

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Prairie Elementary Bulldog Tracks

David Engelking, Principal
February 2017

Buddy says "Read for
20 minutes
every day"



UPCOMING EVENTS

GRACE MED DENTAL FEB 6
CLINIC

DARE GRADUATION FEB 6
1:30 PM

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER FEB 8
PAY \$1-WEAR A HAT

VALENTINE PARTIES FEB 10
2:45—3:30 P.M.

NO TAPS DUE TO FEB 13-15
CONFERENCES

BOOK FAIR FEB 13-15
SEE ARTICLE FOR TIMES

CONFERENCES FEB 13 & 14
4:00—8:30 P.M.

NO SCHOOL FEB 16, 17 & 20
CONFERENCE RELEASE

PRAIRIE NIGHT AT FEB 16
HAYSVILLE SONIC 5:00-8:00

SITE COUNCIL FEB 27
5:30—6:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS HAS CHANGED!!

On Monday, January 23rd, the Board of Education voted to change the last day for the school year from May 25th to May 18th. Elementary will dismiss at 11:40, with no lunches served.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent – Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **February 13th & 14th**. Specials (Music, PE, Library and Tech) and SPED teachers will be scheduling conferences in addition to classroom teachers. Letters with sign up information have been sent home. Please return your choices to teachers as soon as possible. Parents, thank you in advance for making these meetings a priority. Conferences will be held in individual class-

rooms, Monday and Tuesday evening from 4:00-8:30 p.m. **There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Thursday, February 16th, or 17th.** In addition, school will not be in session on **February 20th** in celebration of Presidents' Day. We believe communication is key to a successful year, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend conferences.

NO TAPS FEBRUARY 13-15

WINTER VALENTINE PARTIES

Winter Valentine parties will be held on Friday, February 10th from 2:45—3:30. Visitors will need to sign in at the office. Room parents may go to the rooms starting at 2:30. All other visitors will need to wait in the cafeteria until 2:45.



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

THE PARENT HOTLINE

(1-800-CHILDREN or 316-263-KIDS)



Kids don't come with instructions. That's why KCSL has the Parent Helpline. The Parent Helpline is a free, anonymous telephone counseling service. It is a voice on the other end of the line that can empathize with what you're going through. It's a trained person who will listen and help you with simple questions or complex situations. There's no question too small or problem too big. The Helpline counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can refer you to services anywhere in Kansas.

Call the Parent Helpline whenever you have a question or a problem. Don't wait until "the next time." When you feel frustrated, upset or confused someone at the Parent Helpline will listen and help.

Kansas Children's Service League www.KCSL.org

[Text or email at 1800children@kcs.org](mailto:1800children@kcs.org)

PANDO INITIATIVE (FORMALLY COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL)

Watch your child's Wednesday folder for information about the annual Give Kids a Smile event! Through this event, the Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition offers FREE dental services for chil-

dren ages 3 to 12 years old that live in Sedgwick County and do not have dental insurance. Please stop by the Pando table at Parent Teacher Conferences to get more infor-

mation on a variety of community resources. While you are there, you can also pick up free toothbrush kits for your family!

PTO NEWS

PTO provided funding for Prairie's 10-year celebration shirts that were bought for all students and staff. Please wear your Prairie shirts on Tuesdays to help promote Prairie PRIDE!

PTO will be selling carnations for \$1.00 each to be delivered on February 14th at school. Notes have been sent home and will continue to be sent home in Wednesday folders. If you wish to purchase a carnation, please fill out the pink form

with money and return to school by February 8th. If you are available to help with the carnations once we have received them, please email prairie.elementary.pto@gmail.com for further information. Thank you!

We have scheduled the following dates for upcoming Prairie Skate Nights; February 20 and April 17. They will be held at Roller City from 6-8 p.m.

LET YOUR FAITH BE STRONGER THAN YOUR FEAR



Attention, Happy Campers! The spring Scholastic book fair will be in the PES Library **Monday-Wednesday, February 13-15**. Please see the schedule below for times on Monday and Tuesday during Parent-Teacher Conferences. **Please note that the fair will close at 8:15 PM, rather than 8:30 PM.** Everyone is invited to come to the PES Library to visit the book fair and enjoy the fun!

The fun begins the week before the book fair, on **Wednesday, February 8**, with a special **Wear-Your-Hat Wednesday** fundraiser. Students and staff may wear a hat all day if they donate \$1 to the library. In keeping with the fair's theme, camp hats are encouraged, but certainly not required. This special book fair fundraiser is intended to raise money for the All-for-Books donation box. All money raised will be used to buy books for the library.

The fun continues at the book fair, where students can enter the contest and the drawing sponsored by the library. The guessing-game contest requires that students use their skills of counting or estimating to guess the correct answer to a grade-level appropriate puzzle. Students may enter the contest when they visit the book fair with an adult, no purchase required. The winner will receive a prize package, which includes a book! Next, any student who buys at least one book receives a free bookmark and one ticket to enter in a drawing for a chance to win the poster of his/her choice. Winners for the contest and drawing will be announced after the fair ends.

In addition to these activities for the kids, the library will have ways for parents to contribute to either the school library or their child's classroom library. For the school library, money donated to the All-For-Books fundraiser is used to buy new books. More money in the donation box means more new books for the library! For teachers, a Wish List board will provide suggestions to guide purchases for specific teachers' classrooms. Either way, students benefit by having a wide selection of books to read. Gift certificates are also available for purchase in any amount.

The **Online Book Fair** is available February 1-20 and provides an extended selection of books. Orders placed through the Online Fair ship directly to the school after February 20 with no charge for shipping and handling. Any student who receives a book through the online fair will receive a free bookmark. All purchases benefit the library. Visit the Online Fair at the following site:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/prairieelementaryschool15>

Come join the fun at the book fair and help us make this a true **Happy Camper Book Fair!**

Fair Schedule, Feb. 13-15

Monday & Tuesday: 4:00 PM – **8:15 PM**; Family Nights & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday: grade-level shopping during the grade's Wednesday Specials time for students who have money with them.

Thursday and Friday: No school for students or staff

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