



# The HAWKEYE

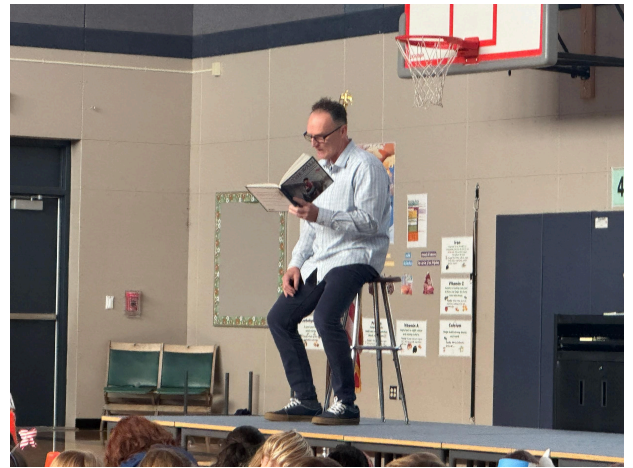
FROM PROUD PRAIRIE VIEW PRINCIPAL WALTER

## IN GRATITUDE,

Hello Prairie View Families,

As we approach Veterans Day, I'm filled with gratitude for the incredible men and women who joined us at our Veterans Day Assembly. Thank you to each veteran and their families who spent this special morning with us. It was truly heartwarming to see so many of you gathered together as a community, honoring the courage, sacrifice, and commitment of our veterans.

Seeing our students and staff connect with those who've served was powerful, and sharing coffee, doughnuts, and conversation made the day all the more meaningful.



We see YOU Hawks, and we are grateful for the strength and inspiration you bring to our school community!

**Our Mission:** Ensuring ALL students learn and grow at high levels!

With gratitude,

Principal Walter

### **COLD WEATHER IS HERE!**

Fall is definitely here, and the weather is turning. It's getting colder and wetter by the day. Please help your sons and daughters remember to dress for the weather every day.

Please know that we go outside for recess every day unless the "feels like" temperature drops below 20 degree or it is excessively wet.

Boots, coats, hats, gloves and long pants (and snowpants once the snow starts falling) are a good idea. This is also a great time to start practicing with your younger student so they can get their own snow gear on. This can be challenging for our kinder and first-grade students, so please start practicing so they are ready to go once the snow starts flying.



### **TREE OF SHARING**

At Prairie View, we believe in the power of community and the importance of supporting one another. Our Holiday Giving Tree is a heartfelt tradition where our Hawk families come together to make the holiday season brighter for those in need. Through this program, families can either receive assistance or contribute by helping fulfill wish lists. This is a tradition I'm proud of and one that makes us ALL stronger.

Please go [\[HERE\]](#) to get specifics on how to sign up for assistance or how to help.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

We have a ton of items hanging on our Lost and Found racks. We've been putting these out front at the beginning and end of the school day. If your son or daughter lost anything this year, please come and see if we have it.



## CLUBS!

PV has some of our favorite clubs coming back this fall, and we couldn't be more excited to provide opportunities for students to connect with school outside of the regular day.

The **Math is Cool Club** at Prairie View Elementary is an amazing opportunity for our Hawks to explore the fun side of math and grow their problem-solving skills! Here's what makes it so special:

- **Math Becomes Exciting:** In Math is Cool, students discover that math is more than just numbers—it's puzzles, patterns, and challenges that can be really exciting! The activities make math engaging and fun, sparking curiosity in students.
- **Building Confidence:** Whether students are math whizzes or just starting to feel confident with numbers, the club is designed to help everyone improve. It provides a safe space to take risks, learn new strategies, and experience those "aha!" moments.
- **Team Competitions:** Math is Cool gives students the chance to work in teams and participate in competitions. This encourages collaboration, quick thinking, and teamwork, while also letting them experience the thrill of success together.
- **Critical Thinking Skills:** Students develop skills that go beyond the classroom, like logical reasoning and creative problem-solving—important tools for their academic journey and future careers.
- **A Supportive Community:** The club brings together students who love math or want to improve, creating a positive, encouraging environment where they feel seen and supported by both their peers and their teachers.

And...our Drama Club is BACK!

