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The HAWKEYE

FROM PROUD PRAIRIE VIEW PRINCIPAL WALTER

SAVE THE DATES

- April 22 - **Class Pictures**
- April 28 - Kenn Nesbitt Author Visit
- May 5 - Parent Input Forms Due (available in the office)
- May 5 - PTO Meeting at 6:00 in Portable 1
- May 20 - 3rd - 5th Grade Spokane Indians Field Trip
- May 23 - No School (Snow Make-Up Day)
- May 26 - No School (Memorial Day)
- May 29 - PTO Carnival!
- 2024/25 Calendar
- 2025/26 Calendar

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

Appreciation Takes Center Stage

What an incredible week it's been at Prairie View! As Staff Appreciation Week comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to our amazing team. Every day, our staff shows up with passion, care, and unwavering commitment to making sure every Hawk is seen. You truly are the heartbeat of this school. A huge shout-out as well to our phenomenal PTO - thank you for going above and beyond to make us feel so special this week. Your efforts have lifted our spirits and reminded us just how loved we are.

I'm grateful for YOU!

Principal Walter

PANCAKE FUNDRAISER WITH THE FIVE MILE GRANGE THIS WEEKEND

Hawks, please see a message [HERE] from the Five Mile Grange about Pancakes with the Easter Bunny. Donations go to the Mead Food Bank.

MORNING DROP-OFF

Spring is in the air, and we love seeing our Hawks walking, biking, and enjoying the fresh mornings! With the sunshine and the draw of the playground, it's tempting for students to arrive early. However, we want to remind families that we do not have supervision until 8:50 AM (9:30 AM on Wednesdays), and breakfast service does not begin until 8:45 AM (9:25 AM on Wednesdays) - just 10 minutes before the bell rings.

For everyone's safety, it's essential that students arrive no earlier than these times. Without adult supervision or access to our school nurse, injuries or issues may go unnoticed or unaddressed. We ask that you talk with your child about their morning routine to ensure they arrive at a safe and supervised time. Thank you for helping us keep every Hawk safe and cared for.

📅 Morning Drop-Off Times at Prairie View Elementary

☀️ **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

- ➔ **Supervision Begins:** 8:50 AM
- ➔ **Breakfast Opens:** 8:45 AM
- ➔ **School Starts:** 9:00 AM

⏰ **Wednesday (Late Start)**

- ➔ **Supervision Begins:** 9:30 AM

- ➔ **Breakfast Opens:** 9:25 AM
- ➔ **School Starts:** 9:35 AM

🛑 *No supervision or nurse is available before these times.*
🛴 *Please help your student plan to arrive at school no earlier than when supervision starts.*

Let's keep all our Hawks safe and ready to soar!

STATE TESTING COMING UP

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
2024-25 PV Elementary SBA & WCAS Schedule						
Week	**Grade**	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
April 28 - May 2	3rd		ELA CAT	ELA CAT	ELA CAT	Make-ups for the week
	4th		ELA CAT	ELA CAT	ELA CAT	
	5th		5 ELA CAT	5 ELA CAT/PT 1	ELA PT 2	
May 5 - May 9	3rd		Math CAT	Math CAT	Math PT	Make-ups for the week
	4th		ELA PT	ELA PT	ELA PT	
	5th		5 ELA PT 2	5 ELA PT 2	5th	
May 12 - May 16	3rd		ELA PT	ELA PT	ELA PT	Make-ups for the week
	4th		Math CAT	Math CAT	Math PT	
	5th		5 Math CAT	5th	5 Math PT	
May 19 - May 22 (MAP window opens)	3rd					Snow Makeup No School (May 23)
	4th					
	5th			WCAS	WCAS	
May 26 - May30		Memorial Day (May 26)		Fifth Grade Map		ALL MAKE-UP
June 2 - June 6 (testing windows close on the 6th)		MAP Testing	Fifth Grade Map	MAP Testing	MAP Testing	MAP Testing

Along with spring comes our annual state testing.

One of the signs that we are nearing the end of the year is upcoming state & standardized testing. These tests provide valuable insights into our students' learning progress and help us tailor future instruction to meet their needs more effectively. Below is a breakdown of the scheduled tests, what they entail, and how you can support your child through this period.

- ➔ SBA State Tests: We will test the weeks of April 28th through May 16th, every Tuesday through Thursday in grades 3-5, with make-ups on Fridays.
- ➔ MAP testing will take place sometime between April 19th and June 6th.

Understanding the Tests

1. SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) Grades 3 - 5:

- ➔ ELA (English Language Arts) CAT (Computer Adaptive Test) & PT (Performance Task): This portion of the SBA assesses reading, writing, listening, and research skills. The CAT adapts to your child's ability level, providing a personalized assessment experience.
- ➔ Math CAT & PT: Similar to the ELA CAT, the Math CAT adjusts to your child's response patterns, evaluating their proficiency in mathematical reasoning, problem-solving, and understanding of concepts.

