



The Hawk Herald

Prairie View Elementary

Dr. Irene Gonzales, Principal
Brenda Goehring, Asst Principal

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A Note From the Assistant Principal



Dearest Prairie View Families,

There is so much going on here on the Prairie! Here's a short list....

In the Fall of 2021 the Mead School District will open a new elementary school located on Five Mile Prairie on the same 68-acre site as Highland Middle School. In preparation for the opening of this new school there is a need to revise the Prairie View Elementary School attendance boundary. We will keep you up to date as we get more information regarding these boundary changes.

Another change on the Prairie: our sister school across the road has a name! Click on [Skyline](#) for the progress being made. It's pretty awesome to look out our windows here at Prairie View and see the tower cranes and construction progress happening in real time.

The most exciting happenings on the Prairie are with your children! Every day I am amazed at the way your kids come to school excited to be here. They (and you) survived months of isolation and best attempts to do on-line learning. I was just telling a 5th grade class today how hard our staff worked to make face-to-face learning a reality and how very thrilled we are every day that we are here together. Your kids are resilient, positive, creative, hard-working, and making the best of our current reality. We know that those traits have been fostered at home. Thank you for supporting your kids and our staff. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!**

As we move from Thanksgiving into the December holidays, there is much to be thankful for and remain hopeful about. Whenever I look into the eyes of your child, I see the hope that comes through and for that I am thankful.

Be sure to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or good stuff to share about your child. Best wishes to you and your family.

Warmly,
Brenda Goehring
Assistant Principal

Dates to know in December

- Dec 1-15** Tree of Sharing Gifts Due
- Dec 7** PTO Meeting (Zoom @ 6pm)
- Dec 12** Vanessa Behan Donation Drive (10-1pm)
- Dec 10-18** Hanukkah
- Dec 21** Winter Solstice
- Dec 21-Jan 3** Winter Vacation
- Dec 25** Christmas Day
- Dec 26-Jan 1** Kwanzaa
- Dec 31** New Year's Eve



Prairie View's Annual Service Project

Prairie View is holding our annual school wide service project to benefit the **Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery**. This nursery is the only facility of its kind in Spokane that assists families with emergency childcare needs at no cost. The nursery runs completely from donations. While we cannot accept money for the nursery we would like to support them with donated items.



Like everything else this year, our collection will look differently. We will be collecting items in the Prairie View bus loop on Saturday, December 12 from 10-1. Please mask up and practice social distancing to donate your items.

All families are invited to participate. So much joy can come from helping others. Therefore, we are encouraging students to ask for a few chores to earn the money to purchase an item for a child in need.

Click [HERE](#) for the wish list

Dressing for the Weather

With winter quickly approaching, here are some reminders around sending your kiddos to school.

We **will** be going outside every day, weather permitting. That is, if it isn't snowing heavily, or the temperature isn't freezing, we will go outside. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather. This means:

- a winter coat and hat
- winter mittens or gloves
- snow pants
- boots



An extra pair of socks and pants in your child's backpack will help ensure they can be warm and dry for the entire day. Please make sure your child's name is on all items. You would be surprised how many pairs of black snow pants we get!

Upcoming dates in January



- Jan 1** New Year's Day
- Jan 4** Back to School
PTO Meeting (Zoom @ 6:30 pm)
- Jan 18** No School (MLK Day)



Mrs. Nordhagen's Library News

Hello families! Lately, we have been working on projects to share about ourselves during library time. Students in grades 3-5 worked on designing an "About Me" google slide using word art, images, and animation. We shared these in library class and I was so impressed with their creativity! Ask your child to share theirs with you 😊

Students in 1st and 2nd grade worked on some "About Me" slides, focused on learning how to use the drawing, camera, and video tools in Seesaw. We got to draw our families, our favorite animal, and our favorite food! Kindergarteners drew a picture of a koala and wrote a fact about koalas. Did you know a koala is not a bear!?! Our K-2 students have also enjoyed reading books nominated for the WA Children's Choice Picture Book Award. Students will get to vote for their favorite book this spring.

Happy Reading!



Ms. Martin's Music Corner

Music at Prairie View is moving right along and kids are enjoying every minute of it! It's a very strange music year; no singing allowed, no Winter Extravaganza. But are we sad? NO! My vision for music this year is JOY! Music should be a joyful outlet for kids during stressful and uncertain times. What's the most joyful sounding instrument? The UKULELE! All 3-5th graders got a week of ukulele lessons and they have been doing great. Now that they've learned some basics, we can enjoy the ukulele all year long. Did your child love the ukulele? They make a great Christmas gift! Here is a great starter set from Amazon: [Uke starter kit](#). Kinders-2nd graders had a week of percussion instruments and learned that these instruments are played by hitting, shaking, or scraping. We played games and tried out a variety of instruments. We have also been doing a lot of movement and dancing and smiling.

