

PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

David Engelking, Principal
APRIL 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd grade SPLASH days
April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 9

Food Drive Apr 2–13

2nd-Carousel Skate Apr 4
9-2:15

PTO Family Bowling Apr 14
at Derby Bowl 4-6 pm

3rd to Sedgwick Apr 19
County Zoo 8:45-2:30

PTO meeting Apr 19
6 pm

Prairie night at Apr 19
Haysville Sonic 5–8 pm

Spring Picture Apr 20
money due

Library fund raiser Apr 25
wear a hat all day for \$1

Kindergarten to Apr 25
Tanganyika 9–1

1st to Great Plains Apr 25
Nature Center

2nd grade Music Apr 26
program 1:30-2:15

NO SCHOOL Apr 27
District Inservice

Kindergarten May 1
Round-Up 1:30-2:30

Orchestra Concert May 1
at Campus 6:30 pm

NO SCHOOL****CALENDAR CHANGE****

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON APRIL 27TH. DISTRICT STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING AN INSERVICE . THIS WAS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT CALENDAR. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ON THIS DAY. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP MAY 1ST

We are currently searching for future Kindergarten students who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2018. **Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st at 130 p.m. at Prairie Elementary School.** We are developing a mailing list of those parents with Kindergarten students for next year.

If you know of a child who will be in Kindergarten, please share this information with their parents, and encourage them to call the school office.

Information to bring includes: current immunization records, state certified birth certificate, and proof of residency which would include a current utility bill or a lease/purchase agreement with the parent/guardian's name, address, and a current date.

Parents will be pre-registering their student for the 2018-19 school year. This is only for students going into kindergarten. Please call the Prairie office if you have any questions—554-2350.

PANDO INITIATIVE

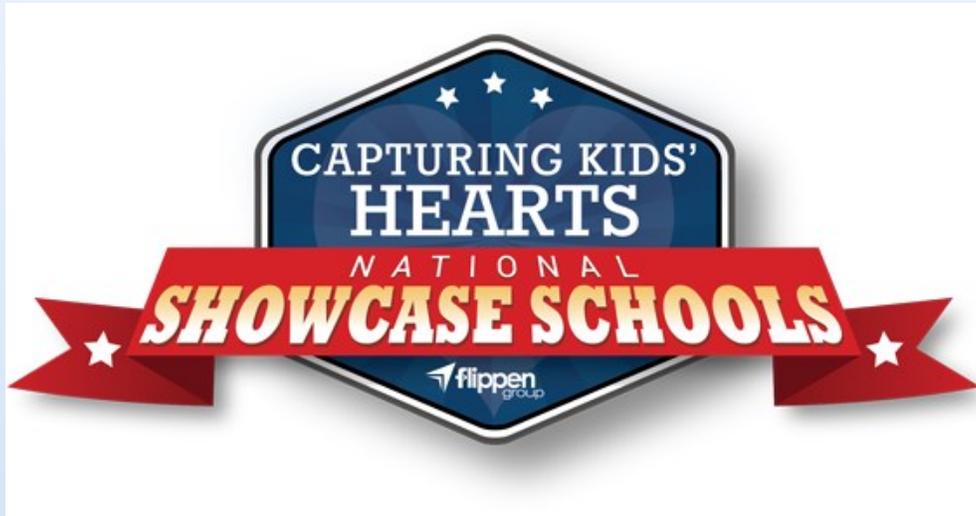
In March, we raised money for the Kansas Chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by participating in their Pasta for Pennies fundraiser. Thanks to the generous donations of Prairie families and staff, we raised \$1,490.26!! Ms. Whaley's classroom raised the most money (\$286.82) and will receive a pasta party provided by The Olive Garden. Mrs. Russell's classroom raised \$245.90 and Mrs. Sacquitne's classroom raised \$226.55. Thank you for your support and generosity of this wonderful organization!

GraceMed Dental Clinic brought four of their dental hygienists to Prairie on March 26th to conduct dental screenings and cleanings for students. The hygienists screened 371 students and cleaned the teeth and applied fluoride treatments and sealants to 33 students (for free)!

Our annual food drive will take place from April 2nd – 13th. The food that is collected will be donated to the food pantry at West Haysville Baptist Church. We cannot give expired food to the food bank so please make sure you check the dates before you send any food to school. The class that brings in the most food will win a special party (expired food will NOT be counted towards classroom totals).



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PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY!!! NAMED CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS NATIONAL SHOWCASE SCHOOL

Prairie Elementary has received a *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools™* award for the 2017-2018 school year from the Flippen Group.

Through the *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards, the Flippen Group recognizes and celebrates campuses that go the extra mile each day, building an environment where students and staff feel safe and connected. The Flippen Group believes unsung heroes who produce exemplary outcomes in schools and pave the way for other schools to follow, need and deserve recognition for a job well done.

Capturing Kids' Hearts campuses across the country were considered for these awards based on the following criteria: 1) nomination based on observation, 2) level of implementation of *Capturing Kids' Hearts* processes by all staff as measured by online surveys, and 3) data demonstrating that *Capturing Kids' Hearts* has made a significant improvement in attendance, discipline, climate/culture, or academics.

A Flippen Group team visited each nominated campus to gather additional quantitative and qualitative data, and to interview students, teachers, administrators, and parents. They used a matrix of key measurements to gather information during the campus walk-through. Finally, an additional survey was conducted to collect feedback regarding the perceived climate and culture of the campus and its conduciveness to learning. Following this visit, the selection team reviewed all accumulated data and selected the campuses to receive the *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards.

The Flippen Group is proud to recognize these outstanding individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of our children. As we identify these remarkable schools, campus leaders, and teachers each year, please join us in celebrating them as some of the most skilled and effective educators in the country!

THE AMAZING BRAIN: WHAT EVERY PARENT AND CAREGIVER NEEDS TO KNOW

LINDA BURGESS CHAMBERLAIN, PHD, MPH

Experience Shapes Our Brains

How your child's brain develops each and every day is being shaped by the environment and experiences you provide. The world your child lives in actually affects how their brain grows. Your child needs lots of new, positive experiences in a safe, stable home environment to build a healthy brain. Healthy relationships are the most important experiences your child can have.



BE CONSISTENT

Children's developing brains learn through repetition-by repeating experiences and routines. It is important that you are consistent with discipline so that your child knows what to expect and what you expect from them. Being consistent does not mean being rigid. Adjust your discipline strategies as your child's brain matures and different situations arise.

Setting up routines for activities that you do with your child such as getting up in the morning, going to the store, and getting ready for bed can help. Follow through with consequences that you have set ahead of time for unwanted behaviors. Remember to praise and reward good behaviors!



TALK ABOUT IT!

Talk with your child so next time they get it right! Talking with your child is a brain builder. Use words that your child can understand to teach your child why a behavior was not acceptable. When your child is 3 years or older, you can discuss what went wrong and ask for suggestions about how they could do it differently next time.

Children need practice making choices and experiencing the natural consequences of their choices. Create safe opportunities for your child to practice making choices such as which book he wants to read or if she wants to take her bath before or after reading a story.

LITERACY FIRST

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

Marnie Trotter
Learning Facilitator

PTO FUN NIGHT



Our next Fun Night will be held on April 14th at Derby Bowl from 4-6 pm for cosmic bowling!! \$10 per band/person allows you to bowl for two hours, which includes shoe rental. Bands must be pre-ordered and turned in by April 5th. We are all very excited about this!! Notes were sent home last week. Call the office if you have any questions