Welcome to Pleasant Lea Middle School!

2023-2024

Important Information

Main Office Number: 816-986-1175
Office Hours: 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

www.plms.lsr7.org

PLMS Mission:
We empower students to be successful, compassionate and resilient learners in a diverse and changing world.

PLMS Vision:
Together we provide a safe, vibrant and inclusive environment that allows students to thrive academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

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PRINCIPALS OFFICE

Mr. Linquist joined Pleasant Lea as a principal in the fall of 2021. During his career in education, Mr. Linquist has served as an elementary and middle school teacher, middle school assistant principal, K-12 principal, and will be entering his sixth year as a head principal. Before becoming the head principal, he was also a student, teacher, and assistant principal at Pleasant Lea Middle School.

Mr. Linquist received his Bachelors degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Masters and Specialist degrees in School Administration from the University of Central Missouri, and is completing his dissertation for his Doctorate in Education Leadership from William Woods University.

Relationships are one of the cornerstones of a student's successful adventure in middle school and a core belief for Mr. Linquist. This focus on relationships extends beyond the classroom to our PLMS families and Lee's Summit community. Together, a community can build a brighter future by meeting our students' social, emotional, physical, and academic needs daily. Our partnership is the crux of success in the classroom and beyond.

PLMS FRONT OFFICE

Principal
Mr. Brian Linquist
brian.linquist@lsr7.net

Dawn Fortner
Principal's Secretary
dawn.fortner@lsr7.net
816-986-1181

Kerry Banks
Attendance Secretary
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816-986-1177

Christy Wheeler
Building Clerk
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816-986-1198

Attendance Line: 816-986-1177
Dr. Haws is looking forward to continuing his work as the assistant principal and activities director at Pleasant Lea Middle School, where he has served since the fall of 2022. Prior to Lee’s Summit, his roles included being an administrator, instructional technology facilitator, and high school mathematics teacher in the Park Hill and Smithville School Districts. In addition, Dr. Haws has had the opportunity to coach several sports at the middle and high school levels, including basketball, soccer, and baseball.

Dr. Haws graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor’s in Mathematics and Master’s in Mathematics Education, earned a degree in Educational Leadership from Park University, and received a Doctorate in PK-12 Educational Administration from University of Missouri at Kansas City. Dr. Haws is committed to being a lifelong learner and brings his enthusiasm for education to Pleasant Lea Middle School.

Dr. Haws is passionate about ensuring that every student feels a sense of belonging and has a voice in developing the school’s culture and climate. As the district continues to change and grow, Dr. Haws is incredibly excited to further the work that has been done to develop positive partnerships with families and the community.

Dr. Hardin has served as an assistant principal at Pleasant Lea Middle School since fall of 2021. She has also served as an assistant principal at Summit Technology Academy in the Lee’s Summit school district. Prior to becoming an administrator, Dr. Hardin was a middle school teacher and a high school library media specialist. In addition to her career in the field of Education, Dr. Hardin worked with adult learners, developing training and professional development materials.

Dr. Hardin graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor’s in Special Education. She has a Master’s degree in Information Science and Learning Technologies from Mizzou as well. She completed her Specialist degree in Educational Leadership through the University of Central Missouri in 2017. Most recently, she earned her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from William Woods University. Dr. Hardin has an interest in leadership development, having completed the Missouri Leadership Academy and Outdoor Leadership Experience during the 2021-2022 school year as well.

Dr. Hardin is a graduate of the Lee’s Summit school district and attended Pleasant Lea Middle School in 7th and 8th grade. She has a passion for helping students and staff grow and develop their skills and gifts.
Mr. Greenlee will serve as the 6th-Grade Assistant Principal at Pleasant Lea Middle School and the 8th Grade Assistant Principal at Summit Lakes Middle School. Prior to joining Lee's Summit, he served as a middle school math teacher, coding teacher, and high school math teacher in the North Kansas City School District and University Academy Charter School. In addition, Mr. Greenlee coached multiple sports at both the middle and high school levels. These sports include football, basketball and track.

Mr. Greenlee graduated from Truman State University with his Bachelor's in Exercise Science with a Health Studies minor. He then went on to earn his Master's in Secondary Education through the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and afterwards his Education Specialist in K-12 Leadership from Northwest Missouri State University. Mr. Greenlee is excited to join the Lee’s Summit family to continue his growth as a leader in education and give back to the community.

Mr. Greenlee is elated to continue developing the relationship between students, parents, teachers and community in Lee’s Summit. He is passionate to ensure learning and growth within students in and out of the classroom and cannot wait to be involved in the already-present diversity, equity and inclusion in such a successful school district.

