



The Hawk Herald

Prairie View Elementary



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A Note From the Office

Happy Spring PV Friends and Family!



The columbine flower always reminds me of the simple and miraculous beauties to be found in nature. Like the columbine, we are surrounded by 560 young miracles at Prairie View. We are also blessed with about 80 caring adults who serve our kids each day, tending to their social, emotional, physical, and academic needs throughout the year.

The spring is full of new adventures waiting to bloom here on the Prairie. Here's a short list:

- Our 10th elementary school, Skyline, has hired a portion of its teachers who assisted in the selection of the 1st principal of Skyline.
- Another class of 5th graders is preparing to graduate PV to Highland Middle School.
- Speaking of 5th graders: We have an amazing group of 5th grade leadership students who have helped with kindergarten recesses, shared morning announcements, and come up with some really good Funny Friday jokes. They are rock stars!
- Our steadfast PTO Board continues to support kids and staff. They recently popped around 650 bags of popcorn as a surprise and sponsored an in-building field trip with [Mobius Discovery Center](#) for each grade. I'm hearing that there are plans in the works for a PV Staff Appreciation event. Thank you, PTO!
- There will be no Smarter Balanced Assessments this spring, giving teachers an extra three weeks of instruction time. This is such a good thing for kids! SBA is postponed until the fall. Watch for more information on this.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us; it means the world.

Warmly,

Brenda Goehring
Assistant Principal, Prairie View Elementary

Important dates in May

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| May 1 | May Day | |
| May 3 | PTO Meeting (Zoom) | |
| May 5 | Cinco de Mayo | |
| May 9 | Mother's Day | |
| May 10 | School Board Meeting | |
| May 24 | School Board Meeting | |
| May 27 | DLC Olympic Day @ School | |
| May 28 | LID Day/Student Remote Learning Day | |
| May 31 | Memorial Day (No School) | |

Dear Prairie View Parents,

I want to thank all of you for everything you have done with the COVID Protocols and Rules this year. With many safety measures kept faithfully as a community, we were able to keep our school open this whole year. Thank you!!!

I wanted to add a brief note regarding spring allergies, since allergies are commonly associated with congestion, sneezing, and sometimes coughing (similar to Covid symptoms). It would be helpful to have these known diagnoses on file with our student's health records. This would allow us (the school nurses) to keep these students in school and keep them from needing to get a Covid test unnecessarily.

Also, we are providing Covid testing here at the school for students, staff, and family. Thus, if your child does have symptoms of Covid, we can offer them to get tested at our drive-up clinic (please contact the school nurse).

Your School Nurses
Kristen Palpant, RN
Stacey Allore, RN



PV Or Skyline??

Whether you end up staying at Prairie View or moving over to Skyline for the 2021-2022 school year, we've got you covered! The office staff at PV will be handling the paperwork and questions for both schools until a new staff is hired at Skyline.

Part of our year end process is to take back all our students (remote, currently at PV and shuttled students) and sort them according to the new boundaries. We will place your student at the correct school – no need for you to reregister or do anything else, all their paperwork and records will end up at the school they will be attending in the fall. New kinders will need to register.

Feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

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!



Prairie View
**Special
Olympics**

May 27th will mark the day that students from our two DLC classrooms compete in our first ever Olympics – Prairie View Edition!

Over the years our wonderful staff has traveled to MHS for these games, but due to current Covid guidelines things will look a little different this year. They are working hard to create a fun and exciting experience for the kids right here at PV! Mrs. Reiner and Mr. Wiersma will lead their classes outside amid the cheering of fellow students as these super star students show off their talents! We can't wait to see them shine!!

Due to current restrictions and guidelines that must be followed, we cannot have visitors to these games but will pass along all the love and support we know you all have for our kids.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this happen this year! You ALL are Super Stars!!!

Important dates in June



- June 7** PTO Meeting @ 6 PM (Zoom)
- June 11** LID Day/Student Remote Learning Day
- June 18** MHS Graduation (Union Stadium)
- June 20** Father's Day
- June 25** Early Release @ 12:00 PM
- June 25** Last Day of School!
- June 30** PV Office Closes



Our Lost and Found is Overflowing!!!



