



The HAWKEYE

FROM PROUD PRAIRIE VIEW PRINCIPAL WALTER

SAVE THE DATES

- ❖ December 23th - January 3rd - Winter Break, **no school**
- ❖ January 6th - Back to school from winter break
- ❖ January 6th - PTO meeting in Portable 1 (6:00 - 7:30)
- ❖ January 16th - PTO Pattison's Family Skate Night (6:00 - 8:00)
- ❖ January 20th - **No school** in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ❖ January 22nd - **No Late Start**
- ❖ January 27th - **No School** (snow make-up day)
- ❖ January 31st - Early dismissal, **students released at 12:45**
- ❖ 2024/25 [Calendar](#)
- ❖ 2025/26 [Calendar](#)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Prairie View Families,

As the year winds down, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for a wonderful start to the school year. Your unwavering support, partnership, and encouragement have helped make Prairie View a place where every Hawk is truly seen, known, and loved. Together, we are creating an environment where our students are thriving and soaring toward a bright future.

As we head into the holiday season, I wish you all joy, peace, and quality time with your family and loved ones. Thank you for being such an incredible part of our Prairie View community.

From our Hawk family to yours, happy holidays!

Warmly,
Principal Walter

VANESSA BEHAN DRIVE

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

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!

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

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

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FUTURE READY!

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

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 JANUARY

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

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- ❖ 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

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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