Bridgette Elliott
Student Administration Secretary
bridgette.elliott@lsr7.net
Ms. Holder will be the 8th grade counselor for the 23-24 school year. Ms. Holder is grateful to continue working with students who attended PLMS last year and any new students joining the tiger family!

Ms. Holder graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor’s in Psychology. She then went to the University of Missouri Kansas City to earn her Master's in Counseling. Ms. Holder returned to the LSR7 school district to work as a school counselor. This marks year six of working at PLMS, which holds a special place for Ms. Holder as it is where she attended middle school. Lee’s Summit will always be home!

Ms. Holder loves to connect with students and give everyone a place to belong. It is important for students to feel supported always, but especially during middle school! Ms. Holder looks forward to partnering with students and families to problem solve and set goals in a variety of topics throughout the school year.

Mrs. Montgomery will be the 7th grade counselor for the 23-24 school year. She became a school counselor and began working at Pleasant Lea Middle school in August of 2014. Prior to joining the Tiger Family, she worked in the Blue Springs School District as a middle school Family and Consumer Science teacher. Mrs. Montgomery has loved working in education the past 16 years and is excited to see what this school year has in store. When not working at school, Mrs. Montgomery loves to spend time at Scout Coffee, the coffee shops she owns with her husband in Blue Springs and Grain Valley.

Mrs. Montgomery graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in Middle School Education with a concentration in both Math and FACS. While she was teaching FACS, she went on to receive her Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Central Missouri.

Mrs. Montgomery is excited to continue working with her students and meet any new students joining us. Helping them feel safe and respected in the school environment is one of her biggest priorities. She also loves seeing students work to their highest potential academically, along with figuring out who they are as people.
Angela Martin will be the 6th grade counselor for the 23-24 school year. This will be her 17th year at Pleasant Lea Middle School and her 27th year supporting middle school students. She has been honored to work with so many amazing families over the years.

Mrs. Martin received her undergraduate degree from what is now Missouri State and her masters in counseling from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Mrs. Martin’s entire family is invested in the Lee’s Summit community as her husband is a teacher at LSHS, her youngest son will be a junior at LSHS, and her oldest son is a recent graduate attending the University of Kansas this fall.

There is no other group of students Mrs. Martin would want to work with as she loves watching the growth that occurs during this time. She is passionate about middle level education and hopes to be the best possible support to her students educational, emotional, and social development. She sees immense value in a team approach to supporting our students, so she asks that you please reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything she can do to help during your time at PLMS.

Students are welcome to stop by the school Counseling Center during passing period or lunch. Parents may also contact us by phone between 8:00am - 3:15pm or leave a voicemail after hours.

Mrs. Huitt is also your contact person for registration-related questions.
The Counseling Center wants all students at PLMS to achieve academic and social success. Counselors are available to meet with students individually or in groups. In addition, the school Counseling Center works with parents, staff, and outside agencies to help meet the needs of our students.

Counseling Services Offered
816-986-1178

Support Groups
- Anger Management
- Grief/Loss
- Family Change
- Academic/Personal Stress
- Family Issues
...and more

Individual Counseling
Our counselors are available to meet individually with students during the school hours.

Students may come in on their own during the day to see a counselor or set up an appointment.

Parents can also set up time to talk to a counselor or set up an appointment for their child.

Classroom Lessons
- Bullying
- Character
- Career
- High School Enrollment
- S.O.S.
...and more

Educational Therapist & Burrell Health
Available to students after evaluation and communication with parent/guardian.
SCHEDULE PICK UP

8/9
6TH GRADE
1:00PM - 7:00PM

8/10
7TH/8TH GRADE
1:00PM - 7:00PM

What to Expect

- Pick up your schedule
- Practice your locker
- Find your classes
- Buy spirit wear
- 6th graders - pick up your class shirt
- Ask any questions you may have!

Upcoming Events

★ Aug 21st - 6th Grade Transition Day
★ Aug 24th - Back to School Night (Parents Only)

TIGER OPEN HOUSE

Students will not be able to pick up their schedule or start school in the fall until immunization records are in compliance with state guidelines.
School Hours

Classes at PLMS will begin at 8:20 am and dismissed at 3:15 pm. Buses will not begin unloading until 8:10 am. Students not riding the bus may enter the building at 8:04 am.

Late Start Fridays

On Late-Start Fridays, buses will run one hour later than normal with all classes beginning one hour later. This extra hour is a collaboration time for staff/teachers. Dismissal will not change on these days and will remain at 3:15 pm. Please refer to the district calendar link on the next page for Late-Start Friday dates.

