

August 20, 2008

Pershing Comet News

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Dates to Remember...

- Monday, August 25th – Begin regular daily dismissal times, 2:53 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 26th – PLC Dismissal at 1:33
- Thursday, August 28th – PPTO fundraiser begins
- Monday, September 1st – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY

Notes from Mrs. Baker

The school year is off to a great start. It was wonderful to see so many students and families at Safe Walk to School. There are 366 students attending Pershing this year.

Thanks to...

- Nebraska Wesleyan University for arranging use of rooms for our kick-off training for staff.
- PPTO for providing a wonderful breakfast to the Pershing staff on Monday.

**PLC Early
Dismissal**
Tuesday,
August 26
1:33

Congratulations to:

- Our very own 2nd grade team from last year, Ligsy Palensky, Jen Cunningham, and Jill Caldwell were honored at a Junior Achievement luncheon on August 13. They received the Reggio Award last year which carries with it a grant to fulfill a project connected to Junior Achievement curriculum.

Curriculum Events

Teachers are sponsoring Curriculum Events to assist parents and guardians in knowing what their child will study this year, how best to support their child, and how to partner with teachers. Please watch classroom newsletters for specific dates and times. We hope you will be able to attend.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Students in Southeast wing, celebrated ribbon cutting ceremony at the beginning of school yesterday. Thank you to the following students for helping with this event:

Tyson Stroup
Nicholas Dungan
Shelby Janssen

Cornhusker Marching Band Exhibition

This Friday, August 22, 2008
At 7:00 pm at Memorial Stadium



Admission is Free

Enter the stadium through Gate 3
(Southwest corner) or Gate 11 (Northwest corner)

Visitors to Pershing Elementary

Parents/Guardians and community members are encouraged to visit school. It is important for your child to see that you value their education. Children not enrolled in Pershing must be accompanied by an adult. It is recommended that guests limit their visit to 30 minutes to minimize disruption to instruction.

New procedures for visitors:

Our district has made the commitment to the safety of our students and staff by hiring a Security Entrance Monitor for each Lincoln school. Please follow the check-in procedures in our lobby when you visit.

1. A Security Entrance Monitor will greet you as you arrive.
2. They will record your name, reason for your visit, and your destination.
3. You will be issued an identification badge which must be worn at all times.
4. When you have completed your visit, you will return to the lobby to check out.

Visitors who choose not to follow these procedures will not be allowed access to our school. These guidelines will not be enforced during large events such as evening concerts, parent-teacher conferences, and the school carnival.

Deadlines and Forms

Please immediately submit the following forms to Pershing's main office if you have not already done so:

1. **Elementary Student Census Information** (White paper). Be sure that all contact information is correct, complete both sides of the form, and sign at the bottom.
2. **2008-2009 Application for Free or Reduced Meals** (In the yellow 'Important Information' booklet). Completing this form may qualify for your child to receive reduced or free breakfast and lunch at school.
3. **Request to Provide Medication During School Hours** (In the yellow 'Important Information' booklet) This is required prior to school staff administering any medication during school hours.
4. **Student Directory/Emergency School Dismissal** (White Sheet) This allows the PPTO to include Your child in the school directory and tells us where your child will go during an emergency dismissal.

Breakfast at Pershing

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Children who eat breakfast are more alert in the classroom, are more attentive to the teacher, and are able to learn without the distraction of hunger. We offer breakfast at Pershing every morning starting at 7:40 a.m. There is no registration needed and your child(ren) are welcome to come anytime. The price for a student meal is \$0.90 and the price for an adult/visitor meal is \$1.25. Breakfast is included if your child receives free or reduced pricing for lunches. We are temporarily serving both breakfast and lunch in the gym due to construction.

Construction Update

Students and staff throughout the building are reporting that they are very glad to have air conditioning! SEM paras and other staff are providing escorts for students who need to travel to the building to use the restroom, go to the nurse, etc. Demolition continues in the Southwest wing of the main building. Ceilings and flooring have been removed. A few walls have been taken out in anticipation of the Information Center which will combine our media center and technology lab.

ATTENTION: BEGINNING MONDAY

- **THE REGULAR FULL DAY SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN AUGUST 25**
- **THE TARDY BELL RINGS AT 8:15 a.m. AND SCHOOL WILL BE LET OUT AT 2:53 p.m.**

No School
Monday, September 1, 2008
Labor Day – Office Closed

Gifts, treats, and invitations

Please **do not** send birthday treats, balloon bouquets, flowers, party invitations, etc. to school. These items will not be delivered to classrooms. It is disruptive to learning. In addition, the school often receives requests for lists of names and/or addresses of students, but unfortunately it is district policy that student names, addresses, and phone numbers cannot be given out by the school. PPTO will be working on a student directory. Thank you for your understanding. We recognize that birthdays are a special day in a child's life. At Pershing School, we will recognize birthdays each month in the main office with Mrs. Baker. You may reference page 15 of your Pershing calendar for further details.



JUST A REMINDER....

You can find this Pershing Newsletter along with the lunch menu and other great information at the Pershing website: <http://pershing.lps.org>