rounded swimming experience.

**REQUIREMENTS:** participants must be able to perform Freestyle (front crawl) and Backstroke (back crawl) for at least 25 yards.

### REGISTRATION:

- Open enrollment begins **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**
- Registrations will not be accepted after **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

### PRACTICES:

- The first day of practice is **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**
- Practices Days: **Tuesday and Thursday**
- Practice Times: 4:00pm to 5:10pm
- Season Dates: February 21, 23, 28, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23

**SWIM MEETS:** All swim meets are held at the LSR-7 Aquatic Center.

- Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm

### VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are an essential part of making meets operate successfully. It takes approximately 16 parent volunteers for each meet. Without your help, we cannot run an efficient and effective event.

#### Swim Meet Volunteer Positions:

- Below you will find information on the various volunteer positions available to you. Please take time to review the information below and sign up for volunteer positions on the Volunteer sign-up sheet before each meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.
  - Timers:** (8 volunteers) Verifies start and end times of swimmers. One timer is needed for each lane.
  - Back up Timers:** (8 volunteers) Verifies times of timers and provide a break if needed. One back up timer is needed for each lane.
  - Starter/Announcer:** (1 volunteer) Starts the events/races via the PA system and calls for swimmers in the next event while keeping the meet on schedule.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- No traveling is required for meets or practices; all practices and swim meets are held at the LSR-7 Aquatic Center.
- Participating swimmers will need to bring towels, goggles, and swim caps will be provided. Girls will need to wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys should wear jammers.
- Parents volunteers are needed to help out at swim meets.

Lee's Summit R-7 Aquatic Center, 3498 SW Windermere Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64082.

Facility Phone: (816) 986-1465

Team Contact & Head Coach: Nicole Diamond

Office: (816) 986-1473

Email: [nicole.diamond@lsr7.net](mailto:nicole.diamond@lsr7.net)

More information on back





## **PLMS TIGERS**

### **D-League Basketball**

- *Length of season: Dec. 12 - Feb. 23*
- *Girls and Boys (7th and 8th grade)*
- *Dec. 12 - Dec. 15: Player eval. and team placement*
- *Dec. 19 - Dec. 21: Team practices and conditioning*
- *Jan. 5 - Jan. 20- Practices (Must have 14 in total)*
- *Jan. 23- Feb. 23: Games and limited practice*
- *Times/locations for practices and games are TBA*



***Be  
part  
of a  
TEAM!***

### **Join the NEW PLMS Winter Guard**



**Calling ALL  
7th & 8th Graders!**

***Try it Night Monday, Nov. 14th  
5:00pm - 7:30pm  
PLMS Gym***

**Questions?**

**Contact Coach Finch  
[laura.finch@lsr7.net](mailto:laura.finch@lsr7.net)**

**No Experience Necessary**

**Dance!  
Spin!  
Compete!**





**6th Grade  
Mixer  
Friday,  
Nov. 18th**

**\*during the  
last hour of  
school\***











**&  
Snacks**



**LET'S  
DANCE!**

**7th Grade  
Dance  
Friday,  
Nov. 18th  
7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**8th Grade  
Dance  
Friday,  
Nov. 18th  
7:30pm - 9:00pm**



**Día de  
Los Muertos**

Spanish classes celebrated Día de Los Muertos on Nov. 2nd. Students participated in a scavenger hunt to learn about the holiday that honors loved ones who have passed away. They also enjoyed the Cultural Pan de Muerto eaten during this celebration and competed in a Calavera Coloring contest. Sra. Hess hosted a lock-in where students gathered after school to watch **COCO** in Spanish.