Monday - Thursday Bell Schedule

Please refer to the PLMS website for the Late-Start Friday bell schedule.
Important Dates to Remember

6th Grade Transition Day
First Day of School
Back to School Night - (parents only)
NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
End of 1st Quarter
NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev
NO SCHOOL - Parent Conferences
NO SCHOOL - Parent Conferences
NO SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
End of 2nd Quarter
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
Classes Resume
NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
NO SCHOOL - President's Day
NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev
End of 3rd Quarter
NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Last Day of School (early release)

*subject to change due to inclement weather days.

The full LSR7 district calendar can be found here.

PLMS Calendar: Please refer to the weekly newsletter and the PLMS website calendar for the most up to date PLMS schedules.
STUDENT INFO

Enrollment Fees

$25 MSHSAA (required for sports) 
  (Reduced with approved Free/Reduced application)

$30 Yearbook (optional)

Additional course fees may be collected during the school year depending on your student’s course selections.

Log onto your PowerSchool Parent Portal to pay all required fees.

https://powerschool.lsr7.org/public/home.html

Nutrition Services

www.leessummitschoolnutrition.com

- Add money to your student’s My School Bucks account
- Monthly breakfast and lunch menus
- Free/Reduced Applications

Free/Reduced Lunch Application

Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to complete the free and reduced meals application online. Only one application per household needed.

https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application

TRANSITION DAY 2023

Mark your calendars! 6th Grade Transition Day is Monday, August 21st (8:20AM-11:30AM). Incoming sixth grade students are invited to meet their teachers and become more comfortable prior to the first day of school. Bus transportation will be provided. More details and info will be emailed prior to August 21st.
Registration for the 2023-2024 school year opens on Monday, July 17th and closes at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 31st!

Returning LSR7 Students
https://www.lsr7.org/district/enroll

Step 1: Gather all necessary documents
Step 2: Login to PowerSchool
Step 3: Verify and update
Step 4: Upload documents
Step 5: Submit registration for each student
Step 6: Make payment

New to LSR7?
https://www.lsr7.org/families/new-families

If you are new to the district, please fill out the below google form to get the registration process started!

Transportation
Bus number, bus stop and pick-up time will be emailed to families (and added to Powerschool) in August for students enrolled.

Transportation: 816-986-4BUS

New Student Enrollment Form

Registration Questions?
816-986-1178 or sarah.huitt@lsr7.net
SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- Earbuds/headphones (Chromebook Compatible)
- Zippered, 3-ring binder (laptop slot recommended)
- Scientific Calculator (TI-30XS Multi-view)
- Supply pouch
- Dividers with tabs - 1 pkg of 8
- Pencils - 2 pkgs
- Red checking pens
- Highlighters - 2 recommended
- Ultra fine point black Sharpies - 2
- Single-subject spiral notebooks - 4
- Folders - 4
- Composition notebooks - 3

Individual teachers may have specific supplies needed for individual classes. These supply requests will come from the teacher the first few weeks of school.

TIGER DEN
SUPPLIES CLOTHING AWESOME

The Tiger Den school store will be available to all students at scheduled times during the week and special events!

At this time, we can only accept cash at the Tiger Den

Some items that will be sold at the store:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Ear Buds
- Hoodies
- Gum
- Snacks
- T-shirts
- Stickers
- EMR Pens
- Beanie Hats
Join the PLMS PTA!

The PLMS PTA is hard at work to make the 23-24 school year one of the best! If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving as a committee chair, please email LSPLMSPTA@gmail.com.

Click here to join the PLMS PTA!

PLMS Website

2023-24 PTA BOARD

PRESIDENT
ERIN CREGORY
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
BECKY HUXOL
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
STEFANIE KRATZ
TREASURER
LORNA PULS
RECORDING SECRETARY
JAMIE SHILLITO
HISTORIAN
MEGAN HALFERTY

CONTACT US AT LSPLMSPTA@GMAIL.COM

· Archery – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Art Club – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Awards Show – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Basketball – 7th & 8th
· Black and Gold – 8th Grade
· Black Student Union -6th, 7th, 8th
· Book Clubs – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Orchestra – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Cheerleading – 8th
· Chess Club- 6th, 7th, 8th
· Club 121 - 6th, 7th, 8th
· Color Guard- 6th, 7th, 8th
· Cross Country – 6th, 7th, 8th
· CyberPatriots – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Drill Team - 6th, 7th, 8th
· Dungeons and Dragons- 6th, 7th, 8th
· Football – 7th & 8th
· GSA - 6th, 7th, 8th
· Jazz Band – 7th & 8th
· LS Teacher Academy – 6th 7th, 8th
· Musical – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Robotics – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Scholar Bowl – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Spelling Bee – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Student Council – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Tiger Fan Days - 6th, 7th, 8th
· Tiger Smart – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Tiger Tribe- 6th, 7th, 8th
· Tiger Troupe- 6th, 7th, 8th
· Track – 7th & 8th
· Ukulele Club – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Volleyball – 7th & 8th
· Wrestling – 6th, 7th, 8th
· Yearbook – 6th, 7th, 8th

