



The HAWKEYE



FROM PROUD PRAIRIE VIEW PRINCIPAL WALTER

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, HAWKS!

Before we get into the nuts and bolts, I want to share how grateful I am to be part of this community. Your support for our school, students, staff, and each other is incredible. From the moment I was hired, I have been met with kindness and a genuine sense of belonging. Prairie View is more than just a school -it's a family. We see YOU Hawks, and together, we are making this a place where every student can thrive.

Thank you for coming out to meet and talk with me at our Meet the Principal at Sky Prairie Park! I had a blast getting to meet you! And our Meet, Greet, and a Treat was a huge success! Your energy and positivity made the event truly special. I'm excited to get to share this journey with you and your students!

2024-25 is sure to be an epic year. I look forward to all the ways we will team together.

I see YOU, Hawks!

Proud Prairie View Principal Walter

Okay, let's get into specifics!

STUDENT DROP-OFF & LINEUP

Day one and beyond, we love to greet our students and get them all lined up for their classes. Morning line-up [[HERE](#)] is organized by class location with big signs labeled by teacher. We ask that students do not play on the equipment in the mornings because we don't have supervision available for that. Students are able to begin lining up 10 minutes before school starts, so 8:50 am every day during our first week of school.



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On the first day of school, you are welcome to hang out and watch your boys and girls walk into the school with their teachers and friends. I will be doing the same this year as my youngest is starting kindergarten! For us kindergarten parents, check out our annual Boo-Hoo, Yahoo event below.

SCHOOL HOURS & BREAKFAST



Students can access breakfast 15 minutes before school starts. On M, T, TH, F, they can get started at 8:45 am and on late start Wednesdays (starting week 2) at 9:25 am. Click [\[HERE\]](#) for more information on school meals.

Typical school hours are 9:00 am - 3:20 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Late start Wednesdays begin at 9:40 am (beginning the second week of school) to allow our teachers to collaborate on how to best serve your kids. These professional learning communities (PLC) are run very intentionally to "see" our kids and to achieve our vision to build capacity in one another to instill and foster a sense of belonging, purpose, and curiosity in your child. Our Hawks will hear often, "YOU can do it. WE can help!"

PARENT AND VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN

Finally, in order to ensure the safest school possible, all visitors check in through the front desk. That also means that students are dropped off at their respective line and not escorted all the way to their classrooms (even on the first day of school). Throughout the year, ALL guests check in through the front desk. Think of it as the box office. We believe "safety doesn't happen by accident" and your child's safety is paramount.

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



Your students' teachers likely communicated how birthday treats will look in each of their classrooms this year. While we love celebrating student birthdays we do have some protocols that we ask you to follow to keep our students with allergies and intolerances safe and to minimize the disruption to the school day.

Please communicate with your teacher if you plan on bringing any food items to school for your son's or daughter's birthday at least one week in advance. This allows your teacher to notify the office so that we are prepared, to let you know if there are any allergies or intolerances that must be avoided to keep students safe, and to give teachers time to reach out to parents of students who may need to make special accommodations for their own children.

Also, any food items that are brought to school must be store-bought, not homemade.

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Finally, in order to minimize distractions to our learning environments, we will not allow items like balloons or presents to be taken to classrooms. After school during pick-up is a great time to surprise your sons and daughters with balloons on their birthdays if you want.

Having said all of that, please know that we have plans in place to make sure that ALL of our Hawks feel extremely special and celebrated on their birthdays!

SPECIALIST ROTATIONS

Your specialists will be on an A, B, C rotation to ensure all Hawks get great access to PE, Music, and Library. It might look confusing now, but we will communicate in a multitude of ways and remind our kids what they have and when.

Check out a month-at-a-glance [[HERE](#)] or each specialist and meet your AMAZING specialists [[HERE](#)]!

- ❖ 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](#)

DOGS

While we love our four-legged, furry friends, we respectfully ask that you not bring them to parent drop-off and pick-up. The busy environment can overwhelm them, especially with so many children wanting to say hello. Our priority is keeping everyone safe, and we don't want anyone to get hurt. We see YOU Hawks, and appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

SMARTWATCHES AND CELL PHONES



Toys and electronics are a wonderful part of childhood but can be very disruptive at school. I know that when my phone or watch buzzes my attention is divided at least until I know who is texting and why. Even though we often text our children on their phones and watches expecting they'll get the message later in the day, when they have their phones and watches on them their attention and learning are in that moment. And research shows that it takes several minutes for kids to get their brains back into learning mode.

