

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Prairie Elementary Bulldog Tracks

David Engelking, Principal
APRIL 2017

Buddy says "Read for
20 minutes
every day"



UPCOMING EVENTS

STATE ASSESSMENTS BEGIN
3/18-4/20

AWARDS ASSEMBLY APR 7
TIMES VARY

2ND GRADE TO APR 12
CAROUSEL SKATE/PARK

1ST GRADE TO APR 12
GREAT PLAINS NATURE CTR

PASTA FOR PENNIES APR 12
BOXES DUE

NO SCHOOL APRIL 14 & 17

3RD GRADE TO APR 20
SEDG COUNTY ZOO

PANDO INITIATIVE

Through the Pennies for Pasta fundraiser, Prairie students and staff members will be raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Money raised will go towards finding cures for blood cancers. If you have spare change lying around the house, please put it in the collection box that was sent home with your child. Please

send the boxes back to school on or before Wednesday, April 12th. The classroom that brings in the most money will win a pasta party!



PTO NEWS

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Spring popcorn fundraiser. It was a great success!

All PTO board positions are open for nominations for the 2017-2018 school year. Nominations are due by April 7th. Please email your nominations to the PTO secretary, Krystal Kenrick, at kkenrick@usd261.com or drop in the box in the office. Only paid PTO members are eligible for board positions. **Voting will be held April 28th at the PTO meeting.** You

must be present to vote.

Upcoming Dates: April 17th 6-8 pm will be our next Skate Night. **April 28th at 6:00 pm will be the last PTO meeting of the school year.**

Prairie's Fun Night will be held at All Star Adventures in May. Pre-order prices will be \$15 and \$20 at the door. All students that pre-order, will be entered into a drawing for 100 tokens. The class with the most students attending will earn a class party.

Remember to check your child's lunch account weekly to ensure they have enough money for breakfast, lunch or ala carte items. Students who do not have the full amount needed will be served an alternate meal.

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

TIPS FOR TAKING TESTS



- Encourage your child to read at home (magazines, recipes, letters and books) and notice his or her efforts and accomplishments.
- Talk with your child about what they are doing in class and ask what he or she is reading.
- Limit your child's TV time.
- Express a positive attitude about the test and confidence in your child's ability to do well on it.
- Realize that putting too much emphasis on the test and the results can increase your child's anxiety. Too much anxiety can prevent your child from doing his or her best.
- Reassure your child that test scores are only one measure of his or her abilities.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast each and every day

LEARNING FACILITATOR-MRS. TROTTER

Kansas College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) are high-quality academic expectations that were created by experts and teachers. These research and evidence based standards were developed to ensure students are prepared to enter a world (after high school) in which colleges and businesses are demanding more and students can be successful. The CCRS helps develop and build your child's critical-thinking, problem-solving and analytical skills in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

Students in third, fourth and fifth grades have recently started taking the state assessments. The students have to

do more than find the answers and complete basic tasks. They will be using reasoning skills, working through more complex problems and even doing research on a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts.

Sample of the old state assessment reading question:

What is this passage mainly about? (gives A,B,C,D choices)

Sample of the new reading question:

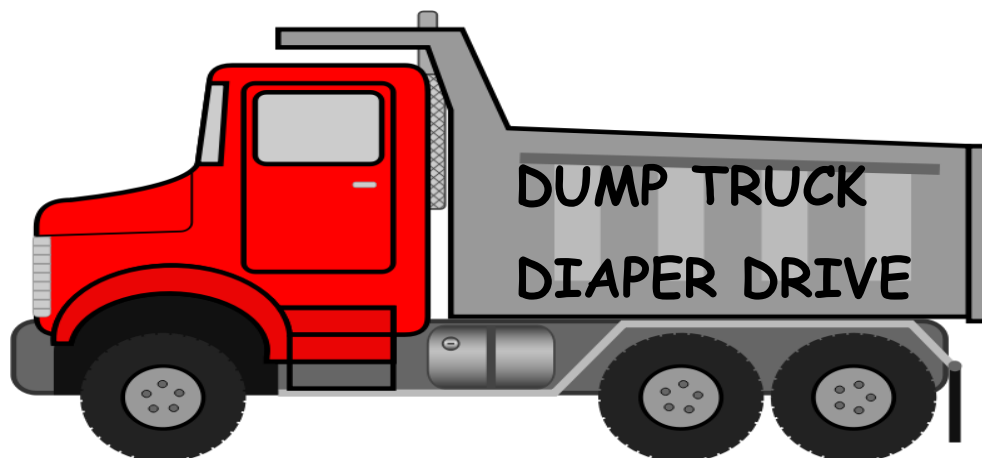
The narrator of the story helps the reader understand the grandfather by (gives A,B,C,D choices)

Kindergarten through second

grade teachers are hard at work creating rigorous lessons that will help their students develop skills in reading, writing, speaking & listening and math. Students are also applying these skills to other areas such as science and social studies. The earlier the core concepts are taught in these grades, the more time it gives teachers to implement them and students to master them.

If you have any questions about College and Career Ready Standards, please contact your child's teacher, myself or check out these websites:

<http://bit.ly/1docknr> and www.ksde.org



**Parents as Teachers is opening a Community Diaper
Pantry and we need your help. PAT is hoping to collect
A DUMP TRUCK FULL of diapers so that all babies start life
healthy and ready to learn!**

How can I help?

**Donate new disposable diapers by bringing them to Prairie between now and
April 20th. PAT will collect the diapers from each building and add them to the
dump truck at BIG TRUCK NIGHT.**

**Thursday
APRIL 20**

Cash donations are also accepted.



Why Diapers?

- A baby needs 10-12 diapers a day, costing \$100-\$120 per month.
- 1 in 20 moms who has had to cut back on other purchases to pay for diapers has reused a disposable diaper.
- 36% of parents living in poverty routinely run out of diapers for their infants and toddlers.
- Babies who remain in dirty diapers for prolonged periods experience diaper rash, infections, and other health problems.
- Excessive crying, often the result of diaper rash or discomfort, is the number one cause of child abuse.
- Safety net programs, such as WIC and food stamps, do NOT cover the cost of diapers.



DIAPER PANTRY



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