Field Trip

As a reward for hard work and good behavior, the teachers thought of taking each class on a end of the year field trip. The 6th grade is going to PowerPlay on Monday, May 19th. To be able to go they can’t have any D’s or F’s, no ISS’s or conduct issues, or Friday night school and parent permission slip must be signed and returned.

The 7th grade is going to Paradise Park on Wednesday May 21st. The requirements are the same as 6th grade but they also can’t have more than 5 tardies and they have to have at least 25 reading counts points by May 9th.

As for the 8th grade, they’re “going to Worlds of Fun on Wednesday the 21st. The requirements are the same as the 6th grade.

Mrs. Shultz Retires

Shannon Small

On February 25, Jazzy Vickrey, Harrison Unthank, David McTeer and Rachel Henson went to the State capitol in Topeka for paging. A page is a person employed by a legislator to carry messages and run errands for the members, as in the U.S. Congress and State Legislature. The students represented Representative Jene Vickrey. The pages got to see what it would be like to be a real page in the state capitol. Some examples of what pages do are labeling/sealing letters and fetching things for who they represent. This was my first year going to Topeka and when we got there, it was kind of boring. But when we really got into the day, it turned out to be a really fun time. We got to see everyone vote for purposed laws. For lunch we walked to Pizza Hut then walked back to the capitol for more paging. It was a really good time, I’m glad I went” says Rachel.

Rachel Henson

The “Good Old Days”

For this student survey, the question was what do you miss about elementary school? The question was one that took people back to the old days. When asked about it Josh Steward an eighth grader said that he liked that nobody got put down. Another eighth grader Andrew Yach said his favorite thing from elementary school was recess. Michael Juday said, “I don’t really miss anything”. Neither does Jay Bond he doesn’t miss anything at all. Now let’s hear from the seventh graders. Alex Hamby says he misses having more P.E. Daniel Reedy is missing having recess. Dakota Stone is the only person who said he really misses field trips. “Having one teacher” that is what Hadley Munden misses. The sixth graders had some well thought out answers to the question. Dalton Land said he missed having recess because it was fun and free. Sydney Larson and Jack Niebrugge said they both miss having recess. David Atkins is the first student to say that he misses one of his teachers Mrs. Whitlock.

Dakota Shotton

Sixth graders
First Impressions

What was your favorite part about your first year in middle school?
“I like having snow days. Levi Matthews. “Having different classes and you don’t have to stay in one class all day” Maddie DeShazer. “P.E. classes” Josh Kessler. “Having more than one class” Max Goodspeed. “Getting to have lockers” Will Garza. “Having trash cans in the halls” DJ Myer. “Having different classes” Cyaya Jackson. “Art” Gabbie Bailey. “Having different classes” Maddie Unruh. “Not having to stand in line to go to class” Chase Gren.

Aubrey Hilt

Goodbye LMS—Hello LHS

I ask 8th graders to think about what they will miss most about the middle school. Here are some responses. Taylor Cain, Karleen Carlson, Gabby Bowman, Jazzy Vickrey, Brett Jennings, and Rebekah Juarez all said that they would miss all their teachers. “Mr. Holloway!” said Izzy Hastings, Nic Crotts, and Brittney Blythe. “Mr. Holloway. But don’t forget about Mr. Kidder!” said Sarah Ventre. Brett Herbert, however, will miss getting to see Ms. Guetterman. Amber Massa said that she would miss being taller than most of the kids in the school. Shayla McElyea and Brooke Harshaw told me that they would miss being the “top-dawg” of the school but Shayla also said that she would miss Mr. Holloway. Alex Rusk says that he will miss getting away with things that you wouldn’t at the high school. Austin Caskey said that he will miss the school’s “sloppy joes.”

Rachel Henson

Summer Plans

What are your plans for this summer? Katelyn Dixon said she plans on “Going on a scenery drive through the states. And going to the pool a lot.” Karli Blackwood said she wants to go to the Lake of the Ozarks and wake board. Alex Cook said he will “Sleep and eat, and hang out with Lizzie!” Maddie Parr said she “will go to the pool and wake board with friends.” Addi Vance and Colin Bird said they will both go to the pool and do nothing. Konner Cook said “I will skate and play baseball.”

Lizzie Abrahamian
The March student of the month for the sixth grade is Brooke Bugbee. The teachers said that Brooke is very active and always gives all of her attention to anyone that is speaking to her. Keep it up Brooke. For the seventh grade, the SOM is Aaron Burrow. Aaron is very polite and over achieves in many assignments. Good job Aaron! SOM for eighth grade went to Taylor Hankinson. Taylor is always paying attention and does really well in all of her classes. Congrats Taylor! Congratulations March students of the month.

The April students of the month. In the sixth grade, the SOM is Jessica Brummeil. Jessica is always counted on for getting all of her work done and she always gets it done on the time. Great job! The seventh grade SOM is Erin Davis. Erin is very nice and kind to people and is willing to demonstrate something that they need help on. Go Erin! Lastly, for the eighth grade the SOM is Nick Chapmen. Nick is very active in sports and still has time to do his school work. Keep it up Nick. Congrats to you April SOM.

