

PARENT'S PRIDE

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FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS

Parents, due to safety reasons, please be prepared to show identification when you pick up your child from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

DISMISSAL CHANGES

Any time a student is changing to a different bus or going home with a friend, a note must be brought to the office during homeroom. A parent or guardian must call the office to confirm the note.

EARLY DISMISSALS

When a student is being picked up for early dismissal, a parent/guardian or other adult on the student's emergency contact list must come in the office and sign out the student. Students will not be called out of class until they are signed out.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Parents can view the Pennington Middle School website by logging on to www.leectysch.com.

CHORUS NEWS

Congratulations on your winter performances including the Christmas Concert with Symphony of the Mountains and the Winter Choral Concert!

Upcoming dates:
Junior District Honor Choir on Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, 2017 in Richlands, VA

GEOGRAPHY BEE



Pennington Middle School held a geography bee on December 8, 2016. Students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade competed in the competition which included questions covering United States and World Geography and History. The bee was very competitive with Caleb Fritts, son of Shannon and Summer Fritts being the champion. Allison Garrett daughter of April McQueen and Chad Garrett was second place and Zoe Taylor daughter of Jamey and Sherry Taylor was third.

SPELLING BEE



Pennington Middle School Spelling Bee was held on November 30, 2016. Over twenty-five students participated in the bee which went on for over thirty rounds before determining a winner. Hunter Scott, son of Amanda and Dustin Scott was the winner. Noah Bryant son of Mary Bryant came in second place. Hunter will compete in the county bee in January.

SPRING FLING DRESS CODE

Spring Fling is approaching, and although a date has not been determined, we are aware that some of you may be beginning to shop for your attire. First and foremost, we highly recommend "Sunday Dress" for this event. For girls, all dresses must be secured at the top by some type of strap or sleeve. No strapless dresses will be allowed. Dress length must also be at least to the fingertips. Splits in dresses must extend no higher than the fingertips. No dresses with bare midriffs will be allowed. For boys, your clothing must meet regular school dress code regarding holes above the knees, etc. We would like for you to also adhere to the "Sunday Dress" style, for example, khaki or black pants and a button up shirt.

Above all we want to encourage our students to dress appropriately for their age. Remember this is not a high school prom. If you have any questions, please contact the school. If you are unsure if a dress will be allowed, please contact Mrs. Collier before you purchase the dress. You may e-mail pictures to sherry.collier@leecountyschools.net

BAND NEWS

Dakota Seiber will be attending All-District Band in Abingdon, on February 3 & 4. This is a high honor and privilege! He will be one of six students representing Lee County and the only one from Pennington Middle. Congratulations Dakota!!!

GUIDANCE NEWS

Eighth Grade

Eighth grade students will tour LHS and the Vocational School on January 23, 2017.

Eighth grade students will be taking the Writing SOL Test in March. The exact date has not been announced. Students will take two parts of this test: a multiple choice section and direct writing sample. The test dates will be announced when available.

Sixth and Seventh Grade

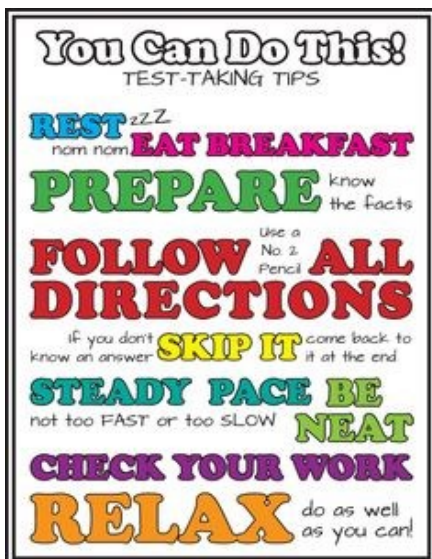
Current sixth and seventh grade students will be registering for their 2017-2018 classes.

EIGHTH GRADE BABY PICTURES

Eighth grade baby pictures for the yearbook need to be turned in to Mrs. Edwards by January 20, 2017. Pictures may be printed or sent digitally to holly.edwards@leecountyschools.net.

SPRING SPORTS

Spring sports (softball, baseball, track, and soccer) will begin in the next two months. Students who are interested in these sports should listen for announcements at school regarding tryouts and practices. A current sports physical will be required to participate.



BELL SCHEDULE

8:15 Tardy Bell
8:15-8:20 Homeroom
8:20 - 9:15 First Period
9:15 - 10:10 Second Period
Extended Class Change 9:42
10:10 - 11:05 Third Period
Extended Class Change 10:38
11:05 - 12:20 Fourth Period

11:05 - 11:30 Eighth Grade Lunch
11:30 - 11:55 Seventh Grade Lunch
11:55 - 12:20 Sixth Grade Lunch

12:20 - 1:13 Fifth Period
Extended Class Change 12:47
1:13 - 2:05 Sixth Period
Extended class change 1:40
2:05 - 3:00 Seventh Period
3:00-3:10 Homework Assistance

LUNCH MENU

Fresh fruit, condiments, and milk available daily. Broccoli/Spanish, carrots (cooked or raw)/sweet potatoes; tomatoes; pinto/beans/baked beans, green beans/peas, and potatoes/corn are offered daily

1-13 ham or turkey hoagie, potato wedges
1-16 corn dog nuggets, corn
1-17 chicken noodle soup or pizza, diced potatoes
1-18 pepperoni pizza, corn
1-19 beef and macaroni or bbq chicken, mashed potatoes
1-20 chicken salad hoagie or hamburger, baked French fries
1-23 hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges
1-24 chicken or beef taco, corn
1-25 cheese pizza, corn
1-26 sloppy joe or corndog nuggets, French fries
1-27 breaded chicken patty on bun, tater tots
1-30 pepperoni pizza, corn
1-31 bacon hamburger or meatloaf, mashed potatoes

REMEDATION

Remediation for math and English will occur during p.e. class or electives for students identified by their teachers or their benchmark test scores as being deficient in specific SOL skills. The purpose of remediation is to have students become proficient in these skills while still moving forward with their regular classwork.

BETA CLUB VISITS DIXIE STAMPEDE

On December 2, 2016, Pennington Middle School Junior Beta Club visited Dixie Stampede in Pigeon Forge, TN. Students were treated to a pre-show of Christmas music and then enjoyed the Christmas version of the dinner show. All in attendance reported having fun and receiving an excellent meal. In order to be invited to join the Junior Beta Club, students are required to have above average grades and attendance and must exhibit exemplary behavior.