and more to come...!
FOOTBALL
Practice will begin August 14th at 8:00 am. A current physical must be on file in Student Administration, and students must have a completed and approved FinalForms account. Athletes should bring gym clothes, cleats, and tennis shoes, and should have transportation plans in place on the first day. Please see the PLMS Football Team Website or contact Coach Conn at Ted.Conn@lsr7.net for more details.

VOLLEYBALL
Tryouts for the PLMS volleyball team will be August 16th-18th at 3:30 pm. All incoming 7th and 8th graders must be present on the 16th to be considered for the A, B, or C teams. A current physical must be on file in Student Administration, and students must have a completed and approved FinalForms account. Any questions? Please see the Tigers Volleyball website or contact Coach Blevins at Jacquelyn.Blevins@lsr7.net for more details.

CROSS COUNTRY
Practice (boys and girls) will begin Wednesday, August 16th from 3:30-4:56 pm. A current physical must be on file in Student Administration, and students must have a completed and approved FinalForms account. Please bring a water bottle and be in your running gear. For additional questions, see this flyer or contact Coach Tipton at Kent.Tipton@lsr7.net or Coach Lassman at Jon.Lassman@lsr7.net.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PHYSICAL TO PARTICIPATE!
Students participating in any MSHSAA sponsored sport or activity are required to pay a yearly participation fee of $25 (free/reduced for qualifying families) to help offset the costs associated with providing these opportunities. This fee must be paid through PowerSchool or at the main office before the first event/competition.

All parents/guardians of 6th-8th grade athletes need to create their FinalForms account to have their student participate in any MSHSAA sport or activity. Once an account has been created, you will be able to complete all forms and upload any documents. For more details, here is a step-by-step process.

The LSR7 School District does not directly sell or offer accident, health, or dental insurance to students. However, the District has selected HSR, Health Special Risk, Inc. to offer student insurance programs. Various plans and low-cost options are offered through the company. The company maintains a separate website to allow for online enrollment. To enroll in the student insurance program, please call 866-409-5733.
Reminders for the 23-24 School Year

Backpacks and Coats
If students use backpacks to take their books to and from school, they are asked to put them in their lockers during school. Backpacks will not be allowed in classrooms or the cafeteria. Students are also expected to store their coats and purses in their locker.

Cell Phone Policy
While personal electronic devices (cell phones, etc.) have become a part of our students’ daily lives, a large and growing body of evidence is pointing to the harm caused by the amount of time students use personal electronic devices and social media each day. In order to fulfill our role to take care of students, and minimize the distractions caused by such devices in the school setting, the rules listed will be in place at PLMS for the 2023-2024 school year and will be presented to our students once school starts. Please view our full cell phone policy on the next page.

Student Pick Up & Lunch Drop Offs
When picking up a student during the school day, you must be physically present (with your photo ID) at the attendance window before we can call your student. Lunch may be brought in by only a parent/guardian for their student only. Students may pick up food that is dropped off, during their designated lunch time (they should watch for an E Hall Pass as they will not be called out of class to pick it up). No fast food or vendor deliveries will be allowed or transferred to students during the school day.
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RULES

Personal E-devices (cell phones, personal iPods, iPads, AirPods, and other wireless headphones, smart watches, etc.) must be stored in a locker during school hours (8:15am - 3:15pm). Students’ personal E-devices may not be used in the hallways, restrooms, or other common areas. No camera or video-capable electronic devices may be used in locker rooms or restrooms at any time. E-devices shall not be used to connect to district electronic equipment or district electronic networks at any time.

- Personal E-devices are not allowed to be in use by middle school students during the school day. The school day is defined as anytime between the beginning of the first period and end of the last period of the day.
- Personal E-devices shall be secured in a student’s assigned locker and are to be powered off.
- Should the need arise for a student to contact parents during the school day the main office phone should be used for such a call.
- Should the need arise for parents to contact their child, parents may contact our main office at (816-986-1175). Parents may also email their child anytime using the students LSR7 email address.
- No camera or video-capable electronic device may be used in the locker room or restrooms at any time.
- Personal E-devices may be used by the student only at the request of the classroom teacher or other staff member.
- Personal E-devices used to monitor identified student health needs such as blood sugar levels are allowed and must be approved by the principal.

