



# The Hawk Herald

## Prairie View Elementary

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### A Note From the District

#### **Mead School District Educational Programs and Operations Renewal Levy**

Special election ballots in the Mead School District include Proposition 1, an educational programs and operations levy that funds many different areas that fall outside of state-funded basic education. This is **not a new tax**, but would replace an expiring EPO levy with a cost of \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. Funding from this levy covers items our community has come to expect of the Mead School District such as extra-curricular activities (sports, music and clubs), elective courses, staff for smaller class sizes, career-track and work-based learning opportunities and student support like nurses, para educators, counselors and social workers. Learn more at: [www.mead354.org/levy](http://www.mead354.org/levy).

*\*Ballots will be mailed out Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, voting on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>\**

### Dates to know in January

- Jan 4** Back to School  
PTO Meeting (Zoom @ 6:30pm)
- Jan 6** Town Hall Zoom Meeting  
w/superintendent  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87054956338>
- Jan 13** Town Hall Zoom Meeting  
w/superintendent  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87110146911>
- Jan 18** No School (MLK Day)
- Jan 22** Levy Ballots Mailed Out



### COVID quarantine/isolation dates that may affect return from winter break...

\*Please email your school nurse if any of these scenarios will affect your return to school on 1/4/21.

#### **Household Exposure after 12/10/20**

If someone in your household has COVID after this date, students/staff may return to school after **24 days from the day after the household members symptoms started or positive test result**. (24 day quarantine resets with every new positive household case)

#### **COVID Positive after 12/25/20**

If student/staff tests positive for COVID after this date you will be able to return after **10 days from symptom onset or positive test result** as long as symptoms are improved and fever free for 24 hours.



#### **Exposure after 12/21/20**

If you are exposed to COVID, students/staff may return to school after **14 days from the date after exposure**. (A negative test does not shorten quarantine time. Testing is recommended on day 5-7 after exposure or with the development of any symptoms)

Class A Symptoms	Class B Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (defined as subjective or 100.4 °F or higher)</li> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Loss of sense of taste and/or smell</li> <li>• Shortness of breath</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Muscle or body aches</li> <li>• Diarrhea (defined as two or more loose stools in 24 hours)</li> <li>• Sore throat</li> <li>• Congestion or runny nose</li> <li>• Nausea or vomiting</li> </ul>

#### **Illness after 12/25/21 (self or sibling)**

If staff/student or sibling of student is ill with COVID symptoms (1 "A" symptom or more than 1 "B" symptom for 24 hours), **before student and siblings can return to school**: a negative COVID test\* is required or waiting 10 days from symptom onset, fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.

\*(Only ill student needs the negative COVID test)

Dear Parents and Guardians of Prairie View Elementary Students:

It is so nice to have all the kids back in school. I hope that everyone had a fantastic time having your child(ren) at home for a couple of weeks. As wonderful as it is to have a break, I am always ready to return to the routine of school, plus I miss our students! January's newsletter is going to mainly focus on our upcoming district levy on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021. All of the information I will share in this newsletter can be found at:

[www.mead354.org/levy](http://www.mead354.org/levy)

Sometimes folks just want the basics, "just the facts ma'am!" Here is the breakdown of what you need to know:

- ❖ The Educational Programs and Operations Levy that will be on the Feb. 9, 2021, ballot is a three-year renewal of the current levy that is set to expire in 2021. ***It is not a new tax.***
- ❖ The Mead School District has been supported by a levy for more than 40 years.
- ❖ 11.7 percent of the Mead School District's budget comes from local funding, while the other 88% comes from a combination of federal and state funding.
- ❖ The current levy funds many different areas that fall outside of state-funded basic education, including items our community has come to expect of the Mead School District:
  - Extra-curricular activities (sports, music and clubs)
  - Elective courses, staff for smaller class sizes, career-track and work-based learning opportunities
  - Student support (nurses, para educators, counselors and social workers)
- ❖ If approved by voters on Feb. 9, the estimated levy tax rate for the Mead School District would be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$600 per year for a \$300,000 home.
- ❖ The Mead School District has listened to the community through multiple surveys and put that feedback into action through reopening schools, developing strategic priorities and planning for future programming.
- ❖ Strategic priorities developed through community feedback are the backbone of the programs that will be funded with the approval of this levy. Strategic priorities that community members identified as very important include:
  - Support for at-risk students K-12
  - Mental health support for students K-12
  - Career-track opportunities such as internships for HS students
- ❖ Mead School District is leading the way in the state. Reopening reports:
  - As of mid-November 2020, data from the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) only 3.9% of WA students attended a district that opened in a similar model. The Mead School District makes up:
    - 25% of all students in WA with access to hybrid or full-time
    - 41% of Washington's K-5 full-time students
    - 17% of Washington's 6-12 in-person hybrid students

If you wish to learn more, there are two upcoming zoom opportunities around the corner. I hope you will take advantage of these meetings with our superintendent Shawn Woodward to learn more:

**January 6, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**

Join by clicking this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87054956338>  
or by Phone: US: +12532158782, 87054956338#

**January 13, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**

Join by clicking this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87110146911>  
or by Phone: US: +12532158782, 87110146911#

**MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2021 RENEWAL LEVY**  
  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Thank you so much for your continued support of our schools and for trusting us to education your child(ren).

