

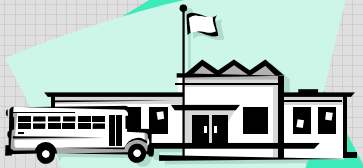


# Tiger Tales

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## Principally Speaking

By Patricia Alexander & Nick Gooch

Each month Pleasant Lea students will be encouraged to practice a Caring Character Trait. Parents can help by practicing the traits with their children. "Tiger Tales" will include a definition for each month's trait and some ideas parents can use to reinforce student learning.

## April Character, Perseverance

Perseverance: To keep at it even when it's hard.

- Expect your child to finish what he/she starts.
- Commitments should be honored. For example, your child has agreed to mow a neighbor's lawn on Saturday and then receives an invitation to a friend's house. Help your child understand the importance of doing the job. Discuss ways to get the job done and still enjoy time with his/her friend (mow early or go to the friend's house later).
- Celebrate your child's perseverance. Talk about difficult tasks and how it feels to succeed.
- Read books with your child about real people who overcame great obstacles to achieve their goals. For example, Helen Keller, Jackie Robinson, Thomas Edison, Abraham Lincoln.

Nicole Gilbert & Thana Lankford

## Help PLE win a Laptop Computer!

The Missouri State PTA is sponsoring a contest to give away a laptop to the school that has the highest % increase in membership in the spring. **If you or any of your family members are not yet members of the PTA, please consider joining now.** A \$5 basic membership will give you a free school directory and the satisfaction of supporting the PTA and all it does for PLE.

If we can get 100 new members this spring we might also win a new laptop for the school – not a bad investment for only \$5. Send a check to the school office made out to the PLE PTA. Thank you for your support!

**For more details about PLE memberships, visit [www.PLEPTA.com](http://www.PLEPTA.com).**

## Calendar of Events

April 2009

March 30 - April 24

**MAP Testing**

Wednesday, April 8

**Papa John's Pizza Night-**

Friday, April 10

**NO SCHOOL**

Thursday, April 16

**6:30 pm PTA Planning Mtg**

Monday, April 20

**7:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Cavalcade of Bands; LSHS**

Tuesday, April 21

**7:00 pm 6<sup>th</sup> Gr Cavalcade of Bands; LSHS**

Thursday, April 23

**Early Release Day- AM & PM Kindergarten attend AM**

Friday, April 24

**Major Saver Limo Ride & Party**

Tuesday, April 28

**7:00 pm Festival of Strings; LSHS**

Thursday, April 30

**5:30 – 8:30 PM STUCO Night at Culvers!**



Friday, May 1

**Grandparent & Special Friend Day**

May 4-8

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

## Library Lines

By Jackie Krinke  
Library Media Specialist

The following third grade students have finished reading and reporting on the KC3 Award nominees recently: Chazli Turner, in Mrs. Pinnell's class; Ashlyn Cook and Brenden Lesue, in Mrs. Smith's class; Sydney Grist and Erik Holm, in Mrs. Weber's class. Congratulations, Chazli, Ashlyn, Brenden, Sydney, and Erik! The deadline for reading and reporting/quizzing over the KC3 books is April 30th. The online KC3 quizzes are available through April 17. However, third grade students may still submit the short, written book report over the KC3 books from April 18-30.

Skyler Starr, in Mr. Hochsprung's class, recently finished reading and reporting/quizzing on all the Mark Twain Award nominees for this year. Congratulations, Skyler! The deadline for reading and reporting/quizzing over the Mark Twain and Truman Readers books is April 30th. The online Mark Twain and Truman Readers quizzes are available through April 17. However, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students may still submit the short, written book report over the Mark Twain books from April 18-30, and sixth grade students may still submit the short, written book report over the Truman Readers books from April 18-30.

## Spring Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Cookie dough will be available for pick up Thursday, April 23rd, which is an early release day. Parents are encouraged to come by the school and pick up their orders anytime between 12:00-7:00p.m. We appreciate everyone who has worked so hard on this spring fundraiser which will help PTA purchase new computers, smart boards, and other technology for the classrooms.

*Thank you for your support of our school!*

## **APRIL PTA UPDATE**

PLE's carnival was a huge hit this year! We had great food, fun games and amazing prizes! Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of those individuals and businesses who donated items for our games and silent auctions. We are so lucky to have such generous PLE families! A very special thank you to Kelly Davis, Dawnelle Easley, Amy Wald, Janet McKee and Lisa Hood who worked so hard to make the evening so much fun! We truly appreciate all the time and dedication they put into this event to make it so successful.

Culver's night was also a big success! Thank you to everyone who came out for dinner and to all the teachers who served that night; it was great turnout! Culver's donated 10% of all sales for the evening to PLE and we made just over \$400.00!

The Project PLE CD will be on sale for \$12.00 through the end of the year. Mrs. Alexander and Mr. Saunders presented and distributed the CD to the school board members at their February meeting where it was very well received. PLE is proud to be part of such an original and creative idea!

The choir performance on March 10 was amazing as usual! Thank you to Mrs. Harvey for coordinating this talented group. Go Tiger Choir!

We are so excited about our incoming Kindergarten students! Kindergarten registration will be held Thursday, April 23rd from 4:30-7:00. PTA will be on hand to answer any questions parents might have regarding volunteering, school supplies, and how parents and PTA working together can benefit our school. As always, we would like to invite anyone who is interested in getting involved in PLE PTA to please join us at our next monthly Planning Meeting, Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 in PLE's media center. We are always looking for new ideas and your input is valuable to us. The PLE PTA calendar and any additional information can be found on our website, [www.plepta.com](http://www.plepta.com).

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## **Fourth Grade News**

Where does the time go? It's already 4<sup>th</sup> quarter!

We'd like to thank all of the parents and/or specials guests for participating in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Student Led Conferences. It was great seeing the pride in the students' faces when they shared their progress.

Once again we will have the opportunity to trek to Jefferson City to tour our state capitol and other government buildings in May. Hopefully, as we've done in the past, we'll get to sit on the Floor of the House to simulate the discussion of a bill. We've always enjoyed seeing the Thomas Hart Benton Room full of his bright and historical artwork. What a way to bring what we've discussed here in the classroom to life!