2. WCAS (Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science) for Grade 5:

- ➔ This assessment measures students' understanding of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), focusing on three major areas: Life Sciences, Physical Science, and Earth & Space Science.

3. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing Grades 1 - 5:

- ➔ The MAP tests are adaptive assessments in reading and math that measure a student's growth over time. These tests are taken multiple times throughout the year to monitor progress. Our Hawks have shown significant growth from Fall to Winter, so it will be exciting to SEE more growth this Spring!

How can you support your Hawk?

- ➔ Encourage a Positive Attitude: Remind your child that these tests are opportunities to showcase what they've learned. Encourage them to approach each test with confidence and a positive mindset. But...doing their best is all they need to do! They are enough!
- ➔ Establish a Routine: Ensure your child has a consistent bedtime and morning routine to help them be well-rested and prepared for each day of testing.
- ➔ Nutrition: A healthy breakfast can significantly impact your child's performance. Foods that provide slow-releasing energy, like whole grains, yogurt, and fruits, are excellent choices. And snacks. Snacks are helpful!
- ➔ Stay Positive and Supportive: Your attitude towards these assessments can influence your child's perspective. Stay positive, offer encouragement, and remind them that their best effort is what matters most.
- ➔ Limit Screen Time: Encourage your child to unwind with activities other than screen time. Reading together, playing board games, or spending time outdoors can help reduce stress and improve sleep.
- ➔ We understand that testing periods can be stressful, not just for students but for their families as well. Please know that we are here to support your child every step of the way. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or me directly.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making this testing period a successful and positive experience for our students.

DIGITAL SAFETY PARENT NIGHT

Dear Mead School District Families,

The Mead Technology Advisory Committee wants to thank you for your active participation in the fall's ThoughtExchange survey. Your valuable insights have helped shape key priorities and guided our efforts to enhance students' technology experiences through intentional and responsible use.

Through your feedback, several important themes emerged, including:

- ➔ Helping students use technology responsibly
- ➔ Balancing screen time with traditional learning
- ➔ Teaching essential technology skills
- ➔ Promoting digital safety, online privacy, and security

Our Technology Advisory Committee and district staff have been working diligently to address these concerns. We are excited to partner with Project Stand to host a Digital Safety Night for Parents on:

- ➔ May 20, 2025
- ➔ Mead High School — Theatre
- ➔ 6:00-7:30 PM

This event will provide parents with practical strategies, tools, and guidance to help establish safe boundaries and foster a healthy, productive approach to technology use at home. We aim to empower families with the knowledge and resources needed to support student safety and digital well-being.

We encourage you to attend this important evening as we work together to create a safer, more thoughtful digital environment for our children. Your continued engagement and support make all the difference!

We look forward to seeing you there and welcome your feedback as we move forward.

Sincerely,

The Mead School District Technology Advisory Committee

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK VIDEOS

YouTube [HERE]

CHESS CLUB IS BACK FOR SPRING!

The Chess Club has returned for all grades! There is still time to sign up for this winter session. Check out the flier [HERE] and get signed up to learn some Chess!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2025-26

Resident student enrollment for 2025-26 is now open for **incoming kindergarteners and new K-12 students** to the Mead School District! Many of you are already part of the school district, but please share this message with families, friends and neighbors who are new to the district! Visit www.mead354.org/enroll for more information and links to online registration or PDF paper registration packets.

Current Mead School District students do not need to re-enroll. Students are eligible to register for Kindergarten if they turn 5 years old prior to September 1, 2025.

Online Registration for New Students Starting 2025-26 (K-12 Only).

The Mead School District is also accepting applications and interest forms for students in the following programs:

- **Transition to Kindergarten** (if Age 4 on Aug. 31, 2025)
  - Free, full-day early entrance kindergarten for children who are 4 years old by August 31, 2025, AND have had limited access to full-time preschool.
  - Students must demonstrate either financial, academic OR social-emotional need AND cannot be currently enrolled in another early learning program.
  - Click here to find more information and interest forms for our Transitional Kindergarten Program.
- **Mead Learning Options**
  - Mead School District's non-traditional options for students and families that cover a range of teacher-directed and parent-directed learning, as well as available virtual and outdoor learning options
  - Click here to find more information and interest forms for Mead Learning Options

For current and future students who reside outside of the Mead School District boundaries, Non-Resident Application forms will be available on the district website beginning June 1, in accordance with Board Policy 3141.

For general enrollment questions, please email us at meadschooldistrict@mead354.org!

SPECIALIST ROTATIONS FOR APRIL

[HERE] is the April 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 April'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 May 5, 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-On at Prairie View? Follow our Facebook page [HERE]!

BUS REGISTRATION

The 2025-26 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.

2025-26 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)

We SEE you, Hawks!

Let's fly! Together.