Jackets, sweatshirts and lunch boxes...oh my! We have just about everything in our Lost and Found. Please send your kids by to claim their items or buzz into the office and describe what you are looking for. Don't forget...smaller items are kept in the office! We have a nice assortment of glasses and hair bows!



A few important reminders:

#1 – Please remember to call the attendance line to excuse your kids each time they are gone from school. The nightly questionnaire attests to their health, but does not tell us WHY they are gone.

#2 – Early pick up instructions or permission for your child to be picked up by someone else, needs to be shared with the office as well as the teacher. We will not let your child leave with another adult unless we hear from you that it is ok. ~ Thanks



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2021 Elementary Breakfast

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Mini Bagel Bar with Strawberry Cream Cheese Juice Variety Milk	4 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	5 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	6 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	7 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk
10 Mini Bagel Bar with Strawberry Cream Cheese Juice Variety Milk	11 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	12 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	13 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	14 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk
17 Mini Bagel Bar with Strawberry Cream Cheese Juice Variety Milk	18 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	19 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	20 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	21 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk
24 Mini Bagel Bar with Strawberry Cream Cheese Juice Variety Milk	25 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	26 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	27 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	28 No School
31 No School	1 Dutch Waffle Juice Variety Milk	2 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Filled Bar Juice Variety Milk	3 Egg Cheese English Muffin Juice Variety Milk	4 Pancake and Sausage Wrap Juice Variety Milk

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2021 Elementary Lunch

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Ham & Cheese Rippers Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing	4 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast & Cheese Omelet Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Cheese Omelet	5 Cheeseburger Hamburger Veggie Burger Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Oven Baked Fries Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ketchup Ranch Dressing	6 Pepperoni Pizza Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing	7 Chicken Patty Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing BBQ Sauce
10 Popcorn Chicken Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Dinner Roll Dinner Roll Milk BBQ Sauce Ranch Dressing	11 Cheeseburger Hamburger Veggie Burger Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Oven Baked Fries Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ketchup Ranch Dressing	12 Mandarin Chicken Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Whole Grain Rice Milk Ranch Dressing	13 Mini Corn Dogs Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ketchup Ranch Dressing	14 Cheese Pizza Chewy Oat Bar, Yogurt, and Cheese Vegetable Variety Selection of Fruits Milk Ranch Dressing
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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Mead School District



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Communicate directions, discipline with four effective strategies

Communication between you and your child supports learning. For example, having daily conversations about what your child is doing and thinking in class shows her that you care about her and that her education is a priority.



But when it comes to telling children what to do, many parents find themselves talking on and on—while their children listen less and less. When communicating about tasks, rules and discipline, experts recommend that parents:

- 1. Make infrequent requests.** As much as possible, help your child develop routines for doing things like schoolwork and chores.
- 2. Speak at a normal volume.** Your child will not hear you any more clearly if you yell. In fact, she is more likely to tune you out.
- 3. Keep it short.** When you give directions, limit the number of words you use. Instead of saying, "Alice, you know there's no TV until your work is done. I need you to finish your math. And you really should take a shower" try, "It's time for math. Then a shower—and then you can have TV."
- 4. Focus on the positive.** Roughly 85 percent your discipline should encourage the behavior you want to see. That leaves just 15 percent of the time for correcting negative behavior.



Plan ways to make reading a fun and frequent summer activity

Maintaining your child's reading skills and habits over the summer is an important way to make sure he will be prepared for the next school year. To avoid a reading setback this summer:

- **Discuss your child's interests.** Is there something he'd like to learn about when he has more time over break? Maybe he wants to know how power plants work, or how to identify snakes.
- **Pair fiction and nonfiction.** If your child reads a story about knights, he might enjoy reading an article about the sport of jousting as it's practiced today.
- **Be creative** about reading materials. All kinds of reading—joke books, hobby magazines, graphic novels, cookbooks—can help your child practice reading skills.
- **Look for reading contests** locally and online that your child can participate in. Ask a librarian for a list.

Source: "Summer Reading," Reading Rockets, nswc.com/summerreading.