# The Addams Family

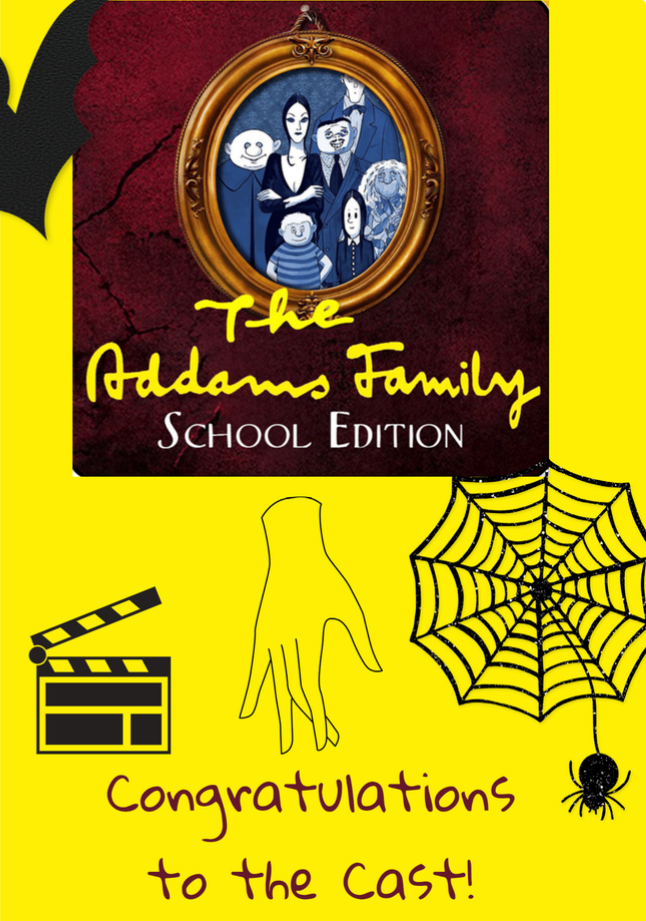
## SCHOOL EDITION

<b>Gomez:</b> Finnegan Jones	<b>Morticia:</b> Emma Hyde	<b>Grandma:</b> Lucy Doran
<b>Alice:</b> Jessa Brents	<b>Mal:</b> George Essig	<b>Fester:</b> Teagan Miller
<b>Pugsley:</b> Luke Brents	<b>Wednesday:</b> Georgia Graves	<b>Lucas:</b> Gavin Kates
	<b>Lurch:</b> Lennon Jordan	

<b>Ancestors 1-4</b> Imogen Hudson Jovie Holland Neema Kimaku Keigan Ross	<b>Ancestor 5</b> Maielle White	<b>Ancestor 6</b> Eleanor Calkins	<b>Ancestor Bride</b> Jocelynn Owings
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<b>Ancestors/Stars</b> Macey Kruger Ayanna Richardson Grace Cottle Ella Powell-Mears Alaina Bachtel Naya Jenson Ruby Felker Stella Huxol Charlotte Thompson Izzie Klopmeier	<b>Ancestors</b> Claire Jeter Aidan Good EU Racer Jack Good Josie Sullivan-Wiltz Emma Yount Madalene Walker Flynn Brock Alexa Morrill Audrie Hanway Adelynn Owings	<b>Ancestors</b> Lia Vatz Emma Roberts Lillian Engle Charlotte Doran Lilly Powell-Mears Izzy Schoonover Ziva Solognier Paige Elbert Mia Elbert Alaina Ricklefs
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Performance Dates: February 16th - 18th at 7pm  
Tickets will go on sale in January.



# The Addams Family

## SCHOOL EDITION

Congratulations  
to the Cast!



# ***Math Homework Help***

6th grade: Thursdays in Room 205 (Ms. Hoffman)

7th grade: Tuesdays in Room 125 (Mrs. Sisk)

8th grade: Wednesdays in Room 101 (Mrs. Cunningham)

***YOU GOT THIS!***



The PLMS Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 3:30 pm, in the PLMS Library Media Center.

As always, any student who wants to participate in the PLMS Spelling Bee may do so! The PLMS Spelling Bee is a very low-key event -- held after school -- so only spelling bee participants and their parents and/or guardians will be in attendance.

Students who are involved in another after school activity will need to let their coach and/or sponsor know that they would like to participate in the all-school, PLMS Spelling Bee.

Students who would like to participate in the spelling bee will need to see Mrs. Tobias, in Room 207, during Advisory to sign up for this year's spelling bee. Each student who signs up will receive study materials, contestant information, and additional Spelling Bee information. This will give students approximately 4 weeks to prepare for the all-school spelling bee. Spelling Bee sign-ups will be taken throughout October.

Please see Mrs. Tobias with any questions.

# SPELLING BEE

Wednesday, Nov. 16th



## PLMS Business Partners with PTA

**WELCOME**  
To Our New Business Sponsor

  
Life Transformations  
Personal Training  
210 SE Douglas Street,  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063  
816-217-2762

 Thank you for your support!

**WELCOME**  
To Our New Business Sponsor

  
We Pick Up Dog Poop  
Phone#: 816-866-7009  
Email:  
leesummit@thepoosquad.com  
Website: www.poosquads.com

 Thank you for your support!

**WELCOME**  
To Our New Business Sponsor

  
Brooke Cover Interiors  
816-810-4339  
Let us help you design a space perfect for you! Whether you're planning a home renovation, building a new home, or selecting furnishings, we will be by your side along the way. Let us provide you with personalized options, specific to you and your family, taking into consideration function and design.

 Thank you for your support!



### PLMS Lunch

October Menu

<https://www.leessummitoolschoolnutrition.com/downloadMenu.php/2006131542515836/560234>



### My School Bucks

To add money to your student's lunch account click link below.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>



### Nutrition Services

Contact Penny Ripley at

816-986-2204 or

[penny.ripley@lsr7.net](mailto:penny.ripley@lsr7.net) if you have questions about your student's account.

