



The Prairieland Press

"It's a Great Day to Be a Cougar!"

April/May 2025

Attendance Line: 557-4473 Please use the attendance line to report an absence or late arrival.	Principal: Scott Peters Office: 557-4424 Hours: 6:45-3:15	School Website: <u>Prairieland Website</u>
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Principal's Message:

We are now down to the home stretch of the school year. It has been another great year and we are looking forward to all of the fun things that happen as we look to wrap up the school year. Each year I am amazed at the growth the students make in all areas. I am always so thankful for the support our students receive from our families here at Prairieland.

** I know that things get very busy in the spring as everyone's activities amp back up. During these busy times it is very important to continue your school routines all the way to the end.

Over the last several weeks of school some grade levels have their field trips and we will also be planning for our end of the year Playday. More information will be coming soon if your grade levels need assistance for their trips. All field trip volunteers must complete the volunteer screening to participate if needed.

Kindergarten Registration & Preview

Kindergarten preview for the 2025-26 school year will be **Thursday, April 17th at 12:30 - 2:00**. Kindergarten Preview will take place in-person at our school. We ask that you have your future kindergartener with you on this day. The session will start at 12:30. We will have a team of staff members that will take your students to complete some simple assessments and activities with them while parents receive information from Mr. Peters.

The online portion of registration has officially opened. All families must contact the Prairieland office to begin the process, even if you currently have students in the building or district. We ask that you complete the online portion before coming to Preview Day. The office phone number is 309-557-4424.

Grade Level Testing

During the week of April 7-11 our 5th graders will be completing the Science portion of their state testing.

All students grades K-5 will be completing our last round of the STAR computerized testing between April 14 and May 9th. This is our district testing which allows us to monitor student progress in standardized format. We do this three times per year.

Sciencepalooza:

This Thursday, April 10, will be our annual Sciencepalooza from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the gym and cafeteria. Students in 4th & 5th grade have the opportunity to submit interactive science projects to be displayed during the Sciencepalooza. All Prairieland students and families are invited to attend this fun event. From 6:00-6:30 the 4th and 5th grade scientists will be available to explain their science experiments. From 6:30-7:30 everyone will be able to enjoy a wide variety of fun, interactive experiments from groups throughout our Bloomington-Normal community!



Arriving on Time

I want to continue to emphasize the importance of getting the kids here and into class on time. Our school day starts at 7:45. Students begin their daily routines at 7:45, which sets the tone for the day. When students arrive on time it gives them a sense of calm. Being on time is a life skill which students need to learn and understand for the rest of their lives! Thanks for your help with this!

PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports:

PBIS is the system we use to provide an overall structure for behavior within our classrooms and school. Each month throughout the year we emphasize basic vocabulary and affirmations. During the month of March our focus was on “Helping Others” and our April focus is on building a better “community.” May will revolve around celebrating our “community.” Each month students can earn a fun “Out of the Blue” activity. Our out-of-the-blue for March was our annual Rock/Paper/Scissor championships to go along with our Reading March Madness contest. We had rock/paper/ scissor champions for each class, as well as 3 lunch hour winners. We are

looking forward to ending our year with our outdoor lunch picnic in May.



Family Bingo Night!!

A big thank you to our PIECE group for another successful Family Bingo Night!! Fun was had by all as we played some bingo, had some food, played some knockout, and gave away a lot of fun baskets and prizes!

Thanks to all who participated or helped with this event! We couldn't do it without you!



Weather and Dressing Appropriately:

Please continue to dress your children appropriately for the weather. This time of year our weather is like a yo-yo. One day it is 70 and we can wear shorts, and the next day it is 40 and we are wearing winter coats! I always encourage everyone to wear layers as the weather changes from hour to hour.

Attendance Call In:



This is just a reminder that any time your child is going to be absent or late, **we do need a call to our attendance line with the reason for their absence.** We are required to document the reason for your child's absence on a daily basis. Please use the attendance line phone number to record the absence. That phone number is **309-557-4473**. This number can be called 24/7.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

April

- 10 Sciencepalooza-6:00-7:30-gym & cafeteria**
- 14 P.I.E.C.E. Meeting-6:30-2nd Gr Commons**



17 Early Release-students dismissed at 10:45

17 Kindergarten Preview-12:30-2:00

18 No School-School Improvement Day

22 Earth Day

May

2 Early Release-students dismissed at 10:45

4 May the 4th Be With You-Unit 5 Foundation Run-Maxwell Park

8 Be a Star Day

12 PIECE Meeting-6:30

20 Play Day

21 Projected Last Day- $\frac{1}{2}$ day for students-dismissed at 10:45

