



Prairie Bulldog Tracks

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February 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 6-24	Pennies for Patients
Feb 6	PTO Meeting, 4 pm
Feb 6	Prairie Night @ Haysville Sonic 5-8
Feb 6	Site Council, 5:30-6:30
Feb 9	Dare Graduation, 1pm
Feb 13-16	Scholastic Book Fair-See article
Feb 13-15	Lunch w/Someone Special-See Book Fair
Feb 13 & 15	Late night for Parent/Teacher Conference
Feb 14	Valentine Parties, 3-3:30
Feb 16	No School/Parent Teacher Conference
Feb 17	No School/Conference Release Day
March 6	PTO Skate Night @ Roller City 4:15 pm
March 9	No School/end of nine weeks
March 19-23	Spring Break

READY TO WORK?

Haysville USD 261 is seeking highly qualified and motivated applicants for positions as Substitute Custodians, Bus Drivers, and Bus Aides. Substitute positions can work into full-time positions with exemplary work performance. The hourly wage is \$8.25- \$9.80 per hour. Applications can be found online at www.usd261.com, at the Maintenance Office located at 1745 West Grand, or by calling 554-2210.

Tips for Helping Your Child Be a Successful Test Taker

- Encourage your child to read at home (magazines, recipes, letters and books) and notice his or her efforts and accomplishments.
- Talk with your child about what they are doing in class and ask what he or she is reading.
- Limit your child's TV time.
- Express a positive attitude about the test and confidence in your child's ability to do well on it.
- Realize that putting too much emphasis on the test and the results can increase your child's anxiety. Too much anxiety can prevent your child from doing his or her best.
- Reassure your child that test scores are only one measure of his or her abilities.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast each and every day.



BUDDY SAYS,
"READ FOR
20
MINUTES
EVERY DAY"

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PRESCHOOL?

Just a reminder- It's not too early to think about our preschool classes that will begin August 2012! USD 261 provides a monthly Count Your Kid In (CYKI) screening for children at least 3 yrs. of age. If your child is 3 or 4 years old and you would like to have his/her motor, language and cognitive skills screened, please call the Early Childhood office at 554-2233 to make an appointment. Your child must participate in a CYKI screening to be added to the Pre-K waiting list for the fall classes. Thank you!

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

CONFERENCES & VALENTINE PARTIES

Parent/teacher conferences will be held the week of February 13-16 with late nights (until 8 p.m.) on February 13th and 15th. Conferences on February 16th may be scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be no school for students on February 16th, 17th and 20th (President’s Day). **Valentine parties will be held on February 14th from 3-3:30.** The morning Pre-K and Kindergarten will be celebrating with parties in their rooms at 10:30.

******YOU CAN HELP PRAIRIE******

If you shop at Homeland, Target or Office Depot, you could be helping the students at Prairie. Every time you use your **Homeland** card, make sure to tell them you want Prairie to get credit for it. Our number is 64006. If you have a **Target Visa Credit Card**, Target will donate 1% of your total purchase to our school. Make sure to share Prairie’s ID number, 126593. **Office Depot** will donate 5% of qualified purchases to Prairie. Our school ID # is 70216039



PTO NEWS

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 4 pm.

Starting February 1st, PTO will be selling carnations for Valentine’s Day. The cost is \$1 per carnation. Order forms will go home in Wednesday folders on Feb 1st. Carnations may be purchased for friends, staff, and students (to take home for a family member).

PTO is gearing up for **Fun Night on Saturday, April 21.** We will be needing volunteers to help with this event. Fun Night Meetings will be starting soon. Check upcoming Wednesday folders for more information.

CIS February 2012

CIS is in full swing for the spring, with 12 groups underway. Our main project for this month is Pennies for Patients. We will be collecting spare change from February 6-24. A collection box will be given to each student to collect spare change. We raised over \$866 last year.

Please remember to call the CIS office at 554-2350 if you have any questions!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This spring the theme for the Scholastic Book Fair is Book Fair Luau—It’s a Reading Celebration! The book fair will be in the PES Library Monday, Feb. 13, through Thursday, Feb. 16. The schedule is given below. We hope that everyone will come to the PES Library to visit the book fair.

To raise money for the One-for-Books fund, the library is sponsoring a contest called “Live the Luau.” Here’s how the fundraiser works: Four adults have volunteered to participate in this contest to see who will “win” the pleasure of wearing a luau costume for a day—complete with grass skirt! Students will put money in the jar for the adult they would most like to see wear the costume. The adult who raises the most money for the library’s One-for-Books fund will dress up in a luau costume for the day. All money raised in this activity will be used to buy book-fair books for our library. For every \$1 we raise, the school gets \$1.50 in books from the book fair. That means the more money we raise, the more new books the library will have.

Another special activity happening that week is the “**Do Lunch with Someone Special**” event. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Feb. 13-15, parents and grandparents are invited to join us for lunch. Reservations for lunch must be made in advance.

Book Fair schedule

February 13-16, Monday-Thursday @ PES Library

<p>Monday and Wednesday 8 AM – 9 AM 10:50 AM – 2 PM 3:30 PM – 8 PM Family Nights Parent-Teacher conferences</p>	<p>Tuesday 8 AM – 9 AM 10:50 AM – 2 PM 3:30 PM – 5 PM</p>	<p>Thursday 8 AM – 1 PM</p>
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We hope to see you at PES for parent-teacher conferences, the lunch, and the book fair.