Dr. Irene Gonzales

## 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!*

## Dressing for the Weather



Winter has only just begun! Please remember the following when sending kids to school:

We **will** be going outside every day, weather permitting. That is, if it isn't snowing or raining heavily, or the temperature isn't below 17 degrees (with the wind chill), we will go outside. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the weather:

- a warm coat and hat
- 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 February



- Feb 9** Voting day for renewal Levy  
(In ballot box by 8 pm!)
- Feb 15** No School (Presidents Day)
- Feb 19** Early Dismissal @ 12:45 pm
- Feb 24** Early Dismissal @ 12:45 pm  
Conferences 1 – 5:45 pm
- Feb 25** Non Student Day (No School)  
Conferences 12 – 7 pm
- Feb 26** Non Student Day (No School)  
Conferences 8 – 11:25 am

## Student Check In/Out Policy

With the implementation of social distancing measures within our school district you do not need to physically sign your child in or out. However, a parent or guardian or other approved adult emergency contact must come to the office door and speak to the office staff to get the child out of school. If it is someone other than a parent who will be picking up a student, please be prepared to show staff a driver's license or other form of identification so we can verify that person is clear to pick up. ***The office will call the classroom to dismiss the student when you get here, we will not call them down ahead of time.*** Please be as thoughtful as possible when scheduling or requesting out of class time to minimize disruptions, **particularly at the end of the day, as we will not interrupt classes after 3:00pm.** Teachers and students regard this as a very important summary to the days learning experience. Please plan your pick-up times for appointments accordingly. Thank you.

# Daily Learning Planner

Elementary School

*Ideas parents can use to help children do well in school*

1. Help your child set a goal for 2021 and plan how to achieve it.
2. Pick a word from the dictionary and draw a picture of it. See if your child can guess the word. Then switch roles.
3. Ask your child how he feels today. Talk about feelings.
4. Encourage your child to start a diary or journal this year.
5. Ask your child to do some real-life math. If your car has a 14-gallon gas tank and can go 336 miles per tankful, how far can it go on one gallon?
6. Help your child go online to research events that occurred on the day she was born.
7. Find an item small enough to fit in your child's pocket. Have him write a story about it.
8. Talk with your child about the importance of telling an adult when a person is being bullied.
9. Ask a librarian to recommend some award-winning books for children your child's age.
10. Have everyone in the family spend 30 minutes picking up the house. Many hands make light work.



## 2021 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS RENEWAL LEVY

### WHAT DOES THIS RENEWAL LEVY FUND?

#### ACADEMICS

- Elective Course Offerings
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Elementary Specialists
- Staff for Small Class Sizes

#### EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- Band, Choir, Orchestra, Art
- Athletics in MS and HS
- Speech and Drama
- Student Clubs

#### FUTURE READINESS

- Work-Based Learning
- Career-Track Opportunities
- STEM Courses
- Technology

#### STUDENT SUPPORT

- Nurses and Para Ed Support
- Counselors & Social Workers
- English Language Learning
- Student Intervention Support

### WHAT DOES THIS RENEWAL LEVY COST TAXPAYERS?

If approved by voters on Feb. 9, the estimated levy tax rate for Mead School District would be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

**FOR A \$300,000 HOME, THAT EQUALS \$600 PER YEAR OR \$50 PER MONTH**

Strategic priorities developed through community feedback are the backbone of this renewal levy and are fundamental to the student experience. These improvements will continue to strengthen our schools and prepare our students for the future:

- Support for at-risk students K-12
- Mental health support for students
- Career-track opportunities for 9-12 students (internships)

**EACH STUDENT FUTURE READY  
EMPOWERED TO DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE**

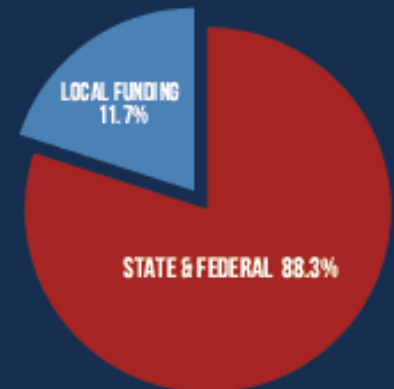


### IS THIS A NEW TAX?

No. It is a proposed three-year renewal of the current levy that expires in 2021. The Mead School District has had a levy in place for more than 40 years.

### WHAT ARE LEVIES FOR?

Levies provide local funding that bridges the gap between what the state and federal governments pay and the actual costs of operating our schools. Levies make up about 11.7% of the district's total operating revenue.



