

# PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

David Engelking, Principal  
February 2018

BUDDY SAYS  
"READ FOR 20  
MINUTES  
EVERY DAY"



## UPCOMING EVENTS

PARENT/TEACHER FEB 6 -7  
CONFERENCES 4-8:30

BOOK FAIR FEB 6 - 7  
4-8:15

NO SCHOOL FEB 8-9

DARE GRADUATION FEB 12  
1:30-2:15

VALENTINE PARTIES FEB 14  
2:45-3:30 

PRAIRIE NIGHT AT FEB 15  
HAYSVILLE SONIC 5-8

PRAIRIE PTO FEB 15  
MEETING 6 PM

NO SCHOOL FEB 19  
PRESIDENTS' DAY



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent - Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **February 6th & 7th**. 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 classrooms, Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 4:00-8:30 p.m. **There will be NO SCHOOL for students February 8th and 9th.** We believe communication is key to a successful year, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

## LITERACY FIRST

Word Study and Oral Language are a big part of your child's day. The purpose of word study is to address phonics skills, spelling patterns and vocabulary growth. Oral Language and Word Study are crucial skills that begin in Pre-K and continue throughout your child's education.

Some of the ways your child practices word study in the various grades include: word sorts, keeping a word study notebook, looking at language and its history, doing word hunts, webs or ladders, illus-

trating words, writing ABC books or homophone books, practicing with dictionaries and thesauruses, doing activity cards and playing games based from our L.F. skills packets.

If you have any questions about Literacy First please feel free to contact your child's teacher, myself or check out the official website: [www.literacyfirst.com](http://www.literacyfirst.com)

Marnie Trotter  
Learning Facilitator

## PANDO INITIATIVE

Our GraceMed Dental Day was scheduled to take place on Monday, January 22nd. Unfortunately, two of the hygienists were ill so they had to reschedule for Monday, March 26th. If your child was signed up to receive dental services and you still want them to receive those services, no action is required of you. If you no longer wish for your child to receive dental services or if you have any questions, please call Janelle at 554-2350.

Please stop by the Pando table at Parent Teacher Conferences to get more information on a variety of community resources!



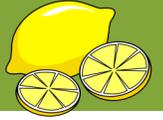
pando initiative  
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# *THE AMAZING BRAIN: WHAT EVERY PARENT AND CAREGIVER NEEDS TO KNOW*

*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.*



*WE CAN PROMOTE HEALTHY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND WANTED BEHAVIORS BY FOLLOWING SIX BASIC STEPS. NUMBER ONE IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER. WATCH FOR MORE IN UPCOMING BULLDOG TRACKS ISSUES.*



## *2 MATCHING DISCIPLINE TO YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT AND NEEDS*

Every child's brain is unique! There is no "one-size-fits-all" discipline strategy for children. Every parent needs a toolkit of effective discipline strategies that they can choose from based on their child's needs and the situation.

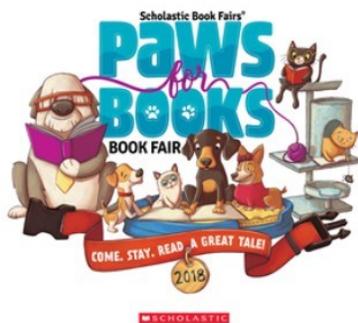
Your child's brain is being shaped by experience and environment-it is constantly changing and you will need to adapt your discipline toolkit to meet your child where he or she is in the development.

A good example of matching discipline to your child's development is using time-out. This strategy usually doesn't work well with children less than 3 years old-this is the age when a child's brain starts to be able to reason and understand.

You can use time-out as a learning experience to teach your child about self-control. Time-out provides the opportunity for a child to calm down. Then your child can think about what he or she did wrong and how to change their behavior. Children need to be calm to be able to access the part of their brains where they can understand the lesson you are teaching them and problem-solve about their behaviors.

### *FOUR BASIC STEPS FOR TIME OUT*

-  *Set rules for time-out ahead of time (where, how long, when you will use it); the time limit is usually one minute for each year of age.*
-  *Choose a quiet location for time-out where you can see your child.*
-  *Ask your child to think about what they did wrong and how they could do better.*
-  *When the time that you have set for time-out is over, talk with your child about what behaviors would be acceptable.*



February 6 & 7, 2018,

during Parent-Teacher Conferences,

& February 7, during Specials

## Upcoming Paws for Books Book Fair Events

### Invitation



You are invited to our Paws for Books Book Fair!



February 6 & 7, 2018,  
 Tuesday & Wednesday  
 @ Prairie Elementary Library



<b>Mon., Feb. 5</b> Closed	<b>Tues, Feb. 6</b> 4 PM – 8:15 PM Family Night / Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>Wed., Feb. 7</b> <b>during school</b> Grade-level shopping during the grade's Specials class (for those who bring their money with them).	<b>Wed., Feb. 7</b> <b>after school</b> 4 PM – 8:15 PM Family Night / Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>Thurs., Feb. 8</b> <b>&amp; Fri., Feb. 9</b> No school for students or staff. The fair will be closed. Online fair is available.
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# Grade-Level Shopping Opportunity



## Wednesday, Feb. 7

In addition to the book fair shopping times during Parent-Teacher Conferences, the book fair will be open for grade-level shopping during each grade's Specials class on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018. Students who bring their money to Specials class will be able to visit the fair to shop during the 30-minute block. Parents and guardians are welcome to join their children during that time. Visitors must sign in at the office before coming to the library. Please see the schedule to the right for grade-level shopping times.

**Please note:**

The lowest-priced item at the fair is 50¢ + tax = \$.54.

## Wednesday Specials Schedule

5 <sup>th</sup> 9:05-9:35	Students must have their money with them when they come to Specials class. Parents and guardians are welcome to join their children during this time. Visitors must sign in at the office before coming to the library.
4 <sup>th</sup> 10:15-10:45	
3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:45-11:15	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 12:55-1:25	
1 <sup>st</sup> 2:05-2:35	
K 2:35-3:05	



# Online Book Fair

Scholastic Online Book Fair benefits Prairie Elementary School Library, too!

For those of you who like the cyber-option, the online book fair is available **Jan. 22-Feb. 11, 2018**. Just order and pay online, and your books will be shipped, free of charge, to the school after the online fair ends on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The items should arrive at the school within 5-10 business days. Mrs. Vance will deliver books as soon as they arrive in the building. All purchases benefit the school in the same way as the fair in the building.

The two ways to access the online book fair for our school are as follows:

Type in <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/prairieelementaryschool7>

or

Go to <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/findafair> and follow these steps:

1. Select state, city, and school—information is in alphabetical order  
(state) Kansas > (city) Haysville > (school) Prairie
2. Click More Details > then Shop Now to enter the site.

