



The HAWKEYE

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SAVE THE DATES

- ❖ January 14th - Lockdown Drill (to practice our skills)
- ❖ 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 30th - Drama Play at 6:30
- ❖ January 31st - Early dismissal, **students released at 12:45**
- ❖ February 3rd - Chess Club starts
- ❖ February 8th - Daddy Daughter Damsel Dance
- ❖ 2024/25 [Calendar](#)
- ❖ 2025/26 [Calendar](#)

WELCOME BACK!

Prairie View Families,

We talk about it a lot at Prairie View but our vision is for ALL students and staff to feel seen by being known, loved, and developed. That means we ultimately expect ALL kids to develop and learn at high levels. We are constantly looking for ways to see our Hawks, inside the classroom and out.

One of our unique opportunities for Hawks to find their voice and be themselves is by pretending to be someone else. Ha. Really. Our Prairie View Drama Club provides a canvas for students to be themselves while walking in someone else's shoes. This year's production, "The Wizard of OZ" is sure to entertain and stretch our Hawks to new challenges. YOU are invited to attend the show on January 30th!

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

In the classroom, our teachers work hard to SEE our students through strong instructional strategies. Dr. John Hattie synthesized various influences in different meta-analyses according to their effect size. He ranked influences that are related to learning outcomes from very positive effects to very negative effects. Hattie found that the average effect size of all the interventions he studied was 0.40. Therefore he decided to judge the success of influences relative to this 'hinge point'. Our teachers hone in on high-leverage strategies such as **providing clear learning goals** (i.e. teacher clarity = .75), **anticipatory set** (i.e. activate prior knowledge = .93), **teach & model** (i.e. scaffolding = .53), **guided practice** (i.e. worked examples = .57), **check for understanding** (i.e. classroom discussion = .82), **adjust / reteach** (i.e. feedback = .70; reciprocal teaching = .74), and **independent learning** (i.e. self-assessment / goal-setting = 1.33; spaced practice = .74). Teaching is an art and a science; we believe.

Prairie View deserves to be a beautiful symphony! Our Hawks are each sweet notes, each part vital to the final piece.

Thank you for partnering with us to see our vision and helping our Hawks find their voices! We can hear it!

Warmly,
Principal Walter

DROP OFF AND PICKUP STREET PARKING

Drivers. I have an ask. During pickup and drop off we have cars that park daily in the two spots indicated by the red circles on [\[THIS\]](#) map. While convenient, this makes it really hard for cars leaving our parking lot to see traffic heading east and west on Johanssen. I am asking our drivers not to park along this part of the road right next to the entrance to our parking lot.

The most convenient solution is often not the safest. Safety is usually inconvenient (like going and getting a ladder to hang that picture instead of just using the chair that's already in the room) and the safety of our students and community comes first. Please work with me on this to help our drivers be as safe as possible!

BATTLING THE WINTER BLUES

While winter can be a ton of fun in Spokane, it also brings months of little sunshine and long periods where kids and families are stuck inside. Beat those winter blues! [\[HERE\]](#) is a quick video on helping children and families maintain their mental and physical health during the long winter months.

SOME HELP FOR THE HEALTH ROOM

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We keep extra clothes here at school just in case we have students in need. And, in the wintertime, we end up with quite a bit of need! Recess is fun, but it's also wet!

If you have any gently worn leggings or sweatpants (not jeans...it's easier to work with pants that simply pull on) that your kids have outgrown or don't wear anymore we can put them to good use here!

While we're on that note, it's a really good idea to send your kids to school for the next couple of months with a quick change of clothes. Just in case. An extra pair of sweats and a shirt is really helpful in case of slips and falls outside.

DADDY DAUGHTER DAMSEL DANCE COMING UP

The Mead Education Foundations Daddy Daughter Damsel Dance is coming up on February 8th and Northwood Middle School! This is a super fun event that has a great turnout every year. I think about my own kids and how fast they grow up. I try and take advantage of as many opportunities as I can to make memories that will last a lifetime. And the ticket cost goes supports grants for teachers to continue to innovate and positively impact students. A fun event for a good cause!

Get more information [[HERE](#)]!

BRIDGE BUILDERS

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!

CHESS CLUB IS COMING BACK!

The Chess Club is returning for all grades, beginning February 3rd! There is still time to sign up for this winter session. Check out the flier [\[HERE\]](#) and get signed up to learn some Chess!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH SPECIALISTS

What's happening in **Health and Fitness**? Mr. Wiser is doing an archery unit (something not all elementary schools get to do) where the students get to learn this unique sport. It really is something incredible to see, and the students absolutely love it!

What's happening in **Library**? Mrs. Chaffins is teaching the kids how to code and direct the movements of robots as part of her technology teaching. Not only is this a ton of fun and the kids are having a blast, but they're learning some real-world skills about how computers work.

What's happening in **Music**? This week, Mrs. Martin has our Hawks drumming up some amazing rhythms in music class with her drum sets! 🥁 Students are learning the joy of percussion and teamwork as they create beats together.

SPECIALIST ROTATIONS FOR JANUARY

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

- ❖ PE Schedule - follow Mr. Wiser's PE on [Instagram @pvhawkspe](#)

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- ❖ 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](#)

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.

'TIS 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!



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.

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 next PTO meeting of the 2024-25 school Year starts at 6:00 pm on February 3, 2025 (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.

Childcare IS provided!

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!



PTO FAMILY SKATE NIGHT AT PATTISON'S

Happy New Year PVE Families,

Our second skate night of the 24/25 school year is coming up on Thursday, January 16th from 6 pm-8 pm. The cost is \$8 per skater which includes the roller skate rentals. An additional \$2.50 for inline blades.

Wear **RED** or **BLACK** to help us fill Pattison's skating rink with Prairie View pride!

♥ Would you like to WIN a free skate pass for your student? Sign up here to receive direct email communication from the PTO and be entered to win. Already signed up? Don't worry, you are automatically entered for a chance to win! Two passes will be given out and announced at school. The deadline to sign up and enter our giveaway is Wednesday, January 15th.

Looking forward to seeing you next Thursday night!

Prairie View PTO

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

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for registering for route planning as soon as you can.

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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