The Drama Club at Prairie View Elementary is a fantastic opportunity for students to shine and be seen in a whole new way. Here's what makes it so great:

- **Creativity Unleashed:** Students get the chance to express themselves through acting, storytelling, and even set design. It's a space where their imaginations can soar.
- **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Working together to put on a performance teaches the value of teamwork. Each student's role, whether big or small, contributes to the success of the whole production—much like how every Hawk plays an important part in our school community.
- **Confidence Building:** Drama Club helps students develop public speaking skills and self-confidence. Whether they're on stage or behind the scenes, being involved in a production allows them to step out of their comfort zones and discover new strengths.
- **Friendship and Fun:** Drama brings together students from different grades, helping them form lasting friendships while having fun.
- **Future-Ready Skills:** Drama teaches valuable life skills like problem-solving, empathy, and communication—tools that will serve our students well in their future.

## **SPECIALIST ROTATIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

[\[HERE\]](#) is the latest newsletter and November Specialist Schedule from our amazing Specialists, and [\[HERE\]](#) is the latest video from Mr. Wiser, updating you on all that's happening in PE.

- ❖ PE Schedule - follow Mr. Wiser's PE on [Instagram @pvhawkspe](#)
- ❖ Music Schedule - check out [Mrs. Martin's Music website](#)
- ❖ Library Schedule - follow Mrs. Chaffins on [Instagram @pvhawkslibrary](#)
- ❖ Mrs. Toth - find information on [counseling](#), [Bite-2-Go](#), and [Second Step](#)

## **HELPING CHILDREN LEARN NEWSLETTER**

See November's edition of the Helping Children Learn Newsletter [\[HERE\]](#). It's chock full of tips and strategies you can use at home to help guide your child's learning. It really is an incredible resource!

## **BALLOONS ON BUSES**

While we love balloons, I need to send a reminder that for safety reasons, balloons are not allowed on any school buses. If balloons are brought to the school for any occasion, the students will need to be picked up by their parents after school. The student will not be allowed to ride the bus with the balloons.

## **SAFELY WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

Hawk families, please talk with your sons and daughters if they walk or ride bikes and scooters to and from school about pedestrian safety.

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*FUTURE READY!*

I appreciate how slowly you all drive before and after school. We welcome and release a lot of students every day, and your efforts and vigilance help keep them safe. But our kids could also use some reminders to wear their helmets, walk and ride slowly, pay attention to traffic, and wait to cross at crosswalks where we have supervisors who can help get them across the street safely.

### **PICKING UP EARLY?**

We all have to pick our kids up a little early from school some days. Please be patient with us when you get here. It takes us a few minutes to get our students down to you. As a policy, we do not call students down to the office until their pickup person is here, in our vestibule, ready for them.

On that note, please be extra patient on Friday afternoons. The last half hour of the day on Friday is when our teachers do a lot of their rewards, and this can make getting students down to the office take longer than normal.

### **WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

Want to volunteer? Check in with your child's teacher about their needs then head [[HERE](#)] to get cleared for the year. All volunteers are checked centrally in Mead.

### **TREATS ON BIRTHDAYS**

Thank you so much to all of you who have had birthdays in October for checking with your teachers on how celebrations run in their classrooms and for coordinating treats with your teachers if you brought them in

This helps us keep ALL of our Hawks safe, while still allowing us to help kids feel special on their birthdays. We appreciate your partnership with this! Thank you!

MTSS letter

### **SMARTWATCHES AND CELL PHONES**

Thank you so much for your support with cell phones and watches! Our students are doing so well! I've talked to so many kids and parents about the apps they use to set watches to school mode. I can't tell you how much I appreciate this. Removing that distraction helps kids learn and interact with each other.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

## PTO UPDATE

Our awesome PTO is always looking for more volunteers. ALL District volunteers are screened centrally through the District Office starting with the simple 2-step process: start [\[HERE\]](#) then let PTO you are interested, too.

Follow our PV PTO on Facebook [\[HERE\]](#) for all the latest!



