

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Prairie Elementary Bulldog Tracks

Buddy says "Read
for 20 minutes
every day"



David Engelking, Principal
January 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO SCHOOL JAN 13 & 16
END OF FIRST SEMESTER

PRAIRIE NIGHT AT JAN 19
HAYSVILLE SONIC 5—8 P.M.

4TH GRADE JAN 25
WAX MUSEUM 1 P.M.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY JAN 25
TIMES VARY

NO SCHOOL JAN 27
BUILDING INSERVICE

SITE COUNCIL JAN 30
IN THE LIBRARY-5:30 P.M.

HWMS COUNSELOR JAN 31
VISIT WITH FIFTH GRADE

10th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT CONTEST

In November, our fourth and fifth grade students were invited to enter a contest to design a 10th anniversary t-shirt. We had several artists turn in some amazing and imaginative designs. The winner was chosen by staff members via a blind vote. CONGRATULATIONS TO GAIGE PFRENGER for his efforts. He was awarded a \$50 Walmart gift card.

All students and staff received a t-shirt before the Winter Break. We encourage you to wear them on Tuesdays to show your Prairie Pride.



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.

Many students will need their **basic school supplies replenished** by now, so make sure to

check with your child about crayons, glue sticks, pencils, etc. Your cooperation and involvement, has helped to make Prairie a wonderful learning place for all students.

IS IT A SNOW DAY???

It is that time of year when the weather can change very quickly. A decision to close school due to inclement weather will be made as soon as possible, and in some cases even the night before. School closings will be announced on the district web site and through the media.

In addition, a School Messenger call may go out to let you know school will be closed. If you have opted in, you may receive a text message as well. This is another good reason to keep your home phone number updated in Power School. If you have not opted in for text messages, you still can, by texting

the word "YES" to 67587.

**Be sure to
keep your
home phone
number up-to-
date in case
we have a
snow day!**



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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.....COOPERATION



- 5 – 3 – 1 Go --Switching tasks is difficult for children. Give them a 5 minute heads up that you will be changing tasks (leaving a park, turning off the TV, going to bed, taking a bath).
- Grandma's Rule--As soon as you _____, you can _____.
- Give clear instructions--Say exactly what you mean (Make your bed. Put your clothes in the laundry. Have the child repeat it back to you. Say thank you.
- Give a choice--Make sure both are acceptable to you. Don't give them a choice you do not want them to choose.
- Make it brief--Use a single word versus a lecture. The longer you talk, the less they hear.
- Write it down--Use a note, chart or pictures if they are too young to read. (Stay in bed cards. Child gets 3 cards each night. She/he can use the first two for anything. But if they use the 3rd card, they don't get cards the next night.)
- Use rules and routines...morning routines and evening routines can help the time be less stressful. If you establish the routine of homework after dinner, you might say, "Table is clean" and the child will learn that means it is time for homework.

(Taken from " *Kid Cooperation*," How to Stop Yelling, Nagging & Pleading and Get Kids to Cooperate by Elizabeth Pantley, 1996)

PANDO INITIATIVE

Our Food Drive was held in December and we collected 2,259 items! Mrs. Sacquitne's classroom will be receiving a pizza party for bringing in the most items at 377. Mrs. Hilyard and Ms. Strobach's classrooms brought in the next highest number of items

at 336 each. Thank you for your generous donations and for making our food drive a success!

GraceMed Dental Clinic will be coming to Prairie on Monday, February 6th to provide free dental screenings, cleanings, fluoride varnish and sealants

to students. All students are eligible to receive these services. Please watch your child's Wednesday folder for the paperwork that will be sent home. If you have any questions, please contact the Pando office at 554-2350.

PTO NEWS

Our next PTO meeting date is **January 19th at 6:00 pm in the Band/PTO room**. Please park in the side parking lot and enter through the PTO/Band doors.

Prairie's Sonic Night will also be the same evening.

We have an upcoming Skate Night on January 30th from 6-8 pm at Roller City.

Yearbook order forms will be coming home soon in Wednesday folders. They will be due January 23rd. You may also order online at YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM using yearbook ID code 7714417

147- NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN DECEMBER