CONSEQUENCES

- **1st Offense**: Electronic device(s) taken to the office, STAD warning, parent contact and student pick up from the office at the end of the day.
- **2nd Offense**: Electronic device(s) taken to the office, STAD 1-hour detention and parents notified. Parent pick up from the office at the end of the day
- **3rd Offense**: Electronic device(s) taken to the office, STAD 2-hour detention and parents notified. Parent pick up from the office at the end of the day
- **4th Offense**: Electronic device(s) taken to the office, STAD 3-hour detention and parents notified. Parent pick up from the office at the end of the day.
- **Subsequent offenses**: Electronic device(s) taken to the office and will result in progressive discipline measures being taken ranging from 3-hour detention, ISS, and OSS. Parent pick up from the office at the end of the day.

*The school reserves the right to search a privately owned device in accordance with applicable laws and policies if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student has violated the LSR7 Middle School District policies, procedures, rules, or engaged in other misconduct while using the device.*
RESOURCES

Academic & Social/Emotional

- Math Tutoring
  - After school tutoring program
  - Contact your advisory teacher or student administration for more information

- BackSnack Program
  - Confidential assistance given to families who may be food insecure or have encountered changes in household or employment circumstances.

- Counseling Center
  - Three full-time counselors and one educational therapist are available for students during school hours.

MY QUICK REFERENCE

Powerschool Parent Portal Login
Username: ______________________________
Password: ______________________________

Powerschool Student Login:
Student Name: ______________________________
Username: ______________________________
Password: ______________________________
**TIGERS TOGETHER FUNDRAISER**

Prizes • No selling • 100% goes to PLMS!

**DONATION LEVELS (check one)**

- $40  Tiger Mixer
- $100  Tiger Mixer and Food Truck Party
- $150  Tiger Mixer, Food Truck Party, and Arrowhead Tour
- $500  [Any Amount] Tiger Ticket Prize Drawing
- $1000 CORPORATE SPONSOR: GOLD
  - Logo and link on school website
  - PLMS Tiger Stadium Field banner
  - 16x20 business banner
  - Business story in the newsletter
  - Company logo in newsletter all year
  - Ad in school yearbook
  - Company logo on all PLMS sports rosters

CORPORATE SPONSOR: SILVER

16x20 hanging business banner
Business story in the newsletter
Company logo in newsletter all year
Ad in school yearbook
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**PLMS Fundraising Goal:**

$20,000 for new outdoor seating!

Fundraising profits are also used for:

- School Productions - Awards Assembly
- Student Recognition - Student of the Month, Club sponsorships, Great Slip recognition
- Student Involvement - Advisory and team activities, reduced-cost field trips, and student needs

**For those families who would like to participate in a more traditional fundraising method to earn prizes, we will have a Gourmet Popcorn Fundraiser opportunity (shipped directly to buyer) in November. Be on the lookout for more information!**

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**2023-2024 PLMS Donation Form**

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Parent/Guardian's Name: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade Level: __________________

You can pay online when registering your student through Payment Central or you can pay by cash or check (made payable to PLMS) and bring it to the front office. This Tigers Together Fundraiser will end on September 15th, 2023.

Thanks for supporting PLMS students!
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pleasant Lea Middle School coordinates an exciting BackSnack food program. Each Thursday, or the last day of the school week, your child can receive a bag filled with food for over the weekend. The plastic bags will be discretely placed in their lockers in the afternoon for your student to bring home.

Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the Counseling Center as soon as possible. Your participation in the BackSnack program will remain confidential and will continue as food items are available or as long as it remains a need for your family.

We look forward to having your student participate in the program. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the BackSnack program.

Sarah Huitt  
Counseling Secretary/Registrar  
(816) 986-1178

Student's Name:___________________________ Grade:_____

___ Yes, we would like to participate in the BackSnack Program

Please describe and food allergies or other concerns:  

Parent Signature:________________________________________

Parent Phone Number:_______________________________________

Parent Email:______________________________________________

PLMS is NOT responsible for any allergic reaction your child may have to a food item. Please look through the bags thoroughly before giving the items to your child.

Return this form to the Counseling Center at Pleasant Lea Middle School.
Questions: Call 816-986-1178

You can also submit this form online at the following link:  https://forms.gle/HSM1rBYGTL4z6fu1A

Pleasant Lea Middle School Counseling Center  
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Counselors: Angela Martin, Jennifer Montgomery, Natalie Holder  
Sarah Huitt, Registrar/Counseling Secretary