Electronic devices are often lost or misplaced at school as well. Toys or electronics (cell phones, watches that can send/receive texts and calls, Game Boys, CD or DVD players, iPods, video cameras, cameras, etc.) should not be visible or audible at school. Cell phones and Apple-type watches may only be accessed before or after school. Under special circumstances, with prior arrangement from the teacher, these items may be brought at your own risk.

If your child does have a smartwatch, most of them have parental settings you can use. Apple actually has a Schooltime mode! Check out how to set it up [[HERE](#)]. This makes the watch a true "watch" during school hours. You'll still be able to see where your child is at all times and they'll receive any texts you sent when School Mode ends at 3:20.

My oldest is a 3rd grader and doesn't have one of these devices yet. But, at some point, I will want him to have one. For me, School Mode of some sort is a definite! I don't want my own children to lose any learning because I needed to send them a text during the school day that I expected them not to look until school ended.

If your student has a smartwatch or cell phone, please look into these settings or talk with them about our policy. We really appreciate your partnership on this! We simply want to provide the most learning-friendly environment we can for our students.

PTO UPDATE

Boo-Hoo Yahoo, our annual kindergarten parent celebration (and support), happens right after dropping off your kindergartner for their first day on September 6th from 9:00 - 10:00. Coffee, pastries, high fives, and, of course, Kleenex provided.

Our **first PTO meeting** of the 2023-24 school Year starts at 6:00 pm on September 9th in Portable 1. All PV parents and guardians are invited to attend. Oh, treats will be served! YOU have a vote on how fundraising dollars are spent which is why it's important to attend if you can.

PTO's largest fundraiser of the year kicks off on September 16th, too! Stay tuned for more information about this fun couple of weeks.



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!

SYSA ATHLETICS

SYSA's partnership with the Mead School District provides recreational youth sports programs for each of the 10 elementary schools. Students actively attending a Mead School District elementary school are eligible to register [\[HERE\]](#) for this program.

SYSA intends to build upon the strong Mead community spirit and pride with these programs. SYSA's philosophy promotes building communities and providing each child with the opportunity to be a star. SYSA will rotate 7 different sports programs throughout the year, providing training and sports experiences for students ranging from kindergarten through 5th grade.

Each sport will be rotated through all locations. All programs this year are co-ed, indoor, and will be held at Prairie View instead of bussing over to Skyline. The rotation of sports includes Soccer, Volleyball, Speed & Agility, Flag Football, Cheerleading, Basketball, and Soccer (not necessarily in that order).

SYSA wants to develop the best programs possible. SYSA is working with the District and parents to improve the curriculum and make this program a success.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Supply Lists are published online and linked below, arranged by grade level. The district and building will provide all other supplies needed for a successful school year!

Click [HERE](#) for your school supply list by grade.

FRED MEYER

Fred Meyer has a rewards program that links Prairie View Elementary to your rewards card. When you shop at Fred Meyer and use your rewards card or number, a portion of your purchase total is donated to our school. I found this easily in the Fred Meyer app and linked my own card. Last year between April and June we raised \$30 from this program. That is money that will go directly to creating experiences for your kids here at school.

BUS REGISTRATION

The 2023-24 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



SCHOOL HOURS

- ❖ M, T, TH, F: 9:00a - 3:20p
 - Breakfast: 8:45a
- ❖ Wednesday: 9:40a - 3:20p
 - Breakfast: 9:25a

STAGGERED RELEASE SCHEDULE

- ❖ 3:15 K-2 and bussers
- ❖ 3:20 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

SAVE THE DATES

- ❖ 9/3: 1st Day of School for grades 1 - 5!
- ❖ 9/4: NO LATE START
- ❖ 9/6: KINDER First Day of School!
 - Yahoo, Boo-hoo PTO Event 9:00 - 10:00
- ❖ 9/24 - Picture Day!
- ❖ 9/16 - Boosterthon Begins!



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

BOO-HOO YAHOO!

A Kindergarten Parent Social

Friday, September 6
9:10 - 10:00 am

Hosted by



Some of us are crying,
Teary eyed and blue.
Some of us are cheering,
"I'm glad the summer's through."
Whatever mood you're feeling,
Stop by and stay awhile.
We will happily greet you
With a treat and a smile.

****Join us outside after drop off for a treat,
coffee, and enter in a spirit wear giveaway.
(arrive early if you'd like to take photos)**