PTO Events this month:

- **Wednesday, November 6th, 6-8 pm.** Join us at Pattison's Roller Rink for our PVE Family Skate Night. The cost is \$8 per person which includes roller skate rentals. This is not a PTO Fundraiser but an opportunity for your kids to hang out with their classmates. We hope to see you there!
- **Tuesday, November 12th, 6 pm.** PTO Meeting in Portable 1. All parents and guardians with a PVE Student are invited to attend. You have a voice and a vote! Feel free to park in the bus loop. Please email us if you would like to take advantage of the free childcare - [pvhawkpto@gmail.com](mailto:pvhawkpto@gmail.com)
- **Saturday, November 16th.** Join the Chiefs for School Night presented by Shriners Children's Spokane! Coca-Cola Family Feast Night and Rally Towel Giveaway. Tickets on sale for \$11. Doors open at 5pm with puck drop at 6:05pm. Purchase tickets here or copy/paste - [https://spokanechiefsgroups.com/Prairie-View-Elementary-School-Night-November-16-2024--p\\_1468.html](https://spokanechiefsgroups.com/Prairie-View-Elementary-School-Night-November-16-2024--p_1468.html)
- **Wednesday, November 20th, 6:30-8 pm.** Join us in the PVE Cafeteria for BINGO for BOOKS. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the first game starting at 6:45 pm. Please bring a few new or gently used books as your 'entry fee'. Every BINGO will win a chance to pick a book from the donation table. Door prizes will be awarded between games. Adult supervision is required so please join your kiddos.

## SYSA ATHLETICS

Please see the following communication from SYSA regarding discontinuing their program for the remainder of the year. This was also sent to families on Tuesday night.

*Dear Elementary Families -*

*We're reaching out on behalf of the SYSA and Mead School District to share an urgent update regarding the elementary after-school sports program. Due to continued low registration numbers and a shortage of available coaches, the program will unfortunately be placed on hiatus effective immediately. This includes the cancellation of Session 2 that was set to begin next week, as well as future sessions for the current school year. We apologize for any inconvenience and impact this may cause. SYSA will fully refund all participants registered for Session 2.*

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*FUTURE READY!*

*Over the past three years, SYSA and Mead have worked diligently to simply provide opportunities for kids to play and to make this partnership viable despite challenges acquiring coaches, changing school schedules, and a steady decline in participation. This downward trend comes as other athletic and recreational opportunities have expanded in our area. While we recognize that this change will affect approximately 100 students across the district who had registered for Session 2, we're committed to exploring new possibilities for elementary students in the future.*

*Over the course of the coming months and into the spring, SYSA and Mead School District will actively work together to assess community interest, consider new program models, and ensure any future programs are accessible, well-staffed, and engaging for all elementary students. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work to provide opportunities for our kids outside of the classroom!*

*Sincerely,*

*SYSA and Mead School District*

### **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!**

Want to keep up with all of the Goings-Ons at Prairie View? Follow our FaceBook page [\[HERE\]](#)!

### **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ALERTS**

Are you signed up to receive Text Message alerts?

I don't send out a ton of text messages, but that is one way that I communicate. If you are new to our district, have a kindergartener and this is your first child going through Mead, or if you just haven't signed up before, here is the process to do so if you would like to.

Simply text any one of the following to the number **67587**:

- Subscribe
- Optin
- Yes
- Y

You'll know you were successful if you receive the following reply message:

- You are registered to receive aprox 3 msgs/mo. Txt STOP to quit, HELP for help.

### **FRED MEYER REWARDS SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS**

Do you shop at Fred Meyer? If so, your purchases can be used to benefit our Prairie View PTO. Here's how to link your card:

- Sign into your digital account using the Fred Meyer app or website
- Click on the tab on the far right corner that display your drop down menu for your account. Click on "Rewards".
- Click "Community Rewards".
- Search for "Prairie View Elementary" or QB728
- Select the organization and click "Save".

Every little bit helps! As always, we appreciate all that you do for us!

## **BUS REGISTRATION**

The 2024-25 Bus Registration form is now live for all students in the Mead School District. Thank you for registering as soon as you can for route planning.

2024-25 Bus Registration Form [[HERE](#)]

Helpful Resources

- ❖ [Transportation Homepage](#)
- ❖ [Transportation FAQ](#)

Questions? Please contact Transportation Services.

- ❖ Phone: 509-465-6107
- ❖ Email: [transportation@mead354.org](mailto:transportation@mead354.org)

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

- ❖ M, T, TH, F: 9:00 am - 3:20 pm (Breakfast: 8:45 am)
- ❖ Wednesday: 9:40 am - 3:20 pm (Breakfast: 9:25 am)

## **SAVE THE DATES**

- ❖ November 11: NO SCHOOL in observance of Veterans Day
- ❖ November 12: PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm in Portable 1
- ❖ November 16: PTO Spokane Chiefs Hockey Day
- ❖ November 20: PTO Books for Bingo from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in the cafeteria
- ❖ November 27 - 29: No School - Thanksgiving Break