DRIVE THRU EVENT

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 5 from 4-9 p.m. | 3024 W. Strong Road, Spokane

SANTA · LIVE REINDEER · SCAVENGER HUNT

Please bring non-perishable donations for the Mead Food Bank and your own camera for pictures!

Just a few more days until we see the kids of Spokane, Santa. Are you excited?

I can smell the cookies already.



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PARKING LOT SAFETY

For the safety of our students, please pull alongside the curb to pick your children up. If you are in the pick-up/drop off lane please remain with your car and pull forward as space allows. DO NOT double park, as this causes congestion of the parking lot. If you park your car, please remember to get out and walk across the parking lot to get your children. Staff cannot and will not allow them to run into the parking lot to you. *Thank you!*



COVID Case protocol update

With the number of positive cases of Covid-19 on the rise in Spokane County we have been asked to amend our quarantine practices and who we quarantine when a child is sent home ill from school during the day.

Until now, if your child starts to feel ill during the school day, we bring them down to the health room, asses them, and send that child home; siblings were left at school. ALL siblings across the district will now be sent home with the ill child, since they are finding that transmission is happening within families/communities and not within the schools.

This new guidance comes from the Spokane Regional Health District and will remain in effect as long as Spokane County has increased an increased incident rate of over 300 per 100,000. (Currently we have over 500 per 100,000)

Thank you for your understanding. Your partnership and willingness to help us hold to these guidelines is in part why we can continue to stay open and be successful in our endeavor to remain so.

ATTENDANCE CALLS

If you email a teacher about your child’s absence, please also call into the office or student attendance line (465-7884) to report your child ill. We are here to answer your questions and are a great resource to help you navigate through all the protocols that are in place this year.

Also, please understand that the daily attestation you fill out does not forgo the need to let us know WHY your child is gone. A call home will be going out if your kiddo is absent without further information. *Thank you!*

No volunteers or visitors

At this time we will not host volunteers or visitors in our building—for the health and safety of our students and staff. After we find success in our practice, and after we hear from county health officials, we may amend our tight procedures.



SRHD recommends quarantining siblings of any student staying home or sent home for symptoms, until:

- A negative result from a molecular/PCR test is obtained by the symptomatic student **OR**
- Symptomatic student has **ONLY ONE CLASS B SYMPTOM** that has resolved itself within 24 hours **OR**
- A doctor’s note is obtained with a diagnosis explaining the symptoms of the ill student

Please note that students must always stay home to quarantine if they have one Class A symptom or more than one Class B symptom. As a reminder, here are the symptom charts:

Class A Symptoms	Class B Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fever (100.4 *F or higher) * Cough * Loss of taste and/or smell * Shortness of breath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fatigue * Headache * Muscle/body aches * Sore throat * Congestion * Nausea or vomiting *Diarrhea

So, what do I do if my child has one Class A symptom or more than one Class B symptom?

- Keep that child, as well as any siblings, home from school or they will be sent home due to those symptoms being present within the household
- Obtain a negative PCR/molecular test for the symptomatic student
- If you are not wanting to have your symptomatic child tested, do either of the following:
 - Obtain a doctor’s note explaining the diagnosis
 - Keep all children in the household home for 10 days



Tags for our “Tree of Sharing” are up inside the entry way to the school. If you are a family who is interested in helping out another of our Mead families, please come and take a look at what is being requested.

If you decide to take a tag, please remember to record your name and phone number along with the number on the gift tag. All gifts must be wrapped and returned to the office by Friday, Dec 11th along with the tag from the tree. Thank you for keeping the PV tradition this year!



Prairie View Elementary
Elementary Breakfast

		01		02		03		04
	Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk		Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Juice Variety Milk	Filled Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk		Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk		
		07		09		10		11
Warm Bagel with Cream Cheese Juice Variety Milk	Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk		Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Juice Variety Milk	Filled Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk		Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk		
		14		16		17		18
Warm Bagel with Cream Cheese Juice Variety Milk	Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk		Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Juice Variety Milk	Filled Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk		Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk		
		21		23		24		25
Winter Break	Winter Break		Winter Break	Winter Break		Winter Break		Winter Break
		28		30		31		
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Prairie View Elementary
Elementary Lunch

01

Cheese Pizza
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

02

Cheeseburger
Hamburger
Veggie Burger
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Oven Baked Fries
Selection of Fruits
Milk

03

Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast & Cheese Omelet
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

04

Chicken Patty
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

07

Popcorn Chicken
Dinner Roll
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

08

Cheeseburger
Hamburger
Veggie Burger
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Oven Baked Fries
Selection of Fruits
Milk

09

Mandarin Chicken
Whole Grain Rice
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

10

Mini Corn Dogs
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

11

Cheese Pizza
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

14

Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast & Cheese Omelet
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

15

Cheeseburger
Hamburger
Veggie Burger
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Oven Baked Fries
Selection of Fruits
Milk

16

Turkey Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Dinner Roll
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Selection of Fruits
Milk

17

Cheese Pizza
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

18

Chicken Patty
Or
WG bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick
Vegetable Variety
Selection of Fruits
Milk

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Winter Break

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