

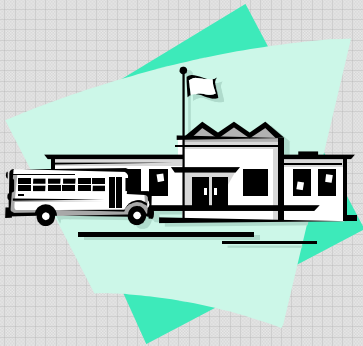


Tiger Tales

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Thank you to our students and parents who have helped to make the start of the 2009-10 school year a great one. We appreciate our parents' involvement - we had great attendance during our Spotlight Night. Thanks also to the parents who supported our All School Picnic by your presences, donating food, assisting with setting up and taking down, helping with the book fair and purchasing books at the book fair. It was a perfect evening for an outdoor picnic and a wonderful opportunity for families to visit with each other.

We would like to recognize our Student Council Members for the 2009-10 school year:

Sixth Grade: Trenton Lankford, Cassadi Sterrett, David Musgrave, Bridgett Neff, Maddie Hoffman and Annelise Hanshaw

Fifth Grade: Carly Ridnour, Abby Fauss, Noah Wood, Casey Sherlock, Jolie Quinn, and Karly Johnson

Fourth Grade: Gabriel Combs, Grant Baird, Grace Hoffman, Maddie Rooney, Sara Patterson, Ashlyn Cook, Brenden LeSue, and Evan Sanders

We are looking forward to the positive support and student leadership that these students will provide our school throughout the year.

Our Health Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th. District nurses and staff along with volunteers will conduct health screenings for PLE students. The screenings will include vision, hearing, dental, height, weight, and blood pressure, along with scoliosis in 6th grade only.

Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st and Thursday, October 22nd. These conferences are designed so that both the parent and the teacher can share information about the child. Your input is

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Calendar of Events

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Oct 1

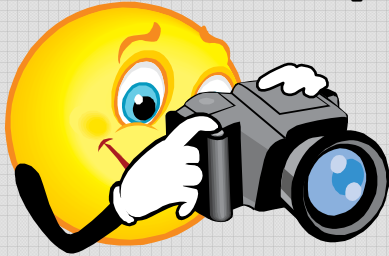
PLE night at Culvers (5-8pm)

Oct 5

**WatchDOG Kickoff Pizza Party
6pm**

Oct 8

Picture Retake Day



Oct 10

Race for the FUTURE

Oct 13

**7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting
2nd Grade Performs**

Oct 14

HEALTH FAIR DAY

Oct 16

**Early Release Day-
All Students dismiss at 12:00 pm**

Oct 21 & 22

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All Students dismiss at 12:00 pm**

Oct 21 & 22

**Parent – Teacher Conferences
12-7:30pm**

Oct 23

NO SCHOOL

Oct 27

PTA Planning Mtg –LMC 6:30pm

Oct 30

**Fall Festival Parties
2:30-3:30 p.m.**

Please remember,
due to limited space, no older or
younger siblings **PLEASE!!!**

4th Grade SPOTLIGHT

. 4th graders are finally getting used to the trek upstairs for class each morning. We are settling into our schedules and routines for the year. It amazes us that we are already half way through 1st quarter!

We have finished up with all of our assessing and data collection in reading. We are in the process of analyzing this data to make the best decisions about our Reader's Workshop instruction. In math we are studying data and graphs. You should have seen information about mode, median, range, and outliers come home. Fourth graders feel very important to be working with such technical information. In science we are working on using the Scientific Method with different experiments and observations. Social studies work so far has focused on the levels of government. Our curriculum centers around state government so our guest speaker fit right into our lessons.

Last Friday the 4th grade students enjoyed a brief visit from Representative Kraus. He gave an overview of his responsibilities in Jefferson City and how state government works. We are looking forward to meeting up with him again in the spring when we travel to Jefferson City.