The May student of the month awards were announced May 1, during Thursday’s seminar. The new Students of the Month went to Ben Powers, Joseph Henry, and Emily Wyatt!

The 6th grade staff said Ben Powers has a brilliant mind, always gives 100%, is nice to others, has a positive attitude, and is responsible and respectful. Keep it up Ben! The 7th grade teachers said Joseph has many great qualities and all of his work is turned in on time! Great job Joseph!

Lastly, Emily Wyatt was honored for not having one late assignment all year long! She has a positive attitude and is a great leader. Super Duper! Congratulations to the Students of the Month!

Alexis Jackson

Math Counts Competition

Shelby Domann, Shayla McElvya, and Josh Stab are the three eighth graders who went the math counts competition at Pittsburg. Shayla placed 7th and Josh placed 1st. Mrs. Cates took the three and she was their sponsor. The Competition was held at Pittsburg University. The whole competition was sponsored by big engineering companies. Their whole team placed 2nd out of 11 teams. They qualified for state, but because of the music festival Josh was the only one that went. He did not place but he said “It was a good experience”.

Audrey Hilt

Veterans Remembered

The 7th grade collected “comfort items” like toothbrushes and soap. The items were for war veterans. The items collected were given to a veteran’s center in Leavenworth, KS. The 7th graders also collected items to send overseas to Russell Ore’s company in Iraq. Russell is a former LMS student.

The 7th grade class has been collecting items for the veternas for several years. Mrs. Peters, 7th grade geography teacher sponsors the project.

Kayla Wagner

Goodbye

This year three more TEACHERS are leaving us. Mrs. Jones, 6th grade reading teacher is going to work for the State Board of Education. She has been working here for three years. Also, leaving is Mr. Lackey our 7th grade math teacher. He has been here for 10 years. He is going to Highland, Kansas to be an assistant principle for the school. Last but not least Mr. Kidder our 8th grade science teacher. will be leaving. He has been here for 3 years. He is going to a Shawnee Mission school to work for them. We will miss them all.

Shannon Small

Select Boys Choir

Singing in Topeka

On May 6th, the select boys’ choir went to Topeka to sing at the Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony. They sang two songs; Ose Shalom and Inscription of Hope. Mr. Sickie sang a solo, it was a prayer that he sung in Hebrew. The boys’ choir was invited to go because Mr. Sickie was asked to sing and he asked if the select boys’ choir could come along with him. There was another school there (Topeka High West.) The ceremony lasted about an hour and a half.

Brad Swenson

Instrumental Music Festival

The instrumental music festival was held on March 8th at Prairie View. Prairie View, Anderson County, and Maranatha Academy were some schools that participated. Mr. Cisetti said “the purpose of the festival is to give us a chance to work intensely on several challenging pieces of music and perform the very best we can.”

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade bands each performed two numbers. The 6th grade played “Entrance of the Tall Ships” by James Swearingen and “Lexington March” by John Edmondson. They received a 1 rating. The 7th grade played “Top of the Line March” by Robert Geisler and “Chester Variations” by Del Borgo. They received a 1 rating.

The 8th grade played “Coast Guards” by Karl L. King/James Swearingen and “Festive Scenario” by Del Borgo. They received a 1 rating.

The highest score you could get was a one and the lowest score you could get was a five. Josh Agnew, Tuba Solo, I; Ashton Sholtz, Flute Solo, I; 8th Grade Brass Trio: Allen Gates, Nick Chapman, Aaron Redburn, I; 8th Grade Woodwind Trio: Lindsey Welsh, Shayla, and Afton Wattmeier.

The 8th grade girls that made it onto the high school squad were Kay lee Smith, Nichole Ward, Shelby Domain, and Sam Lehman.

Christina Davey

2008-09 Cheerleaders

Congratulations to all the girls that tried and those that made the LMS 2008-09 cheerleading squad. The middle school cheerleaders for next year will be Gabi Bailey, Anna Bell, Sammy Cook, Hannah Dalton, Amy Dennis, Madison Majestic, Hadley Minden, Chelsea Pause, Danielle Reedy, Middy Rohrer, Jade Scott, Capri Teague, Alyssa Tindler, Brook Vaughan, Reegan Wertz, and Afton Wattmeier.

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Bailey Schwartz

Instruments continued

McElvya, Emma Dewitt, I; 7th Grade Snare Drum Duet: Daniel O’Conner, DeAnna Rooney, II; 6th Grade Band I; Boys Vocal Quartet: Aaron Redburn, David McTeer, Harrison Unthank, Allen Gates, I; 7th Grade band, I-; 8th Grade Band, I; 8th Grade Percussion Ensemble: Emily Gregg, Samantha Nofinger-Smith, Jordan Brant, Nicholas Kline, Austin Caskey, Brett Herbert, Clay Williams, II.

Congratulations!

