



# The HAWKEYE

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## SAVE THE DATES

- ❖ 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

We are in the final stretch of our Vanessa Behan supply drive! There is still time to participate, just have your donations to PV by this **Thursday, December 19th**. Currently, VB's biggest needs are diapers (size 4-6), wipes, and laundry detergent (free and clear). Thank you!

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

Thank you so much to all of our families who were able to help out this holiday season. We filled every tag on our tree! When I was growing up we adopted a family each Christmas and we purchased presents for them. This wasn't through our school; it was just something that my parents were into. I think about each of the families we brought presents to every year as this time of year approaches. It brought me up to value helping when I can, understanding when I can't, and asking when I need it.

We ALL have needs at some point. For those of you in need this year, I hope we have been able to help make the holidays less stressful and more special for your kids and family. For those who were in a position to help this year, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

## WINTER CONCERT

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

At Prairie View Elementary, we deeply value our traditions and the meaningful connections they create within our Hawk community. I want to take a moment to address a recent concern regarding our winter concerts, as I understand how important they are to you.

Last spring, a decision was made to transition from holding winter concerts every year to hosting them every other year. I have not communicated this change to you, and for that, I sincerely apologize. I understand that for many of you, this has come as a surprise and has caused disappointment.

Please know that your voices and concerns matter deeply to me. Your support and partnership are what make this school so special.

While we will not be holding a winter concert this year, we look forward to celebrating our students' creativity and talents in other ways. When the winter concerts return next year, we will work together to make them as special and meaningful as they have always been.

Thank you for your understanding, and for being such an important part of our Prairie View family.

### **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!

### **5TH THROUGH 12TH STEM BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION**

Dear Mead School District Families of Grades 5-12,

The STEM Forward Series continues with the annual Bridge Building Competition! Mead School District students in Grades 5-12 are welcome to participate. Read on for more information, dates, locations and registration.

#### **Registration Information:**

- ❖ Up to Two (2) students per team - Students may compete individually
- ❖ Registration Deadline: February 1, 2024
- ❖ Join through Google Classroom for Rules and Requirements
  - Sign-in to student's Google Classroom
  - Click + in top right corner, click "Join Class"
  - Enter class code: FINRXOU

**Competition Date:** Feb. 22, 2025 – Check-in between 9-9:30 a.m., competition begins at 10 a.m.

**Competition Location:** Mead High School Gym – 302 W Hastings

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### **Program Information:**

Using only popsicle sticks and white Elmer's school glue, each team of one or two students will build a bridge according to the competition's rules and requirements. On competition day, each bridge will be loaded with weight until it breaks and then judged and scored on its efficiency, which is defined as the ratio of its ultimate load capacity to its own weight. Students will need to use creativity, ingenuity, and resourcefulness in order to maximize the strengths and minimize the inherent shortcomings of each material. Plaques and prizes will be awarded to the teams with the top efficiency scores!

Check out [this video](#) from a past MSD Bridge Building Competition to get a flavor of competition day!

### **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!

### **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 buses 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!**

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.

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

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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!



### **SPECIALIST ROTATIONS FOR DECEMBER**

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

- ❖ 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 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 [\[HERE\]](#)!

## 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)

