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## ***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER***

### ***FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUG. 17TH***

#### **District Enrollment**

**For all students  
in the PBHS Brown Gym  
on August 9th & 10th!**

**More information  
inside!!!**

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

**PBES AND PBHS  
WILL HOLD OUR  
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE  
ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21st  
7pm - 8pm**

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



# Peabody-Burns U.S.D. 398

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As I address you in this district newsletter for the first time as Superintendent of Schools at Peabody-Burns, I do so with a sense of excitement and optimism concerning the upcoming year. After leaving a district and community my family has called home for 21 years, my wife (Patty) and I have settled-in after a hectic summer of moving. It has been a challenging, but rewarding experience to-date. We have felt right-at-home and continue to enjoy becoming a part of this community.

New administration for the district is but one of many staff changes this year. Staff members who left last year are; Steve & Donna Glover: Donna is now a counselor at Valley Center Elem. and Steve is the music instructor at Chisholm MS in Newton, Marc & Sara Grout returned to the family farm near Mankato, Ty LaRue returned to his home state of Oklahoma, and Venita Loewen retired after 36 years of service to Peabody-Burns schools and remains in Peabody. New faces to the district are;

**Katie Fooshee** will be replacing Mrs. Grout as the 6-12 school social worker/career development facilitator. Working in the Wichita area, Miss Fooshee recently received her Masters at WSU.

**Ryan Panko** will be replacing Mr. LaRue as the PBHS Vo-Ag instructor. He was employed at LaCrosse HS last year.

**Jennifer Hurst** will be replacing Mrs. Glover as the new MTSS coordinator in the elementary, and **Cindy Sattler** will be replacing Mr. Grout as the math/project-based learning facilitator. Both ladies are not strangers to USD 398 having both served in the special ed. program last year.

**Travis Schafer** will be replacing Mrs. Riggs as the 4th grade teacher at PBES, (Mrs. Riggs will assume the position of Title I facilitator since Mrs. Gossen has moved into the position of Pre-K facilitator at PBES). Mr. Schaffer has been teaching at Ransom for the past few years, and moves back to his home area; he is a Canton-Galva HS and Tabor grad.

**Brenda Tofteland** will be assuming the position of K-5 vocal teacher for PBES, a position re-instituted after a one-year suspension. Mrs. Tofteland, an experience music teacher, recently moved to Newton with her husband who is the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Newton.

**Steven Wilson** will replace Mr. Glover as the 5-12 instrumental/6-12 vocal instructor for USD 398. Mr. Wilson, a recent WSU grad, is excited to lead the prestigious Peabody-Burns music program.

The year ahead will be a year of district needs assessment for me. During this time as I get to know the staff and the kids, I realize that we have a lot of things to deal with and plan for. With the waiver Kansas received concerning NCLB, we now set our sights as educators on meeting Common Core Standards and focusing on individual student growth and success. We will do this while keeping an eye on the school financing situation and hope that some of the bleaker projections do not transpire, and that public education will be given the chance to truly provide children with a quality education throughout the state.

Before closing I would like to acknowledge the importance of Mr. Evancho's interim time served at USD 398. His service to the district and community should be recognized for what it was, a stabilizer for seven months. His experience in education and prior knowledge of the area dynamics has been greatly appreciated by the district and me, as he has worked very hard at helping with the transition period. I wish Mr. Evancho the best with his retirement years, and thank him for coming out of retirement for a period of time to provide leadership for this district and its children these past months.

# Cross The Line

Written by: Tim Robertson

Welcome back to the 2012-2013 school year! I know that it's almost time for school to start because I just got the meal menus for August. I'm already looking forward to Tuesday, the 21st..... Hot Dog on a Bun (the world's most perfect food)!

Every year we have a theme to focus on here at PBJSHS. This year our theme is "Cross The Line". The emphasis for this short statement is making "choices" that will give us the chance to make good things happen – better results, better relationships, more responsibility. Every choice that we make can be thought of as a line. On one side is a greater chance of making good things happen. On the other side there is less of a chance. With each line there is a choice....cross the line and have a better chance at making meaningful things happen or don't cross the line and settle with a lesser chance. Will we decide to "cross the line"? There are four action phrases that we will emphasize with the "Cross The Line" theme:

Choose to Commit – Make the choice to improve your chances to go past "being average". Approach everything you do with the intent to succeed.

