



The HAWKEYE

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SAVE THE DATES

- February 3rd - Chess Club starts
- February 3rd - PTO Meeting in Portable 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- February 8th - Daddy Daughter Damsel Dance
- February 12th - 14th - Conferences
- February 12th - Early Dismissal (students leave school at 12:45)
- February 13th & 14th - No school
- February 18th - 4th grade Math is Cool competition
- February 20th - PTO McTeacher Night at McDonald's in Indian Trail
- 2024/25 [Calendar](#)
- 2025/26 [Calendar](#)

LOOKING FORWARD TO FEBRUARY

Prairie View Families,

We love to celebrate all the things around here, and February packs in lots of celebrations including, Groundhog Day's, Valentine's Day, Family Conferences, Century Celebrations (100 days), President's Day, Read Across America, Black History Month, and American Heart Month.

Following our festive start, it's crucial to recognize that our celebrations extend beyond mere events; they reflect our deep commitment to knowing, loving, and developing every Hawk that walks our halls. This month, as we navigate through an array of celebrations, we're reminded of the many ways our students shine. The Century Celebration marks not just 100 days of academic learning, but 100 days of personal growth, resilience, and community building.

At Prairie View, knowing our students goes beyond academic assessments; it involves understanding their stories, interests, and dreams. It's about recognizing the unique journey each student embarks upon and providing them with the tools they need to navigate their path successfully. Loving our students means creating a nurturing environment where they feel safe and valued. It's in the way, for example, we celebrate Read Across America, not just for the love of reading, but to instill a curiosity of learning.

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

Developing our students is our commitment to fostering not only high levels of intellectual growth but emotional and social development as well. American Heart Month isn't just a time to learn about physical health; it's an opportunity to emphasize the importance of our Hawk "I" Pledge to be safe, responsible, positive, and kind—values that are at the heart of our community.

As we move through February, let's embrace each celebration as an opportunity to further our mission of knowing, loving, and developing our Hawks. It's in these moments that we truly see the heart of our school. Together, we're not just a school; we're a community, a family, that grows stronger with every celebration.

Let's continue to soar high and spread our wings wide, for Hawks truly do have heart.

Grateful for YOU,

Principal Walter

CHILD PROTECTION UNITS COMING UP

Our Child Protection Unit will be taught during the month of February. A letter should have come home this week. Please sign the bottom portion and return to the school office if you do not want your child to participate.

If you are curious about what will be covered during these units, you can check out the scope and sequence below for each grade level.

- [Kindergarten Scope & Sequence](#)
- [1st Grade Scope & Sequence](#)
- [2nd Grade Scope & Sequence](#)
- [3rd Grade Scope & Sequence](#)
- [4th Grade Scope & Sequence](#)

HIGHLY CAPABLE (HiCap) OPEN REFERRAL WINDOW - FEBRUARY 3rd - 28th, 2025

Dear Mead School District Families,

Each year, school districts across Washington implement procedures for the referral, assessment, and selection of students for highly capable designation. Referrals may be received for any K-12 student from teachers, parents, support staff, students, and members of the community. Mead School District currently uses the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to help with this process. Being designated as a highly capable learner gives parents and the school more information about the student's learning needs.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), along with prior District and/or State assessments, are among the multiple measures used as part of the evaluation process to determine if a student qualifies to be

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designated as highly capable. The CogAT measures a student's general abstract reasoning and their verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal abilities.

This year, we screened all 5th graders using the CogAT in November and will screen all 2nd graders in March. Therefore, referrals are not necessary for 2nd or 5th grade students during this open referral window. However, they may be referred for evaluation in future years.

For parents who wish to refer their child for highly capable screening, use this link to access the [[Highly Capable Referral Form](#)]. **The referral window is now open and will remain open through February 28, 2025.**

Families will be notified of final decisions regarding Highly Capable designations no later than June.

If you'd like to know more about the Highly Capable program, please visit our district [[website](#)] or contact the Mead School District Learning and Teaching Department at (509) 465-6031.

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

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 to take advantage of as many opportunities as I can to make memories that will last a lifetime. And the ticket cost supports grants for teachers to continue to innovate and positively impact students. A fun event for a good cause!

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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!

SPECIALIST ROTATIONS FOR JANUARY

[[HERE](#)] is the latest newsletter and February 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](#)

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.

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!

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 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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