

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Prairie Elementary Bulldog Tracks

Buddy says "Read
for 20 minutes
every day"



David Engelking, Principal
November 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNDRAISER LIMO NOV 1
RIDE FOR QUALIFIED STUDENTS

FUNDRAISER PICK UP NOV 1
3:30-6:00 PM

NO SCHOOL NOV 11
VETERAN'S DAY

PRAIRIE SONIC NOV 17
NIGHT 5—8 P.M.

NO SCHOOL NOV 23, 24 & 25
THANKSGIVING BREAK

SITE COUNCIL NOV 21
IN THE LIBRARY 5:30-6:30 P.M.

FOOD SERVICE POLICY CHANGE

Starting Monday, October 31st, the kitchen manager will no longer be able to transfer money from one sibling's account to another. As an example, if you have a child at Prairie who has \$30 on their lunch account, but their sibling only has \$1.75, we won't be able to transfer money into their account. Since lunch is \$2.25, they will receive an alternate lunch; the same regulation will apply to breakfast as well. Please be sure to monitor your students' lunch accounts to ensure they have enough for meals.

If you want to transfer funds from one account to another, there is a form on the district website. Follow these directions:

- Go to USD261.com
- Under the "Services" tab, click on "Food Service Program"
- On the left side of the screen, click on "Transfer of Funds Form"
- Fill out and follow the directions to return it to Food Service.

For questions, call Food Service at 554-2219.

PANDO INITIATIVE (formally CIS)

The Salvation Army is hosting their Warm Hearts winter clothing distribution on Wednesday, November 2nd and Thursday, November 3rd from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To take advantage of this opportunity, you must bring proof of I.D. for each member in the household. The distribution will take place at 350 N. Market in Wichita. They will be giving away free coats, sweaters and blankets. They will also be signing families up for Christmas assistance. Families interested in this, need to bring proof of I.D., proof of income,

proof of address and wish lists for children in the household that are 16 years old and under. For more information, please call 263-2769.

Applications for Christmas assistance through Haysville Community Outreach will be taken on Saturday, November 12 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Applicants must bring proof of identification, social security card for each member living in the household, proof of income for the last 60 days for each adult

member of the household (2 months of payroll check, SRS/Social Security statement, medical cards, copies of unemployment checks, etc.) and proof of address (current driver's license or utility bill mailed in the last 30 days). If the reason for application is recent loss of work, please bring proof of expenditures, gas, electric, water, car payment, mortgage, etc.

USD 261 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Michael Clagg, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, 1745 W Grand, Haysville, KS, 67060, 316-554-2200

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Dinner Makes a Difference!

Research shows that kids who consistently eat dinner with their families are less likely to smoke, drink or use drugs.

Parents can take the **STAR** pledge, promising to:

S-Spend time with their kids by having dinner together.

T-Talk to them about their friends, interests, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

A-Answer their questions and listen to what they say.

R-Recognize that parents can keep kids substance-free!

For more information, visit www.CASAFamilyDay.org and <http://kansafamily.com>



AWE

You didn't see **Awe** as a character in Pixar's hit film *Inside Out*. But new studies show that it's a dramatic feeling with the power to inspire, heal, change our thinking and bring people together.

Awe helps us see things in new ways. It makes us nicer—and happier. Awe alters our bodies. Research suggests a possible role in health and healing that may help explain the recent studies that have linked expo-

sure to nature with lower blood pressure, stronger immune systems and more. There may be something therapeutic in nature beyond exercise and relaxation. Here are some ways to find awe in everyday life;

- * Drop the devices and gaze at the clouds or stars.
- * Take an Awe Walk in your neighborhood.
- * Get up early to watch the sunrise.

- * Play amazing music.
- * Visit a local, state or national park.



PTO NEWS

Thank you to all those who participated in our fall fundraiser. You helped make it a successful one! Congratulations to the following students who earned a limo ride by selling 20 or more items! Brady Angsten, Hunter Brown, Makenzie Brown, Lola Gordon, Andre Mackey, Emma Martin, Cheyenne McMurphy, Lucas Miller, Colton Ruiz, Cayleb Sac, Maddox Walter, and Gabe Woods

Congratulations to the following students who earned ice cream by selling 15 or more items! Alaiysha Clement, Hunter Curley, Caydon Herrick, and Isaac Jones Our October Movie Night was a lot of fun and we want to thank everyone for coming out to enjoy a movie night with their family! It was a great success!! We have scheduled the following dates for Prairie Skate Nights: January 30, February 20,

and April 17. They will be held at Roller City and be from 6-8 pm.

Our next PTO meeting is Nov 17th at 6 PM at Prairie Elementary in the PTO/Band Room. Please park in the side parking lot and enter through the PTO/Band door.

We are still looking for new members to join PTO. Membership is \$10. Please email prairie.elementary.pto@gmail.com if interested in joining or obtaining new information.