Work Hard – Good things rarely come easy or cheaply. Effort and attention are the fundamentals behind everything. Accept that there are no quick fixes. Earn your results and push yourself. That's how special things are created.

Focus – Eliminate distractions. Minimize exposure to NEGATIVE people, thoughts, and things that will keep you from "crossing the line". Time passes quickly and you can never get it back. Make good use of it.

Bounce Back – Learn from your mistakes and challenges and always remember your choice to make good things happen for yourself and the people around you.

"Crossing the Line" is not an easy process, but it is simple. We will be keeping the topic in the forefront all year through posters, wrist bands and classroom discussions. Helping students and staff make good choices will improve achievement, reduce conflicts and create a positive culture that will increase pride in ourselves, our school and our community.

I'm looking forward to a great year! Remember that enrollment will be on August 9 and 10 and our first day of school is on Friday, August 17.

## Activity News

Written by Mr. Ray Savage

The school year of 2012-2013 is fast approaching. Prior to the start of school, however, all fall sports teams will be preparing for their first competitions. During the fall sports season, Peabody-Burns Junior Senior High offers cross country, football, and volleyball at both the junior and senior high levels. Cheerleading, a squad that has already been selected from tryouts last spring, will also be practicing and performing during the fall sports season at the high school level. Practices for all fall sports will begin on Monday, August 13th with the first competitions for the specific sports to begin by the 1st of September. (See your local printed sports calendars, school calendars, or the on line calendar for specific times, dates, opponents, and locations.)

A student athlete and their parent must complete and return THREE separate documents PRIOR to the student athlete participating in a PRACTICE. These forms—physical, concussion, and medical release/insurance—can be obtained at the high school office or at the district web site. These three documents, required by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, must be on file in the athletic director's office prior to any student athlete participating in a school sponsored athletic activity.

A perfect night to hand in the documents stated above will be Friday, August 10th. A Fall Sports Parents Meeting will be held in the Brown Gymnasium beginning at 6:30. A parent and their student athlete will have a chance to turn in all required documents, meet the 2012 fall sports coaches, get specific information concerning each fall sport in regards to practice times, drug and alcohol policies, lettering policies, and other sport specific requirements. The new 2012-2013 sports calendars will also be available.....HOPE TO SEE YOU ON OR BEFORE THE 10th.

# PBES Happenings

Written by Mr. Ken Parry

Welcome Back! The staff, teachers and I are looking forward to another great year at Peabody-Burns Elementary. This summer has gone by extremely fast. The faculty and staff have done an excellent job in preparing for our new year.

Once again, we are offering our After School Adventures program for those students who need a place to go after school. This program runs from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM daily where students participate in many activities as well as enjoy an afternoon snack. The program was developed to help parents who do not want their children home alone if they end up working or running an errand past the dismissal of school.

This year of preschool promises to be an exciting one. Mrs. Gossen will be our new preschool teacher and Mrs. Phillips will be returning to our preschool to greet our 3 and 4 year olds. The morning session will run from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM while the afternoon group will attend from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

In addition to Mrs. Gossen being our new preschool teacher, Mrs. Riggs will be our Title I teacher. Mrs. Riggs has taught 4th grade at PBES for many years. We also have some new teachers in the building. Mrs. Jenny Hurst will be our MTSS Coordinator and our Student Improvement Team Leader. Mr. Travis Schafer will be teaching 4th grade this year. Our vocal music for grades K - 5 will be taught by Mrs Brenda Tofteland. Let's welcome these educators to our PBES family!

In kindergarten through 5th grade, we will continue to work on both math and reading at PBES with continued implementation of MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports). The Kansas State Department of Education has adopted MTSS as a means for teachers to help students through the reading process. As the school year progresses, students work in different groups to help learn concepts with which they may have difficulty. By continually monitoring the students' progress and working with them in small groups, MTSS provides the student with different levels of support according to their need.

**It is extremely important to get your child to school on time. We ask that if your child eats breakfast, that he/she be at school when we begin serving at 7:40AM. School will start at 8:00 AM and students who are tardy may be staying in for recess or after school to review work missed while they were absent.**

Our grade school has an excellent faculty and staff. Our goal is to provide the best education possible for our students. We encourage you to come and visit, if possible. If you have any questions about the many things going on at Peabody-Burns Elementary, please do not hesitate to call one of the teachers or myself. I am looking forward to meeting you and your children as we begin the 2012-2013 school year!