# Helping Children Learn<sup>®</sup>

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



January 2021

Mead School District

## Quizzes and practice tests help students study for the real thing

Research shows that some ways of studying for tests work better than others. One of the most effective techniques is taking practice tests. In order to answer a question, your child must recall the information, and this reinforces it in her mind.

Practice testing can occur in several ways, including:

- **In-class quizzes.** Help your child understand that quizzes are opportunities to practice recalling material. After taking a quiz and learning her score, have your child correct any wrong answers and save the quiz to use for future studying.
- **Working with others.** You can help your child study by calling out questions from her worksheets or class handouts. Or she can call a study buddy from her class.
- **Independent study.** Your child can work with flash cards. Or she can create her own practice tests. Help her look at notes, vocabulary words and review questions in her class materials, and think of questions the teacher might ask about them. Then she can practice answering.

Encourage your child not to stop at one quiz. Research shows that quizzing several times reinforces learning even more!

Source: E. Kang, "5 Research-Backed Studying Techniques," Edutopia, [niswc.com/practice-test](https://www.niswc.com/practice-test).



## Refresh your child's resolve

January is a time for new beginnings. Ask your child about how she thinks the school year is going. Together, think about ways she can improve it. She could resolve to:

- **Commit** to study and sleep routines.
- **Turn** assignments in on time.
- **Take** specific steps to master a new skill.

## Prevent misbehavior before it happens again

Does your child frequently misbehave in the same way? Since you can predict his behavior, you can think about ways to prevent it before it happens.

If your child tends to be distracted and crabby during study time in the late afternoon, for example, he may be hungry. Let him munch on a healthy snack before he works.



If he pitches a fit when it's time to go to bed, he may need a longer bedtime routine to transition from playing to sleeping.

## Optimize read-aloud time

Reading aloud is a great way to boost your child's vocabulary and interest in reading. So don't stop when she can read to herself. For the best results:

- **Read aloud** every day.
- **Preview the text** before reading.
- **Read books you like.** Your enjoyment can increase your child's.
- **Emphasize the first sentence.** Use it to grab your child's attention.
- **Read with expression.** Use voices for each character. Add facial expressions, too.
- **Stop for the day** while your child still wants more.



## Use toothpicks to develop math skills

With a box of toothpicks, you can help your child learn serious math skills such as reasoning, pattern recognition and even basic geometry all while having fun. Here are some simple games to play together:

- **Last one wins.** This is a great game for two people. Lay 12 toothpicks on the table. Take turns removing one or two toothpicks. The player who takes the last toothpick wins. (Try to leave three toothpicks on the table to guarantee a win on your next turn.)
- **Can you copy this?** Using five toothpicks, create a design. Let your child look at it for three seconds. Then cover it and see if he can recreate it from memory.
- **Tricky triangles.** Give your child seven toothpicks. How many triangles can he create?

For some more fun, visit [niswc.com/toothpick](https://www.niswc.com/toothpick) and tackle some brain-teasing puzzles from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



## 2021 Elementary Breakfast

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	1 Winter Break
4 Strawberry Breakfast Bar Warm Bagel with Cream Cheese Juice Variety Milk	5 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	6 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	7 Egg Cheese English Muffin Egg & Cheese Bagel Juice Variety Milk	8 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Mini Pancake Wrapped Sausages Juice Variety Milk
11 Strawberry Breakfast Bar Juice Variety Milk	12 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	13 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	14 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	15 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Mini Pancake Wrapped Sausages Juice Variety Milk
18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	20 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	21 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	22 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk
25 Strawberry Breakfast Bar Juice Variety Milk	26 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	27 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	28 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	29 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk

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## 2021 Elementary Lunch

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	1 Winter Break
4 Sweet and Sour Chicken WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Whole Grain Rice Milk Ranch Dressing	5 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast & Cheese Omelet WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Cheese Omelet	6 Cheeseburger Hamburger Veggie Burger WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Oven Baked Fries Selection of Fruits Milk Ketchup Ranch Dressing	7 Pepperoni Pizza WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing	8 Chicken Patty WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing BBQ Sauce
11 Popcorn Chicken WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Dinner Roll Dinner Roll Milk BBQ Sauce Ranch Dressing	12 Cheeseburger Hamburger Veggie Burger WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Oven Baked Fries Selection of Fruits Milk Ketchup Ranch Dressing	13 Mandarin Chicken WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Whole Grain Rice Milk Ranch Dressing	14 Mini Corn Dogs WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ketchup Ranch Dressing	15 Cheese Pizza WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing
18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast & Cheese Omelet WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Cheese Omelet	20 Cheeseburger Hamburger Veggie Burger WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Oven Baked Fries Selection of Fruits Milk Ketchup Ranch Dressing	21 Pepperoni Pizza WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing	22 Chicken Patty WG Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Stick Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing BBQ Sauce