

# PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY BULLDOG TRACKS

David Engelking, Principal  
December 2018

**BUDDY SAYS  
"READ FOR 20  
MINUTES  
EVERY DAY"**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**REINDEER DAYS**      **DEC 7-19**  
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**BAND/ORCHESTRA**      **DEC 12**  
**CONCERT AT PRAIRIE - 1:15 P.M.**

**DARE GRADUATION**      **DEC 13**  
**1:30- PRAIRIE GYM**

**PTO MOVIE NIGHT**      **DEC 14**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.**

**WINTER BREAK FOR STUDENTS**  
**DEC 20—JAN 2**

## OFFICE REMINDERS

As winter sets in, please remember to dress for the weather. Students need to have warm shoes, gloves, hats and coats daily, as we try to go outside almost every day. Please be sure your child is dressed warmly for outdoor recess.



We do not have staff on duty to supervise students who are dropped off prior to doors opening at 8:05. However, morning Latchkey is available through the Haysville Activity Center (529-5922). If you are dropping your student off prior to 8:05, please have your student wait with you in your vehicle during cold weather. If this is not possible, please make sure they are dressed appropriately while waiting to enter the building. We appreciate your cooperation.

## PANDO INITIATIVE

The Pando annual food drive took place from November 5 – 16. Prairie students and families brought in 2,719 items to donate to the food pantry at Haysville United Methodist Church. Dr. Engelking is providing a pizza party to the following classrooms that collected 100 or more items: Crabb, McGregor, Pile, Eskandari, Whaley, Lundy, Hilyard and Scheuermann. Mrs. Pile's classroom will be receiving an additional party of their choice for bringing in the most items at 324!! Thank you for your generous donations and for making our food

drive a success! Episcopal Social Services is serving a holiday lunch on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 1010 N. Main. This meal is open to the public. Please call 269-4160 for more information.

The Lord's Diner will have a Christmas day dinner on December 25<sup>th</sup> at both of their loca-

tions (520 N. Broadway and 2825 S. Hillside) from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Please call 266-4966 for more information.



**BAND AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

**IN THE PRAIRIE GYM**

**DECEMBER 12**

**1:15-2:00 P.M.**

## THE AMAZING BRAIN: POSITIVE PARENTING BUILDS HEALTHY BRAINS

The word DISCIPLINE means “to teach or train.” Positive approaches to discipline work, because you are teaching your child how you want her/him to behave. When children learn, they are building new connections in their brains. Children learn best through relationships that make them feel safe, secure, and nurtured. When you build a trusting, warm and supportive relationship with your child, you are also helping to build your child’s brain. Positive parenting helps your child’s brain to mature and to learn from you how to deal with stress in a healthy way.

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## LITERACY FIRST

Did you know that students must learn approximately 3,000 new words per year in order to acquire the vocabulary knowledge needed in high school?

- Three hundred to five hundred of those must be taught explicitly.
- Some of the best ways to ensure your child is learning new words is to have conversations with them every chance you get. Talk to them while you are making dinner, driving them to swimming lessons, waiting for the dentist or doctor to come in. Make every opportunity count – they are only young once!
- Sometimes it is difficult for children to learn new words. To help make cognitive connections, try having your child illustrate the word they are learning or create a game out of it.

If you have any questions about Literacy First, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or me.

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## PTO MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, December 14th is PTO Family Movie night. Admission is free, doors will open at 6:00 pm and movie will start at 7:00 pm. There will be snacks and drinks for sale at the concessions.



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## Reindeer Days at Prairie

Prairie is celebrating the Holiday Season with Reindeer Days from Friday, December 7-Wednesday, December 19. This is something just for fun and participation is optional. The following is the list of reindeer and the special instructions for that day.

Dec. 7- Vixen Reindeer Day-Vixen loves her picture taken. **Bring a winter or Christmas picture to display at school. (Please put your student's name on the back so we can return the picture.) Wear Reindeer shirt or Green.**

Dec. 10- Donner Reindeer Day-**Don your favorite pajamas.**

Dec. 11- Prancer Reindeer Day-Prancer loves to dress in silly clothes. **Wear clothes that are mismatched.**

Dec. 12- Cupid Reindeer Day-**Wear Red or a Christmas shirt.**

Dec. 13- Blitzen Reindeer Day-**Wear white or snowflake design.**

Dec. 14- Comet Reindeer Day-Comet loves sports. **Wear your favorite team shirt.**

Dec. 17- Dasher Reindeer Day-**Wear sweats and join Dasher in getting exercise**

Dec. 18- -Dancer Reindeer Day- Dancer loves socks. **Wear Christmas or any kind of crazy socks.**

Dec. 19-Rudolph Reindeer Day-**Wear a Santa or festive hat.**