## Parent and Community Involvement at PBES

Written by: Mr. Ken Parry

Involvement of our parents and other adult volunteers is extremely important to the success of our students here at Peabody-Burns Elementary School. Even though the school is charged with the education of each child, it is important that this process is a partnership between the parents and the school. We understand how extremely busy parents are, but also hope that parents, as well as others in the community, realize how important their involvement is to the success of our students and our school.

School-age children spend 70% of their waking hours (including weekends and holidays) outside of school. This means that while the students are here, we need to focus on how we can help them be successful both in and out of school. Family participation in education is the biggest factor when predicting how well a student will do in school. The earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects.

This being the case, people often wonder how they can become more involved in their school. Here is a list of ways that you can be more involved at PBES:

We would love to have parents and community members volunteer to help in our school and to work with our students. If you are interested in helping at PBES, please call our school at 983-2188 or you can email me at [kparry@usd398.com](mailto:kparry@usd398.com).

# LUNCH PAYMENTS

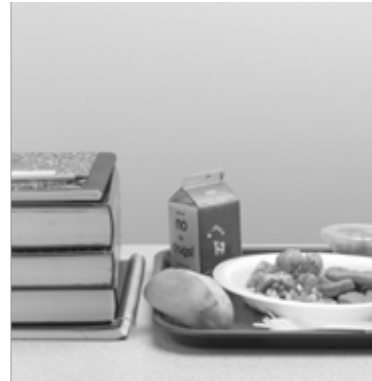
If your student will be eating hot lunches, please be prepared to pay for these in advance, either at the time of enrollment or prior to the 1st day of school, cash daily, or plan to send a sack lunch. If you plan to apply for Free/Reduced lunches, please do so as soon as possible. Your student will be charged full price until your application is approved. You are responsible for these charges!

## LUNCH PROCEDURE

1. Each student has a lunch account which is accessed; 1) 6-12 with a pin number, 2) PBES by scan. The 6-12 students are expected to know their pin number to access their account and be served lunch. Students paying cash need to pay the secretary in the office prior to lunch, preferably at the first of the day before classes start.

2. It is best to always have enough lunch money credited to accounts so that “charging” is not necessary. However, students will be allowed to overcharge their account to a maximum of -\$20.00. Students will be warned prior to the initial account being depleted up to the maximum of -\$20.00 charge. When the overcharge limit is reached, the lunch account is suspended and the student will have to pay cash until the account is monetarily covered once again. Please be aware that students are given reminder slips to take home prior to reaching this point, so several warnings are given before account suspension becomes necessary.

3. Our school participates in the Federal/State school lunch program for free and reduced lunches. There are applications available in the building offices and the district office. If you apply for Free/Reduced lunches, the full price for lunches will be charged until application is approved. You are responsible for any charges incurred prior to the application.



## Preschool at PBES

Written by: Mr. Ken Parry

Our school district will once again be offering preschool at Peabody-Burns Elementary School during the 2011-2012 school year. In order to attend preschool, your child must be at least 3 or 4 years old on August 31, 2011. This preschool is offered FREE of charge to all 3 or 4 year old children residing in our school district. We are glad that you are interested in our preschool.

Mrs. Michele Gossen will be our preschool teacher this year. There are morning and afternoon sessions that will run Monday through Friday. The morning session will be from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. The afternoon session will be held 12:30 PM- 3:30 PM.

Students attending the morning session will have the opportunity to have breakfast in the cafeteria at 7:45 AM. Students attending the afternoon session will have the opportunity to eat lunch in the cafeteria at 12:00 PM noon. Any students eating meals in the cafeteria will be charged the cost of the meal as found in the student handbook. Snacks will also be provided during each of the sessions free of charge.

Preschool is not mandatory. However, we ask that if you do enroll your child in the fall to attend preschool, that you make every effort to ensure his/her attendance daily. This is important so that a ‘slot’ is not taken when it could have been used for another child. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide this additional educational experience to the younger members of our district. Thank you for your support and participation in the district. We will let you know as soon as possible after enrollment, which will be held on August 9th and 10th, whether your child will attend the morning or afternoon session.