October PTA News

September was an exciting and busy month for PTA! We couldn't have asked for better weather for the All School Picnic and what a great turnout! Thank you so much to Lisa Mehrer for organizing this event and to all the teachers, staff and parents who donated food, drinks, and their time to make the picnic so enjoyable for everyone. Thank you, also, to all of the volunteers who assisted with the Book Fair. It was a huge success as well!

To those eagerly awaiting your spirit wear orders; please watch for spirit wear to go home with students the week of October 12.

Thank you to those who attended Paradise Park Night and Skate Night and to Lisa Lounsbury for organizing our student activities this year. Our 1st Culver's Night of the year will be Thursday, Oct. 1st. Enjoy dinner served by our wonderful teachers and staff and help earn money for PLE! Look for information about future upcoming events on the PTA calendar available on the PLE website.

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Sally Foster orders will be available for pick-up on Oct.21 and Oct. 22 during parent teacher conferences. Thank you to Terri Harmon who always works so hard organizing this fundraiser for PLE and to all the students and parents who participated.

A special thank you to all who volunteered to be a Head Room Parent. Our children look so forward to the classroom parties and because of our wonderful parent volunteers; they are always a huge success! Halloween parties will be held on Friday, Oct. 30th. Look for emails from the headroom parent in your child's classroom if you have signed up to help or donate items for the party. If you are planning on attending the parties, please remember that siblings cannot attend due to space and liability issues. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please keep collecting your HyVee receipts and General Mills Boxtops! We are now collecting receipts for October and November. This is such an easy way to make additional money for our school. These receipts can be sent to school with your child or dropped in the grocery cart at the front door by the office. Our next PTA Planning Meeting is Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm in the media center. All PTA members are invited to attend the monthly meetings. We welcome any suggestions you might have; your input is very important to us!

If you have not yet purchased a PTA membership, please email us. A basic membership costs \$5.00 and includes a 2009-2010 student directory. Every member can make a difference!

Please feel free to contact us at any time. We are happy to answer any questions you might have regarding PTA. We can be reached at maryhoffman@kc.rr.com or krooneypta@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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extremely important to us. Please take a few moments before parent teacher conferences to visit with your child to find out how they are feeling about school. It is our goal to work together and support each other in order to provide the best learning opportunities for your child.

Red Ribbon week will be celebrated the week of October 26th. Our Red Ribbon Week committee is in the process of planning for this week and identifying ways for students to celebrate being drug free. Halloween parties are scheduled for Friday, October 30th and room parents are working hard to plan enjoyable activities and tasty treats for the students. Please remember **costumes are not allowed** at PLE.

Friday, October 16th is an early release day. A new place that you might want to check out is The Lee's Summit R-7 Aquatic Center which is launching several swimming and fitness programs to help serve the community while ensuring that the school district's new swim/dive facility is self-supporting. The center opened in August with its primary goal to provide a swim/dive facility for high-school competitive teams, intramurals and instruction. The Aquatic Center recently began offering a number of programs, including swimming lessons, conditioning for swim teams, aqua aerobics and opportunities for open lap swimming. In addition, the center is available for individuals for private parties and other events. All programs are priced competitively. The center is located at 3498 SW Windemere Drive on the campus of Summit Lakes Middle School in southwest Lee's Summit. For more information about the Aquatic Center, including a brochure listing complete services and prices go to: <http://www.leesummit.k12.mo.us/districtinfo/aquatics.html>. You may also contact the Aquatic Center at (816) 986-1465.

Enjoy spending time with your child. We look forward to visiting with you during parent teacher conferences later this month!

RACE for the FUTURE -

A 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation and the Carrie Foresee Memorial Scholarship Fund

When: Saturday, Oct 10, 2009 8:00 am (Register

Why: Great opportunity for an activity the entire family can enjoy together!

Who: Did you read the 'why'? Anyone and Everyone!

How: Brochures are available at PLE main office or go online at www.active.com