



# The HAWKEYE

FROM PROUD PRAIRIE VIEW PRINCIPAL WALTER

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## SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR

As we head into Thanksgiving break, I want to take a moment to express how truly grateful I am for our incredible community. Your support, kindness, and commitment to our school make Prairie View such a special place for our students to grow and thrive. Take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy some quality time with your loved ones.

Time goes by so fast, so take the time to hug your kids tight and let them know how special they are and how much they mean to you.

Warm wishes,  
Principal Walter

### **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.

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!

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

## TREE OF SHARING

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.

Thank you for your help! ❤️🎄🎁

## PANCAKES WITH SANTA 2024

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

## COLD WEATHER IS HERE!

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

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.

### **DRAMA TRYOUTS ON DECEMBER 3RD**

Calling All Performers!

Our Prairie View Drama Club is gearing up for an exciting season, and we can't wait to see our Hawks shine on stage! Tryouts are coming up on December 3rd at 3:30 PM in the PV Mrs. Nixon's room. Whether you love acting, singing, or helping behind the scenes, there's a place for YOU in the spotlight. Come show us your talents!

### **SPECIALIST ROTATIONS FOR DECEMBER**

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

- ❖ PE Schedule - follow Mr. Wisser'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.

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 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 27th - 29th: No School - Thanksgiving Break
- ❖ December 4th - Chipotle Restaurant PTO night



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- ❖ December 5th - We will practice our "Hold" drill during the school day
- ❖ December 3rd and 5th - Drama Tryouts in Mrs. Nixon's room
- ❖ December 9th - 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



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