# PEABODY-BURNS SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2012-2013

Dates in the following calendar may be changed if such is necessary to schedule makeup days, for days lost to emergency school closings, in order to meet the minimum number of student instructional days required by state law.

### SEMESTER SCHEDULES

First Semester	August 17, 2012 through December 19, 2012
Second Semester	January 7, 2013 through May 15, 2013

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Staff Development/No School	August 14 through August 16, 2012
Staff Development/No School	August 23, 2012
Labor Day/No School	September 3, 2012
Staff Development/No School	September 17, 2012
<b>End of 1st 9 Weeks</b>	<b>October 12, 2012</b>
Staff Development/No School	October 15, 2012
Parent-Teacher Conferences	October 22 & 23, 2012 / 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Staff Development/No School	November 5, 2012
Thanksgiving Break	November 21-23, 2012
<b>End of 2nd Qtr/1st Sem.</b>	<b>December 19, 2012</b>
Staff Development/No School	December 20, 2012
Winter Break	December 21, 2012 to January 4, 2013
Staff Development/No School	January 4, 2013
Staff Development/No School	January 21, 2013
Staff Development/No School	February 18, 2013
<b>End of 3rd 9 Weeks</b>	<b>March 7, 2013</b>
Staff Development/No School	March 8, 2013
Spring Break	March 18-22, 2013
Good Friday/No School	March 29, 2013
No School	April 30, 2013
Staff Development/No School	May 1, 2013
<b>Last Day of School</b>	<b>May 15, 2013</b>
Teacher Work Day	May 16, 2013
Snow Make-Up Days	May 20-24, 2013



# District Enrollment

## August 9th and 10th

**Enrollment for both Peabody-Burns Elementary and Peabody-Burns Jr/Sr High School will be held in the high school Brown Gymnasium**

Thursday, Aug 9: 8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm; 6pm-8pm

Friday, Aug 10: 8am-12pm

Specific times for Peabody-Burns Jr/Sr High by classes on Thursday, August 9th:

8am-10am Seniors	1pm-3pm Sophomores	6pm-7pm 7th grade
10am-12pm Juniors	3pm-4pm Freshmen	7pm-8pm 6th grade
	4pm-5pm 8th grade	

For your convenience, our district will take Credit/Debit cards to pay all of your school fees.



We will be able to accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover cards anytime throughout the year for any school and/or lunch fees.

## Parents Online

If you have an email address, we can set up an account for you to view your child(ren)'s homework assignments, grades, and attendance. You can also pay school or lunch fees online. This service will be free of charge. Please stop by our Goedustar booth during enrollment.

Visit our website at  
[www.usd398.net](http://www.usd398.net)  
throughout the year to learn the latest information on our schools.

# STUDENT HEALTH

## IMMUNIZATIONS

The following is recent information from the State Health Department outlining and explaining guidelines surrounding student immunization requirements for attendance;

### SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS (JGCB)

Every student enrolled in a school in Kansas who has not already done so is required upon admission to school to present evidence of compliance with the Kansas School Immunization Law. Immunizations required for school entry include: diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, polio-myelitis, mumps, rubella (German measles) and measles (rubella). As an alternative to the inoculation certification a pupil shall present:

*Certification from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life of the child, or a written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose teachings are opposed to such inoculations, or a guardian that such inoculations are in process of being received and will be completed within 90 days after admission to school.*

**Non-compliance with the provisions of the K.S.A. 72-5209 as stated will result in the child being excluded from school until compliance of the law has occurred.**

The building principal will notify the parent or guardian in writing of the date the child will be excluded from school. The notice shall:

- (1) Indicate the reason for exclusion from school attendance;
- (2) State the pupil shall continue to be excluded

the pupil has complied with the law; and

(3) Inform the parent or guardian that a hearing shall be afforded them upon request. On the third consecutive day of absence due to exclusion, the student will be reported to the juvenile court a truant.

### **The following are immunization requirements by the Kansas Department of Health;**

- ☒ Booster dose of Tdap required at 7th Grade,
- ☒ Hepatitis B: three doses required grades K-10.
- ☒ Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for Kindergarten; one dose required grades 1-10 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.
- ☒ Hepatitis A: two doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in preschool operated by a school.

Please note that upon enrollment for the 2012-13 school year, medical records will be reviewed and letters sent to parents whose students need immunizations. A date will be set and compliance expected or the student may be withheld from school until met.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please feel free to contact the building administration.



# DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

**Peabody-Burns USD 398 is committed to developing productive citizens, teaching for life-long learning, and promoting excellence in every student.**

## NOTICE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

To parents or guardians of students of Peabody-Burns USD 398; all persons who are eighteen (18) years of age:

You are hereby notified that the Board of Education of USD 398, Peabody, Kansas, has designated the following categories of information as "Directory Information"

- a. Name, address and telephone listing
- b. Date and place of birth
- c. Major field of study
- d. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- e. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- f. Dates of attendance
- g. Degrees and awards received
- h. The most recent education agency or institutions attended by the student

**The above categories of "directory information" will become public records of each said student, unless you inform USD 398, at 506 Elm, Peabody, Kansas, 66866, on or before August 31, 2012 that all or any of the information designated shall not be released without your prior consent. Upon request, the District discloses education records, without consent, to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.**

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## NON-DISCRIMINATION

In compliance with the Executive Order 11246; Title II of the Education Amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation implementing Education Amendments of 1972 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and all other Federal, State, School rules, laws, regulations and policies; the Peabody-Burns USD 398 shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap in the education programs or activities which it operates.

All students attending Peabody-Burns USD 398 may participate in education programs and activities, including but not limited to: health; physical education; music and vocational and technical education, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, handicap or sex.

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Fourth of July pictures prior to the parade of Superintendent Ron Traxson showcasing the "32 Ford Phaeton that was a product of the car restoration program at Peabody-Burns High School.

### ***Stay In Touch...***

We hope each of you have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the beginning of another school year. As school approaches, we at USD 398 are looking forward to seeing you and your student(s) during the 2012-2013 school year. It is the wish of this administration that you, as a parent, are informed and aware of your child's progress. You are welcome to come and visit any time you feel the need. Other ways to stay informed;

USD 398 website : <http://www.USD398.net/>



<http://www.facebook.com/#!/PeabodyBurnsHS>

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/PeabodyBurnsES>

Go.edustar:

<https://goedustar.harriscomputer.com/>

:Your Goedustar access keeps you up-to date and informed concerning your student's grades. Through this you can establish email contact with your child's teachers for follow-up on questions or concerns.

# CHILD HEALTH ASSESSMENT AT SCHOOL ENTRY

Health tests and inoculations; certification of completion required, alternatives; duties of school boards.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c), in each school year, every pupil enrolling or enrolled in any school for the first time in this state, and such other pupils as may be designated by the secretary, prior to admission to and attendance in school, shall present to the appropriate school board certification from a physician or local health department that the pupil has received, or is in the process of receiving and will have completed within days after admission to school, such tests and inoculations as are deemed necessary by the secretary by such means as are approved by the secretary.

(b) As an alternative to the certification required under subsection (a), a pupil shall present

- (1) Certification from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life or health of the child, or
- (2) a written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such tests or inoculations, or
- (3) a written statement signed by one parent or guardian that such tests or inoculations are in the process of being received and will be completed within 90 days after admission to school.

(c) Every pupil enrolling or enrolled in any school in this state who has not complied with the requirements of subsections (a) or (b) of this section, shall present evidence of compliance with either of such subsection to the school board upon admission to school.

(d) Prior to the commencement of each school year, the school board of every school affected by this act shall give to all known pupils who are enrolled or who will be enrolling in the school, or as designated by the secretary, a copy of this act and any policy regarding the implementation of the provisions of this act adopted by the school board.

(e) If a pupil transfers from one school to another, the school board of the school from which the pupil transfers shall forward with the pupil's transcript, upon request of the parent or guardian of the pupil therefore, the certification or statement showing evidence of compliance with the requirements of this act to the school board of the school to which the pupil transfers. (KSA 72-5201 to 72-5213)

## PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

The Elementary and Secondary Act of 2002 (ESEA or "No Child Left Behind") requires schools to annually notify parents of their rights to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. The ESEA goal is for every child to have "highly qualified" teachers. Highly qualified teachers in Kansas are those individuals who have obtained college degrees and full Kansas certification as a teacher in the area the individual is teaching. Teachers have not had certification of licensure requirements waived on an emergency, temporary, or provisional

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A parent who wishes to know the qualifications of his child's teacher may request this information from the building principal. The principal will provide information on the teacher's education and certification.