Spring Parent/Grandparent Luncheons

We have ten homerooms yet to participate in a special luncheon for parents and grandparents. Each classroom will have a 30-minute program prior to their luncheon. Your child will bring home an invitation for your scheduled luncheon. We look forward to seeing you in the Middle School Auxiliary Gym!

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Outdoor Education 2015

Outdoor Education for sixth grade students is scheduled for Ridgeview students, June 1-3 and Lakeview students, June 3-5, 2015. Outdoor Education is a three-day, two-night camp experience at Heartland Environmental School in Marengo, Ohio. A resident Outdoor Education program helps students appreciate their environment in ways not attainable through a classroom setting. We are currently collecting camp forms and payment.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REMINDER – the new form for intradistrict open enrollment for the 2015/16 school year is available on the PLSD website. All grades, K-12, are on the same form. Please note an important change to the deadline, it is now March 31st, in accordance with the changes to Board Policy GECBD. All transfer requests need to be returned to Jessica Seymour at the Welcome Center by March 31st.
Join Us for the Middle School Orchestra Concert
Come and enjoy our orchestra concert, March 12 at PHS North.
The concert starts at 7:00 PM
All students are to arrive at 6:15 for tuning and warm-up.

Orchestra parents are reminded to check the teacher web pages for any updates regarding our practice schedule.

Be sure to visit our Student PILLARS OF CHARACTER wall located inside the Main Entrance. We are proud to display this month’s photographs of our student nominees for Student Leaders at TGMS.

PICKERINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

Save the date!
Diley, Harmon, and Toll Gate Middle Schools are hosting a Middle School Health Fair! Join us for a night of health and wellness activities, information and fun!

Where: Harmon Middle School
When: Monday, March 23rd 6-8pm
Who: All PLSD Middle School students and their families

More info to come!
Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ TGMS

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Good Sportsmanship - With spring sports upon us, it is nice to talk about good sportsmanship with your children. Here is some information that may help.

Good sportsmanship is when teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials treat each other with respect. Kids learn the basics of sportsmanship from the adults in their lives, especially their parents and their coaches. Kids who see adults behaving in a sportsmanlike way gradually come to understand that the real winners in sports are those who know how to persevere and to behave with dignity — whether they win or lose a game.

Parents can help their kids understand that good sportsmanship is part of the game. It starts with something as simple as shaking hands with opponents before a game and includes acknowledging good plays made by others and accepting bad calls gracefully.

Displaying good sportsmanship isn’t always easy: It can be tough to congratulate the opposing team after losing a close or important game. But the kids who learn how to do it will benefit in many ways. [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

If interested, please email Mrs. Saksa. Thanks!

Join Birthday Book Club It’s not too late to join! Join at any time -- even if you have already had your birthday, or your birthday isn’t until the end of the year -- everyone is welcome! With a donation of $15.00, students and staff may come to the library and choose a special book from our Birthday Book Club collection. Their name and birthday are then put inside the front cover of the book. You can be the first person to check out that book. You will have your picture taken with the book you have donated. The picture will be displayed on the Birthday Book Club Bulletin Board in the library. You will be given the picture to keep. At the end of the school year, BBC members will be invited to the library for a year end Birthday Book Club party in the library.

We appreciate donations of gently used books appropriate for elementary/middle school to enhance our collection.

Thank you for your support.

7th Grade Immunization Information

The Ohio Department of Health requires that all students entering 7th grade show documentation of receiving an immunization called T-dap before being allowed to enter school next year. This form is also available on our building’s main webpage, as well as under “Downloads/Medical Forms.”
School Nurse’s Note ~ Tami Tackett, RN, BSN

March is “Save Your Vision Month”

Eye health is linked to overall health. The following are ways to promote eye safety:

- Wear sunglasses when outside, no matter the season.
- Wear proper eyewear when playing sports.
  - Injuries are a risk we all take when participating in sports. 40,000 eye injuries occur in the US during sports activities each year, some of which lead to irreversible vision loss. However, 90% of these injuries are preventable with the proper use of eye protection.
- Wear safety goggles when working or using chemicals, lawn or other tools.
- Schedule an eye examine with an eye doctor.
- Follow eye doctor’s recommendations for use and wear of contact lenses and the importance of keeping lenses clean.
- Take breaks from digital devices. Practice the 20/20/20 rule: every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break and look at something 20 feet away.
- Eat greens – five servings of fruits and vegetables each day, particularly the leafy green variety.

Source ~ Ohio Optometric Association www.ooa.org

PTO March News You Need to Know...

*Spring Book Fair: is scheduled for March 18th through the 25th. Help is needed for set up, daily shopping by the kids during lunch and the final tear down. Please contact Kim Jenkins to sign up and help at Ryan.Kim.Jenkins@gmail.com.

*Grandparent/Parent Lunch: is on March 18th and 25th. A volunteer is needed to help serve drinks from 11am till 1pm. Please contact KimNevers@yahoo.com if you are able to help either of these days.

*The third AR Store is coming up in March. Please contact KimNevers@yahoo.com if you can help set up or supervise the kids shopping. Any help is appreciated, from a few hours, half a day or even the whole day.

*Boxtop and Labels for Education Update. Thank you for sending in the boxtops, labels, and Tyson school reward marks. Some of the classes are closing in on 1000 Box Tops but still need your help toward the class goal of 1500 Box Tops so keep clipping!

*The Toll Gate Talent Show is in the process of being scheduled. Please watch for more information and dates as they become available. It is never too early for the kids to start planning and rehearsing their acts!

*Reminder: If you took any photos at Family Night or any other TGMS event and are willing to share them with our yearbook club please email them to TGMSYearbook@yahoo.com

*Our Next Meeting is coming up on March 3rd in the Media Center at 7pm, with a new fundraising option on the agenda for discussion. Children are always welcome. Hope to see you there!
OPERATION: Street Smart
— NO ONE UNDER 21 YRS. OF AGE PERMITTED —

May 16, 2015 @ Fairfield Medical Center
9 am to 3 PM - Registration at 8:30 am
FREE SEMINAR
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

GOAL: To provide current narcotics information on trends, terminology, paraphernalia, and physiological effects. Includes actual examples of current designer street drugs such as XTC, LSD, GHB, Ketamine, and Khat. “Traditional” drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, crack, heroin, and methamphetamine are covered, as well as prescription medications.

TARGET AUDIENCE: D.A.R.E and school resource officers, juvenile detectives, school administrators, teachers, parents, and professionals who work in the substance abuse field. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

@ FMC - 2nd Floor Assembly Room
CEUs (Counselor & Social Worker Board) and RCHs pending.

$5 Lunch from Cristy’s Pizza and Arby’s

LIMITED TO 150 PARTICIPANTS!
CALL (740)687-4500 OR FAX (740)687-4595
EMAIL TMASON@THERECOVERYCENTER.ORG
FOR MORE INFO OR TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY MAY 13, 2015!

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