Bailey Schwartz

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Vocal Music Festival

The Choir class went to a vocal music festival on March 8th. They went to Prairie View. Some of the school there were Prairie View, Anderson County. Some choir members performed solos. They were David McTeer 1 rating, Harrison Unthank 1 rating, Allen Gates 1 rating, Aaron Redburn 1 rating, Treiy Tinizich 1 rating, Konnor Cook 1 rating, Aaron Huggins 1 rating, Bailey Aiken 2 rating, Gabby Bowman 1 rating, Rebekah Juarez 1 rating, Kara O’Keefe 1 rating, Josh Schmitt 1 rating, Jordan Caudill 1 rating, Nichole Ward 1 rating, Addi Vance 1 rating, Katie Dixon 1 rating, Katie Davin 1 rating, Shelby Domann 1 rating, Trisha Myers 1 rating, Jazzy Vickrey 1 rating, Logan Johnson 1 rating, Joey Sterling 1 rating, Hannah Dalton 1 rating, Amy Roether 1 rating. The Select Girls Choir sang “Oh, Dear, What like a River.” They received a 1 rating. The Select Boys Choir sang “Polly Wolly Doodle” and “I’ve Got Peace Red, Red Rose.” They received a 1 rating. The judges had positive comments and talked a lot about proper breathing, using good vowels, and showing facial expressions. Jacklyn Notle

Spring Dance

The spring dance was April 11, there were many middle school students in attendance as it was the last dance of the year. For 8th graders it was their last dance of middle school. The dance was very action packed and the students had fun. I’m sure the 6th and 7th graders are looking forward to more dances in the future and the 8th graders are looking forward to the high school dances. Christina Davey

Mystry Student

This month’s mystery student is in 7th grade. He has an older brother in 8th grade. He has brown hair. His eyes are blue. His favorite thing to do is play basketball. His favorite color is blue. He has one dog named Emma. If you think you know who this is, tell Mrs. Eggleston first to claim your reward. Last month’s mystery student was Travis. Please help me congratulate our very own district accompanist - Barbara York! Barbara’s “other job” when not accompanying the LMS and LHS choirs is a composer. Recently she has been commissioned by several different performers to compose for low brass instruments, namely the tuba and euphonium (or a combination of the two with piano). A few weeks ago she was notified by her publisher that Joseph Alessi, the principal trombonist of the New York Philharmonic, would like Barbara to write a piece for trombone and piano to be performed by Mr. Alessi himself! Mr. Alessi’s credentials are pretty impressive including performing across the globe and teaching at Juilliard, not to mention being associated with a symphony orchestra that is one of the most prestigious in the world.

To give this an educational equivalent - just imagine writing a lesson plan that will be used to teach a variety of students and then the lesson plan will be reviewed, analyzed, and re-taught by a panel of top teachers in the National Teachers Hall of Fame. It really is quite an honor. Barbara York Honored

Boys Invitational Track Meet

On April 29, the track boys went to Paola for an invitational track meet. This meet wasn’t a normal one. It was only boys who competed in this meet. The schools that participated in the meet were; Paola, Baldwin, Wheatridge, Pioneer Ridge, Osawatomie, Harrisonville, Raymore, Peculiar, Spring Hill, Prairie View, and Louisburg. The only record broken was by the eighth grade 4 X 400 relay team. The team consisted of Garret Griffin, Harrison Unthank, Nathan Goodwin, and Austin Caskey. All around Baldwin were the winners.

Dakota Shotton

Track Meet

On April 15, a track meet was held at Osawatomie. This track meet was an excellent one for all the boys and girls that competed. The teams that competed at this meet were; Osawatomie, Jay Hawk Linn, Central Heights, and of course Louisburg. This meet had no records broken at all, but the scores were excellent. The seventh grade boys took first with 72 points. The seventh grade girls took first also with a blustery 131 points and there nearest competition was 22 points. The eighth grade girls took first with a total of 86 points. The eighth grade boys had 92.5 points with a first place backing it up. Congratulations track boys and girls.

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State Assessment Results

This year was an overall success for the Kansas State Assessments. For the math state assessment results; 6th grade had 91.6% meet standard or above. 7th grade had 98.2% that met standard or above. The 8th grade had 99.0% that met standard or above.

Awesome!!

Brad Swenson
Science Expo

The science expo was held of April 25th here, at the middle school. There were a lot of interesting things from the whole school. The sixth graders researched a topic, the seventh graders invented something of their own, and the eighth graders made a Rube Goldberg demonstration. Capri Teague researched how the surface and height of a incline effects how far and fast objects of different weight go. Maddie Parr and Karli Blackwood invented a website. Kenzie Bixler and Hadley Munden customized things like a dance dance revolution mat. Austin Hood and Christian Richards made a contraption that raised a flag. Jordan Caudill and Colton Jackson made a Rube Goldberg project that played with marbles. To finish it off, Jordan Brant said that “the science expo was chaotic, but there were a lot of interesting things there.”

Can Food Drive

LMS and PTSO decided to do a food drive. It started May 5 and ended May 9. The food the middle school collects will go to families in need of food and household objects. The goods were dropped off at the office. The winning class of the drive will have an ice cream social in the courtyard!

Jacklyn Nolte