



# Prairie View Elementary

Family Newsletter - September 2024



## Welcome Back, Prairie View Families!

As we begin another exciting school year at Prairie View, I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our families. Whether you are returning to our school or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of the Prairie View family.

Everyone at PVE is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive. This year, we will continue to focus on building strong relationships, supporting academic growth, and promoting the well-being of each and every student. We are confident that by working together, we can ensure a successful and rewarding school year for all.

I encourage you to stay connected with us through this newsletter, our school website, and by attending school events. We value your partnership in your child's education and look forward to seeing our students grow, learn, and succeed in the months ahead.

If you ever have any questions or need help, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you and your child.

Let's make this school year the best one yet. Here's to an amazing year ahead!

Mrs. Goltz, principal

### New Faces at PVE

We are happy to introduce you to our new team members:

- Lauren Mayne -2nd grade Teacher
- Judi Milo-Special Education Teacher
- Renee Margulius- Library Media Specialist
- Jamie Mamerow- Special Education Para
- Caitlin Anderson- Special Education Para
- Nathan Martineau- Special Education Para
- Danielle Dexter- Regular Education Para
- Kalyn Wachter -Admin Assistant
- Ashley Gardner-Building sub
- Karin Davidson-Building Sub

### Reminders

Drop Off and Pick Up are busy times at PVE. Please drop your student NO EARLIER than 7:35 as there is not supervision until that time. Doors will open at 7:40 AM. Pick-up begins at 2:50 and all students should be picked up by 3:00 PM. Thanks for your cooperation!

Please make sure your child's name is on almost everything they bring to school. We have gathered a collection of water bottles and lunch boxes the last few days. It is very easy for us to return them to students if the name is on the item.

### Upcoming Dates:

- September 18th - PTO Meeting 6:30 NKE library
- September 26th - Back to School Bash 5:00-6:00
- October 15th - PVE Picture Retake Day

### Attendance

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**Be a Mentor!**

The Friends of Oregon School District “Be A Champion” Mentor Program is looking for mentors! Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.friendsofosd.com/mentor>

**Inside the OSD Podcast**

Make sure to check out the district podcast to get an inside look at what’s going on in our schools! You can find the podcast at [OregonSD.org/podcast](https://OregonSD.org/podcast). Make sure to like and subscribe wherever you like to listen to podcasts!

**School Picture Vouchers Available**

If your family would benefit from financial assistance with purchasing school photos, there are picture vouchers available at each building in the district. The voucher includes instructions with a code to use when purchasing photos. Please note that vouchers expire April 1, 2025. If you are interested in a photo voucher, please contact the school social worker, Daniela Arevalo at 608-835-1361 or by email at [dcarevalo@oregonsd.net](mailto:dcarevalo@oregonsd.net).

**Important Links  
(click on each link)**

- [Oregon School District | My School Menus](#)
- [Calendar\\_202425\\_Final.pdf \(finalsite.net\)](#)
- [Parent Portal \(schoolbusmanager.com\)](#)
- [Home - Prairie View Elementary School \(oregonsd.org\)](#)

**Safety Drills**

The first few weeks of school, we will be teaching students about emergency procedures through the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). This will include what to do in scenarios such as Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter, or Hold. Our staff will present this information in a way that is appropriate for students, ensuring that students understand their role and how to stay safe. There will be opportunities for students to ask questions throughout the discussions.

We want students to feel confident that, in any emergency, the adults at school have a plan. To support this, we encourage families to review the materials with their students. You can find information on our safety protocols at [OregonSD.org/safety](https://OregonSD.org/safety). Being familiar with these protocols will help ensure a shared understanding of what to expect.

Throughout the school year, students will practice safety procedures through various drills. In addition to fire drills (“Evacuate” protocol) and tornado drills (“Shelter” protocol), state law also requires us to conduct two school safety incident drills that allow us to practice our “Lockdown” protocols. *Families will be informed in advance of the Lockdown safety drill date.*

**Parking Lot reminders**

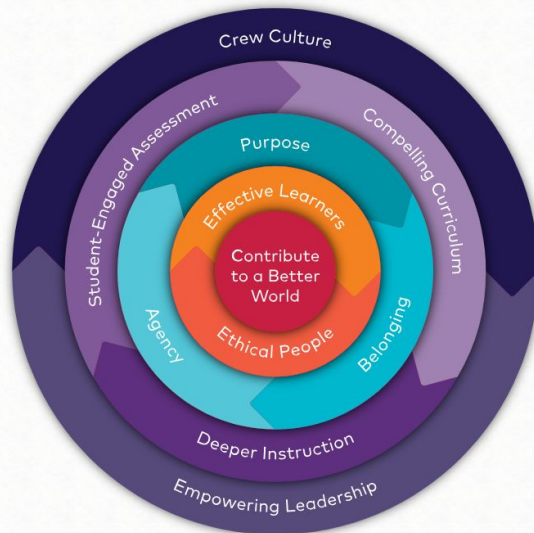
To be as efficient as possible, please stay alert & refrain from using cell phones during pick-up, follow directions from the parking attendant and pull all the way forward. Additionally, please DO NOT block residential driveways on Soden Dr.

Use the car-window name signs provided by your students’ teacher to help us get your learner to your car safely and efficiently. If you need

## PBIS

Our school theme for this year is: Mission Pawsible! Each week students will receive a mission that they can choose to complete.

Missions will focus on the habits of character from our EL curriculum and help make our school a better place. The three habits of character are: Becoming Effective Learners, Becoming Ethical People, and Contributing to a Better World. You will see graphic of this below.



We have reviewed a LOT as a whole school this year. We talked with all of the students about the cafeteria and playground expectations on the first day of school. The second day of school we reviewed rules and expectations of the bus. Here is a digital copy of our [Bus lesson](#) that we covered with students.

If you have not had a chance to fill out a form for a free PVE t-shirt for your student, please follow [this link](#).





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Contacts for Attendance:

Please call the attendance line to report absences.

### Attendance Administrative Assistant

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More information can be found here



**Help Your Child Succeed in School:  
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

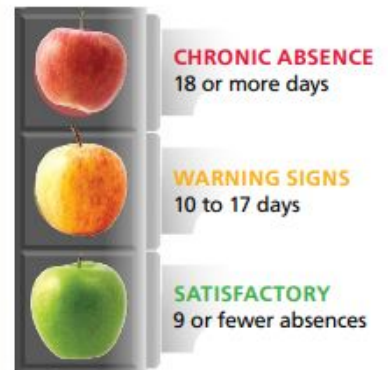
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.**

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

#### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!

## Alternative After School Plans

If you have any updates to your student's after school plan, ie getting picked up instead of the bus, please communicate this with the office by sending in a note in the morning. This helps ensure that teachers receive the message. If there are unexpected changes, all communication must be done through the office by calling (608) 835-4291. Teachers may not have an opportunity to check email throughout their busy day and this helps us make sure the message gets to students.

## From the Reading Corner

September is a magical month filled with changing weather and seasons and the fun of getting back into the school routines! One of our favorite activities, of course, is reading, and we have enjoyed seeing our learners with good books in their hands, enjoying time to read by themselves or with a friend.



We know that when children spend more time with books, their reading skills continue to grow and strengthen. Reading together is a wonderful way to bond as a family. While it can feel cumbersome to add in one more activity into already busy afternoons and evenings, please consider ways to enjoy good books together as a family. Whether it's snuggling and enjoying adventures before bedtime, reading outside in the beautiful weather or listening to an audio book while riding in the car, there are so many possibilities! For more ideas about building reading habits at home, check out the [National PTA website](#).

Happy reading!

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