



# The Hawk Herald

## Prairie View Elementary

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### *Student Well Being in a Pandemic World*



Now, more than ever there is a growing need for Social-Emotional learning for our students during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The elementary years bring exciting new challenges and opportunities. Right now is the ideal time to nurture social-emotional competence and develop foundational learning skills. This year Prairie View will be implementing a Second Step K-5 curriculum that provides a fully integrated framework for protecting elementary school students and promoting their social, emotional, and academic success. By combining our Bullying Prevention Unit and Child Protection Unit with our foundational Second Step Social-Emotional Learning, we've simplified an approach for safe, supportive schools. Each component's lessons are age-appropriate, easy to teach, and fun to learn. Online resources and training will also be included. Students will gain the skills they need to become caring, confident, and capable learners and problem-solvers.

The first 5 weeks of school teachers will be implementing a weekly community building lesson that is intended to rebuild students' connections to school in the wake of extended school closures. The remaining weeks teachers will implement an actual lesson from the curriculum.

This will be a different yet exciting new year. Prairie View staff are looking forward to fostering a positive, supportive school environment.

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**Dismissal times** will be staggered at the end of the day. At the afternoon bell, children will line up in classrooms socially distanced. With support from teachers, children will methodically exit their classroom doors and proceed to the back blacktop, the bus loop, and the flagpole to meet their masked and socially distanced parents, caregivers, and their buses.

Please do not pick up your children before our 3:20 dismissal. We would kindly ask that you do not enter the building to checkout your child before dismissal before we normalize our systems.



### Mask Up to Open Up PVI!



There have been several rumors and conversations about student masks. Here are the official guidelines:

1. We expect every student to wear a mask as stated in our safety plan. A face shield (with or without drape) is an approved face covering by the Department of Health for students. A mask or face shield that covers nose and mouth is permitted. Neck gaiters do not meet the masking requirement and are therefore not permissible.
2. Exception: Students with a note from their health care provider (MD, DO, ARNP, PAC). This choice must be accompanied by a doctor's note as indicated above.

