

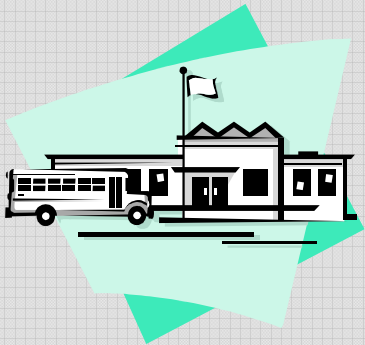


# Tiger Tales

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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.

## May Character, Appreciation

Appreciation: To feel and show concern for others.

- Make a list of all the people who care about your child. What do those people do to demonstrate caring? Discuss with your child how it feels to be cared for.
- Expect your child to participate in writing thank you notes for gifts they have received.
- Make a list of words and phrases that sound caring and appreciative. Help your child practice using this list to express his/her appreciation.
- Talk with your child often about being thankful for kind acts and words. These often mean more and make a more lasting impression than material things.

## Summary of 2008 - 2009 Caring Traits

September	Respect
October	Responsibility
November	Self-Control
December	Kindness
January	Courage
February	Cooperation
March	Honesty
April	Perseverance
May	Appreciation

Be on the lookout for these traits and utilize May's characteristic all summer – **APPRECIATION!**

*Nicole Gilbert & Thana Lankford*

## Calendar of Events

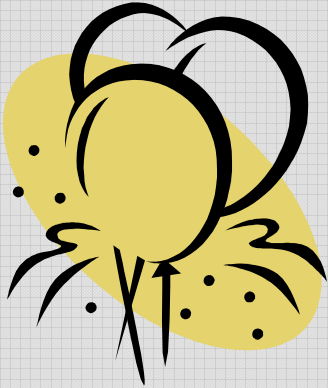
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May 4-8

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

Thursday, May 14

**Retirement Reception  
for Mrs. Krinke; cafeteria**



Monday, May 18

**Library Books Due TODAY**

Tuesday, May 19

**6:30 pm PLE Skate Night  
Landmark**

Wednesday, May 20

**1:30 – 2:20 pm Band & Strings  
Performance**

Thursday, May 21

**6:30pm 6<sup>th</sup> Gr Recognition**

Friday, May 22

**FIELD DAY!!**

Monday, May 25

**NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, May 27

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Early Release Day-  
AM & PM Kindergarten attend AM  
Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m**

## PLE PTA UPDATE

Another successful year for PTA is about to end! On behalf of the children, parents and staff, we want to say “THANK YOU” to all of the fabulous volunteers that have made this year a huge success. The countless hours that have been put in by so many people is so greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, we are not able to list all of the PTA volunteers because there are so many!!!! Again, thank you for all that you have done for PLE.

Thank you to all of our parents for participating in the Cookie Dough Fundraiser and a special thank you to Mr. Hochsprung for helping PTA by being a human sundae at our assembly. We are sure that your children came home and told you all about it! There are pictures posted in the main entrance of the school. Be sure to stop by and see them!

Our 2009-2010 PTA Executive Board members are:

Co - Presidents– Mary Hoffman and Kim Rooney

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lisa Mehrer

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Sara Sanders

Treasurer – Kelly Davis

Secretary – Amy Wald

Historian – Terri Harmon

We are still in need of a Carnival Chairperson for next year. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

We will be celebrating at our Annual PTA Turnover Dinner on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. All PTA members will receive an e-mail from Terri Harmon, our website coordinator. Please join us!

Please look for information this summer about upcoming PTA events.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to working with you next year!

Mary Hoffman and Kim Rooney PTA Co-Presidents

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## Have a Fun and Safe Summer!!



## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten has had an amazing year. From the beginning of the year to now we have grown and learned so much. This is the time of year we are practicing our reading and writing. You can walk down our hall and read our stories and see our art work.

Kindergarten recently took a field trip to Paradise Park Edutainment Center. We were given the opportunity to enjoy hands on learning activities about plants as well as explore on our own in all the different educational areas.

We are looking forward to summer when we can play sports and take vacations. But, we also hope our families will keep us going to the library, reading books, and writing. We encourage each kindergarten child to journal about their summer adventures and share that journal with their teacher this fall. What a great way for the new teacher to get to know their students quickly. Thank you for sharing your child with us this year. As we bring this year to a close we are very thankful for super students and supportive parents.

*Mrs. Boyce & Mrs. Faulkenberry*

## Library Lines

The following third grade students finished reading and reporting on their required number of KC3 Award nominees the past month: Evan Sanders, in Mrs. Williams' class; Connor Mears and Brenna Nevels, in Mrs. Smith's class. Congratulations, Evan, Connor, and Brenna!

The following students finished reading and reporting on their required number of Mark Twain Award nominees the past month: Caleb Baldwin, in Mrs. Nutter's class; Jared Holm, in Mr. Hochsprung's class. Congratulations, Caleb and Jared!

I will be meeting with all kindergarten through fifth grade classes in May to share information with them about the PLE 2009 1,000 Page Summer Reading Challenge. Please watch for this information to come home with these students about mid-May. I hope to have information to share with sixth grade students about their middle school summer reading challenge also.

Below are important end-of-year library dates for students and parents to be aware of.

Thank you for reinforcing these dates with your child/children.

April 30 deadline for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to read and report on the KC3 nominees;

April 30 deadline for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students to read and report on the Mark Twain nominees;

April 30 deadline for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to read and report on the Truman Readers nominees;

May 4 KC3 Celebration during the school day for third grade students who have read and reported on the required number of the KC3 Award nominees this year;

May 11 Mark Twain/Truman Readers Challenge pizza party during the school day for those fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students who met their reading challenge for the Mark Twain Award and/or the Truman Readers Award reading programs this year;

**May 18 final due date** for library materials checked out by students and parents.

In closing this final "Library Lines" article, I think of the endearing words of one of the songs from "The Sound Of Music": "So long, farewell, Auf wiedersehen, goodbye, I leave and heave a sigh and say goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye! ". I truly do heave a heavy sign as I sign off with this final goodbye. I have loved being the librarian at Pleasant Lea Elementary these past nineteen years and working with the many, many wonderful students, parents, and fellow staff members. Thanks for the memories! My love and best wishes to you all-

*Jackie Krinke  
Library Media Specialist*