

The Prairieland Press

“It’s a Great Day to Be a Cougar!”

April/May 2024

<p>Attendance Line: 557-4473</p> <p>Please use the attendance line to report an absence or late arrival.</p>	<p>Principal: Scott Peters</p> <p>Office: 557-4424</p> <p>Hours: 6:45-3:15</p>	<p>School Website:</p> <p>www.unit5.org/prairieland</p> <p>Calendar:</p> <p>http://www.unit5.org/Page/38</p>
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Principal’s Message:

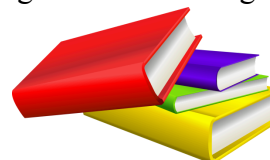
Our 23-24 Mission of Learning is almost complete. Our students have worked hard and grown in so many ways both academically and emotionally. I want to give a shout out to our staff and families for all of the hard work this year to help our students make progress in so many areas. While we are close to the end, we still have a lot to pack in. We have field trips for certain grades, end of year assessments, and a wide variety of learning opportunities for our students to complete. I may sound like a broken record, but continue to keep the kids in a steady routine with consistent bedtimes and a priority on being prepared each and every day.

Registration:

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year is open. In order to get started with registration for your kindergartener, you must first contact the main office at 309-557-4424, even if you are an existing family. **Also, if you have existing students in the district, registration is now open for the 2024-25 school year.**

Reading:

Believe it or not we only have 5 weeks of school left. The school year is flying by! As this will be the last newsletter of the year, I want to stress the importance of continuing to have your kids read throughout the summer in some way, shape, or form. There are summer reading programs through both the Normal and Bloomington libraries that are fun ways to challenge your children. Or, just build in time on a daily or weekly basis to keep their reading moving forward. Summers get busy with activities, vacations and many other things! The best thing that kids can do for their brains is to keep that reading going!



Arriving on Time:

I want to continue to emphasize the importance of getting the kids here and into class on time. Our school day starts at 7:45. Students begin their daily routines at 7:45, which sets the tone for the day. When students arrive on time it gives them a sense of calm. Being on time is a life skill which students need to learn and understand for the rest of their lives! Thanks for your help with this!



6th Grade Orientation for PJHS:

On April 23, 5th grade students will be visiting Parkside Junior High School. They will meet the Parkside guidance counselors to hear more about next year. These experiences help to prepare our 5th graders for the start of Junior High in August.

Parkside Junior High School will be having their 6th grade Orientation Night on May 1 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Information will be presented about the school, curriculum and health requirements. All of our current 5th grade students and their parents are invited to attend in person!

Volunteers:

If a teacher is in need of a volunteer during the year they may be reaching out for your assistance. We then will make sure the volunteers have gone through the appropriate steps to be cleared.

Playday:

Coming soon will be more information regarding our end of the year Playday activities. This will take place on the last full day of school, May 22. We will have a sign up coming soon for family members to help us out with the stations throughout the day. We appreciate your help with this fun day!

PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports:

PBIS is the system we use to provide an overall structure for behavior within our classrooms and school. Each month throughout the year we emphasize basic vocabulary and affirmations. Each month students can earn a fun “Out of the Blue” activity. Our out-of-the-blue for March was our 3rd Annual Rock/Paper/Scissor Championships! There were winners from each classroom who then competed in the grade level and lunch hour competitions! Our focus during the months of April and May is on building friendships, our community and as always...Being Kind! Each day during the month students are working together to figure out famous Dynamic Duo partners from the morning announcements. Be sure to ask them what some of the duos have been.



Attendance Call In:

This is just a reminder that any time your child is going to be absent, **we do need a call to our attendance line with the reason for their absence.** We are required to document the reason for your child's absence on a daily basis. Please use the attendance line phone number to record the absence. That phone number is 309-557-4473. This number can be called 24/7.

Senior Celebration

Former Prairieland students who are graduating this year are invited to come back and be recognized by the students and staff. We would love to see you, and recognize you for completing your elementary, middle school and high school career.

Date: May 23: 8:45-9:30

Where: Prairieland Elementary



Upcoming Calendar Events:

April

22 Earth Day Spirit Day: Wear Blue, Green or Earth related clothes

May

1 Early Release-Students dismissed at 10:45

2 K/1 Music Concert-Prairieland Gym

K-5:30 p.m.

1st-6:30 p.m.

3 Spirit Day: Future Me: Dress the way you see yourself in the future

5 3rd Annual Unit 5 Foundation Walk/5K-Maxwell Park

6-10 Staff Appreciation Week!

12 Mothers Day

22 Play Day

23 Last Half Day of School-Students Dismiss at 10:45