Issue a writing challenge

Books all start in the same way—inside a writer's head. Raise this idea with your child. Say, "I bet you could write a book! You'd have the whole summer to do it." To get her thinking, have her pretend to be different characters. Then interview her. "What do you look like? What do you like to do?" Have her set aside regular writing time. Later she can design a cover and "publish" her book by making copies for friends.



Respectful students make it easier to teach and learn

In today's society, children see examples of disrespect everywhere. So it's vital to instill the importance of behaving respectfully in your child. To promote respect:

- **Name it** when you see others showing it.
- **Praise it** when your child shows it.
- **Correct** disrespect privately. "Remember what we said about interrupting?"
- **Pass compliments** along. If someone tells you your child was polite, let him know how proud you are of his behavior.

Head outdoors for math

Grab some chalk and enjoy some math activities on the sidewalk with your child!

- **Puddle watch.** After a rain, have your child trace around two puddles, one in the sun and one in the shade. Every hour, have her chart how much each puddle has changed and compare the rate of change.
- **Add it up.** Draw a large three by three grid. In each square, write a number from one to nine. Take turns tossing two stones into the grid and adding the two numbers. Write the answers down. After five rounds, who has the highest score?





Can anxiety about middle school cause bad behavior?

Q: My 11-year-old's behavior has been fine until this spring. Now he's acting out in class and with the family. I know he's anxious about going to middle school next fall. Could that be why? What can I do?

A: Anxious children tend to act out with the people they feel the closest to—usually parents and teachers.

The middle school transition can indeed bring out anxiety. Your child may have many worries: Will he be able to handle the work? See his friends? Will the virus still be changing how school works? If these fears are behind your child's behavior change, getting them out in the open will be a first step in dealing with them. Here's how:

- **Start the conversation.** See if you can get him to express his fears out loud. A low-key approach usually works best. You might say, "I bet you're wondering about who will be in your classes next year."
- **Discuss his concerns** with his teacher. Perhaps the teacher can lead a few class discussions about life in middle school. She may also be able to suggest a middle schooler your child could talk to about what it's like.
- **Remind him that he has coped** with the past year's changes, and you will help him cope next year. Then say that being worried is not an excuse to misbehave. He still needs to follow the school and family rules.



Parent Quiz

Are you connecting history to life?

One of the best ways to ignite children's interest in learning history is to make them feel connected to it. Sharing family information can do that. Are you teaching your child how she fits into history? Answer *yes* or *no* below:

1. **Do you show** your child old family photos and talk about the people in them?
2. **Do you look** at maps with your child to find the countries her ancestors came from and the routes they traveled?
3. **Do you encourage** your child to ask older relatives questions about their lives?
4. **Do you ask** your child to help you make scrapbooks to preserve family history?
5. **Do you cook** family recipes with your child?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are giving your child roots in family history. For each no, try that idea.

"... the attraction of history is in our human nature. What makes us tick? Why do we do what we do? How much is luck the deciding factor?"
—David McCullough

Don't let up on attendance

Studies show that students who miss just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades are still behind their peers when they reach high school. That's one reason attendance is critical right through the last day of school.

Teachers are still teaching new content. By taking part in class every day, your child won't miss anything. And she'll learn to be dependable—a quality that will help her throughout her school career.

Source: A. Ansari, R.C. Pianta, "School absenteeism in the first decade of education and outcomes in adolescence," *Journal of School Psychology*, Elsevier.

Reflect on the year's course

When people think of the 2020-2021 school year, many will remember its challenges. But don't lose sight of your child's successes! Sit down together and talk about:

- **Things that went well.** Did he persist despite difficulties? What new skills did he build? Celebrate his accomplishments!
- **Learning goals** for the summer. Ask the teacher what your child should work on to start the next year strong.

Plan for family adventure

To prevent boredom and promote learning over the summer, plan some local family field trips. Consider outdoor sites such as:

- **A garden center** or nursery. Observe workers planting, watering and pruning. Learn about natural pest controls, such as ladybugs and praying mantises.
- **An airport.** See if your child can spot the control tower or planes taking off and landing.
- **A historic battlefield.** Before you go, read about the battle together.
- **A state or national park.** Bring a nature guide and maybe some binoculars and check out the hiking trails.



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