

# Prairie Vista Community Report

PTO

10/24/19- 1/15/20

an informative newsletter about what's happening at Prairie Vista for each quarter or marking period

## CELEBRATING PRAIRIE VISTA!

We are proud to announce that the students did a FANTASTIC job raising money for Prairie Vista and that we were able to purchase TWO new pieces of playground equipment that should be installed this fall!!! This year was our best year yet! Together, our amazing students, raised \$14,641!!! Congratulations to the 4th graders for raising the most as a grade, to Mrs. Faas 2nd grade class for raising the most as a class, and to Noah Snell for raising the most as an individual student! Way to go Prairie Vista families! Thank you for your generous support to Prairie Vista!!

## PRAIRIE VISTA SIGN UPS!

On our weekly newsletter there will be a link at the bottom to the Prairie Vista Sign Ups on Sign Up Genius. ALL SIGN UPS ARE LINKED TOGETHER. This means that you can click on a link to Art Smart sign ups and be able to view the Math Pentathlon sign ups as well. Any sign up through PTO will be here, so be sure to bookmark a sign up and check in often to see if you can help meet the needs at Prairie Vista!!

Here is the link that you can type in

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084AAAA928A2F49-ptopositions>

OR

You can go to [pumaparents.membershiptoolkit.com](http://pumaparents.membershiptoolkit.com) and register for our weekly newsletters that have all links embedded right in the email!

## MATH PENTATHLON!

The last newsletter filled you in on what's new with MP this year and we are ready to get things rolling! Teachers are *sending in Math dates and times for the sign up as we speak!* Watch for the link to be sent out in our newsletter or type in the sign up link in previous

article to see if it's available. Don't want to miss out? Just sign up in the MP interest group and you'll be the first to know when the Math Pentathlon/Coding dates and times sign ups are available! \* PLEASE NOTE: SOME GRADES SWITCH TEACHERS FOR MATH! IF YOU WISH TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASS, BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THEIR TEACHER!

LEARNING SPHERE THEME! The results are in! This years winner of the 2020 LearningSphere theme is.....

**Change Gear,  
it's time for LearningSphere!**

Logos are now in and results will be posted on the LearningSphere packet coming home soon.

WHAT IS LEARNING SPHERE? If you are new to Prairie Vista, you may be asking what is LearningSphere and why should my child participate? It's not the science fair you experienced as a child. It's an **academic fair** that gives our students the opportunity to enter a science project that follows the scientific method OR a research project on nearly any topic that interests them from a variety of areas-*fine arts, math, social studies, and science.*

The top science experiments (projects that follow the scientific method) from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be considered for a Regional Science and Engineering Fair (NIRSEF) at Notre Dame. We've had many Prairie Vista students go on to win numerous awards and cash.

The ultimate purpose of LearningSphere is the joy found in discovering something new about a topic of interest to your child. We hope you will

encourage your child to enter a project and take advantage of this valuable experience.

More information about LearningSphere will be going home in November and December to give you ample time to research and experiment.

LearningSphere will be held on **Thursday, February 6, 2020.**

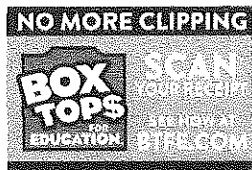
## WE STILL ARE COLLECTING COMPANY REBATES/BOX TOPS! Hey

congrats to the students who have sent in box tops already! We have already earned \$225 for our school!!!! Again, as a reminder, we DO collect box tops that are clipped from purchases and sent in.



Students just need to place them in the Box Top boxes in their ELA. The final day to bring in box tops for the 2019/20 school year is Feb 24.

You may also send in "electronic box tops" by downloading the Box Tops App. Look for this box top on purchased packages. In the app select Prairie Vista Elementary then scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase. *We do not need these labels sent into school.* Questions? Email: [pvcompanyrebate@gmail.com](mailto:pvcompanyrebate@gmail.com) (to learn more about Box Tops For Education go to [BTFE.COM](http://BTFE.COM))



## WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS! This year the yearbook committee, Pam O'Neal and Trish Corliss, are asking for your assistance in gathering pictures. As you take photos at school events they would love it if you would kindly share them.

### **Photo Guidelines:**

1. We would prefer photos you send to have two or more students in them.
2. No need to worry about photo releases. These are not being posted anywhere and are strictly for the yearbook.
3. Email any photos you wish to share to [trishmariecorliss@gmail.com](mailto:trishmariecorliss@gmail.com)

4. Include the **teacher name and grade in the subject line of your email.**

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

**STAFF PANTRY:** The PTO is starting a staff pantry that is stocked with donated Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and Clorox wipes for any teacher or staff that is in need of such items. The pantry will be located in the portable but any donated items can be sent to the office. Please and thank you! Any questions can be directed to Cassie Conklin at [cconklin2325@gmail.com](mailto:cconklin2325@gmail.com)

**WINTERFEST BASKETS:** Oh boy- are we really talking Winterfest already? No worries! Just getting a head start! We wanted to give you a heads up: The week before December break your child's teacher will inform you of their teachers "Winterfest Basket" theme, this way we have ample time to collect the goods!

*Winterfest is our second fundraiser held on Feb 27 this year. One of the events of the evening is a silent auction which contains lots of fun bidding items including a themed basket from each classroom! Some examples from years past are backyard BBQ, movie night, Star Wars, Family Game Night, etc. More information to follow!*

**ISO!** Please see if you can help in any way!

President Elect

Staff Pantry items: Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes

Silent Auction items (contact Abby Anderson with any questions at [pvwinterfest@gmail.com](mailto:pvwinterfest@gmail.com))

**SAVE THE DATES!** Don't forget about these upcoming events!

11/5 NO SCHOOL

11/14 Restaurant Give Back Night: Five Guys

11/21 5th Grade Musical (6:30pm)

11/27-29 NO SCHOOL

12/20 Winter Holiday Celebrations (1:30pm)

12/23- 01/3 NO SCHOOL