**PLEASANT LEA  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## END OF THE DAY

Office Procedure



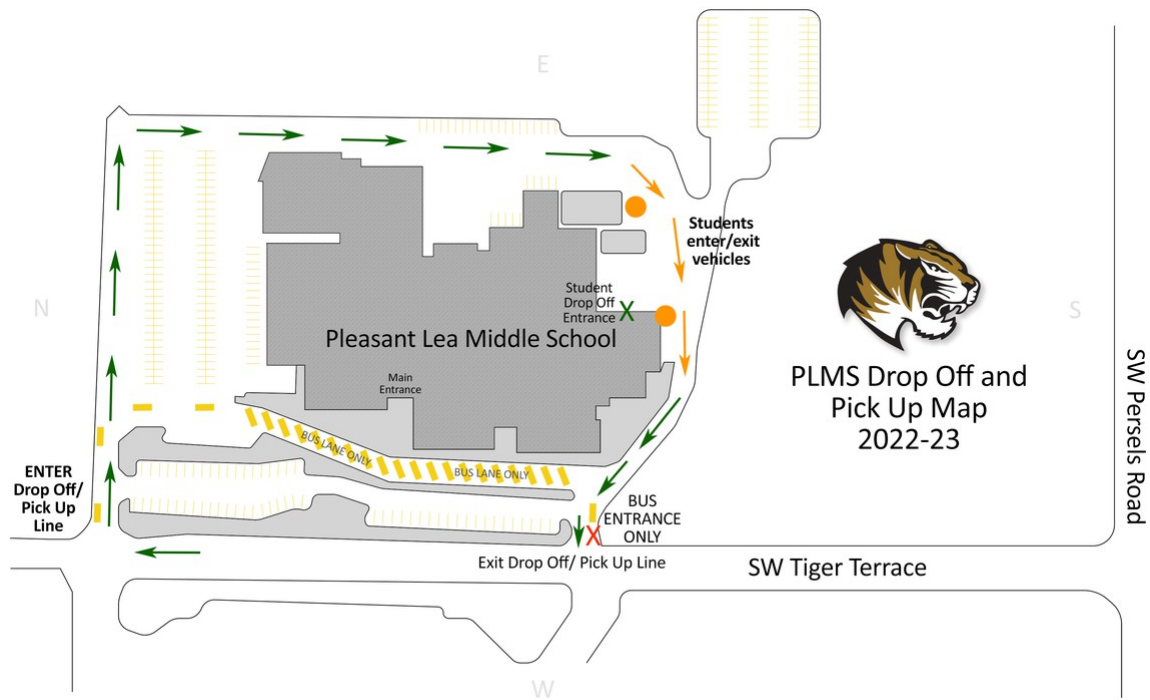
### Student Checkout:

It is difficult to check students out/drop items off after 2:30PM. If parents need to check students out early for an appointment or drop items off, please avoid the 2:30-3:15 PM timeframe. Thank you

**Pleasant Lea Middle School**

[Drop off and Pick up Map 2022-2023](#)





Native American Heritage & Alaskan Native Heritage Month



# BACK SNACK PROGRAM



Pleasant Lea Middle School coordinates an exciting Back Snack food program. Each Friday your child can receive a sack containing food items for them to eat over the weekend. The plastic bags will be placed in their lockers that afternoon so the students can place them in their regular backpacks at the end of the day. If your child is attending Online Academy, they can stop by the PLMS office on Thursdays between 8-2 and pick up their food. Delivery will begin in October.

Your participation in the Back Snack program will remain confidential and will continue as long as food items are available or as long as it remains a need for your family. We look forward to having you and your child participate in this program. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this.

If you would like to sign your child up for this program, please complete the form below, or contact Sarah Huitt in the Counseling Office at 986-1178 or [sarah.huitt@lsr7.net](mailto:sarah.huitt@lsr7.net).

If emailing, please include

1. Your child's first and last name
2. Grade level
3. Share if they have any nut allergies.

Note: PLMS is not responsible for any allergic reaction your child may have to the food items supplied. Please look through the items before giving them to your child to avoid any allergic reactions. Thank you for your understanding.

## *Back Snack Program Form*

Fill out this google form to sign up





## [Coldwater of Lee's Su...](#)

[www.coldwater.me](http://www.coldwater.me)

Thanksgiving is less than two months away and more families than ever will be struggling to prepare a Thanksgiving meal this year. And like many other grocery items, the price of turkeys and side dish items are expected to be higher this year.



## [FREE Thanksgiving Gr...](#)

[www.thesummit.church](http://www.thesummit.church)

We're providing FREE Thanksgiving groceries to the Lee's Summit community on Saturday, November 19. Sign-ups to receive Thanksgiving groceries are happening now through November 15. Groceries will include a turkey (or turkey breast, depending on family size), veggies, mashed potatoes, gravy and more!



## [findhelp.org, by findhel...](#)

[www.auntbertha.com](http://www.auntbertha.com)

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, chat with them online via their website, or text HOME to 741741 (multiple languages available). If this is an emergency, call 911.



2022 Holiday Assistance information (2).pdf

Download for more information

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