



# The HAWKEYE

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## SAVE THE DATES

- ❖ December 12th - PTO meeting 6:00 - 7:30 in Portable 1
- ❖ December 16th - Merry Monday Spirit Day - Wear anything holiday-inspired!
- ❖ December 17th - Holiday Hat Tuesday Spirit Day
- ❖ December 18th - Winter Wonderland Wednesday - dress for the ski slopes!
- ❖ December 19th - Ugly Sweater Spirit Day
- ❖ December 20th - PJ Spirit Day
- ❖ December 23th - January 3rd - Winter Break, no school

## VANESSA BEHAN DRIVE

Each year, [Prairie View and Skyline join forces](#) to support Vanessa Behan through our annual service project. Vanessa Behan provides free assistance to children and families in the form of childcare, parenting classes, free diapers, and so much more. The organization receives no government funding and survives solely from the support of our generous Spokane community. To learn more, please visit Vanessa Behan, or see a [virtual tour](#) of their setup here!

If you would like to support our drive, see this [flyer and wishlist](#). We encourage kids to do chores to earn money to purchase items. Grandparents are often great resources for this activity!

Students may begin bringing supply items to PV starting after Thanksgiving break. We will collect items through December 19th and will present our donations to representatives from Vanessa Behan on December 20th.

Thank you for being a part of our Five Mile Community and supporting this drive. Together, we can help show our kids the true joy of giving this holiday season and make our 14th year of service the best year ever!

Thank you, Hawk Families!

## TREE OF SHARING

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

Prairie View families, [[Here](#)] is our "Tree of Sharing" link. While the holidays are a wonderful time to relax and enjoy our families, it can also be stressful. If you are in a position to help any of our families in need, please consider clicking on the link above and choosing a Tag or two.

As of today we have **49 tags still available**. Anything helps!

Thank you for your help! ❤️🎄🎁

### **GETTING MESSAGES TO KIDS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

If you need to get a message to your son or daughter during the school day, especially if it's really important or time-sensitive, please reach out to the office to help relay that message. Parents and guardians often want to go through teachers to get messages to kids, but it's hard for teachers to check their email during the school day. If you reach out to the office, we can get the message to the teacher or the child right away!

### **SPIRIT WEEK DEC 16TH - 20TH**

The last week before break is always packed with holiday spirit and fun. [[HERE](#)] is our Spirit Week calendar so that you know what is happening each day and can help your kids participate if they want. Happy Holidays!

### **PANCAKES WITH SANTA 2024**

5 Mile's annual Pancakes with Santa is back for 2024! Get more information [[HERE](#)].

### **THE BUS LOOP**

Parents, we have had some cars try to make u-turns in our bus loop at the end of the day. While this might seem like a decently wide space to make a u-turn and head back in the direction you came from, please avoid doing that at the end of the day.

We have had some parents almost hit busses who are trying to navigate that area, and it makes it really unsafe for our students who cross the street at that corner. We appreciate your help with this!

### **5TH GRADE SKI FREE PROGRAM**

[[HERE](#)] is a great opportunity for you 5th grade parents out there with kids who love to ski! Our local Ski Free Program is back! Click that link if you are interested.

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

Fall is definitely here, and the weather is turning. It's getting colder and wetter by the day.

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We go outside for recess every day unless the “feels like” temperature drops below 20 degrees or it is excessively wet. Please help your sons and daughters remember to dress for the weather every day, and be sure to label ALL clothing worn outside. We check labels when we find clothing outside, and if there’s a name written on the tag we are able to get things back to their owners.

Boots, coats, hats, gloves, and long pants (and snow pants once the snow starts falling) are a good idea this time of year. 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.



### **SPEAKING OF COLD WEATHER, IT’S ALSO THE SEASON FOR COLDS AND FLU**

As the weather turns colder, it’s common for sniffles and seasonal illnesses to make an appearance. At Prairie View, we want all our Hawks to stay healthy and ready to learn. To help prevent the spread of colds and the flu, it’s important to know when to keep your child home. If they’re **running a fever, experiencing vomiting, or showing other significant symptoms**, a day of rest can help them recover and protect their classmates. For detailed guidance, please refer to our district’s [Illness Guidelines](#). Thank you for helping us keep our flock strong and thriving!

### **ENTERING THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING**

We have recently noticed some adults in the hallways in the morning after dropoff who have not checked in at the office. While we love having you here, we only let community members come into the building through the front doors. If you are a parent and you are dropping your child off on the blacktop in the morning and then you need to come into the school for some reason, please walk around to the front of the school and check-in.

This is how we keep your kids safe.

We cannot relax on this. When we do, when letting adults into the building other than through the front office becomes normalized, we run the risk of not noticing when someone is in the building who should not be. We begin to assume that every person who wants access to our school must be a parent and a safe person. That can potentially put everyone at risk.

Please understand that we do want you here! But we have to follow our protocol at all times to ensure everyone here is safe.

### **SPECIALIST ROTATIONS FOR DECEMBER**

[\[HERE\]](#) is the latest newsletter and December Specialist Schedule from our amazing Specialists!

- ❖ PE Schedule - follow Mr. Wisner'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 December's edition of the Helping Children Learn Newsletter [\[HERE\]](#). It's full of tips and strategies you can use at home to help guide your child's learning. It really is an incredible resource!

## 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!

## 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 know you are interested, too.



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

## **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 approx 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 table 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

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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)



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