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— PRAIRIE VISTA'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 19, 2018 —

NATURE WEEK:

Next Week - October 22nd - 25th

The Prairie Vista community will celebrate the beauty of the prairie and explore the natural world around the school with a variety of cross-curricular activities. Here's a sampling of what's in store and how to participate!

Monday (10/22) - Artifact Share! Bring in a nature related item to share with your class

Tuesday (10/23) - Go Green! Show your support for the planet by wearing your favorite nature shirt

Wednesday (10/24) - Celebrate with experts from Potawatomi Zoo

Thursday (10/25) - Nature Activity and Fall Celebrations *****remember, we only have space for our Room Parents during the Fall Celebration, but be on the lookout for other ways to get involved in your child's class.***

CONFERENCES:

Conferences are scheduled for October 23rd and 24th. The schedule we will follow is below...

October 23rd - K-5 (3:45 pm - 7:00 pm) - 30 minute dinner break

October 24th - K-5 (2:30 pm - 5:30 pm)

FALL BREAK:

October 26th and October 29th - No School.

PVU:

Dates for Fall PVU are **October 22nd & November 5th, 12th, 19th**. Students will be dismissed at 3:45 pm. If your child's last name begins with A-J, please pick up at the front entrance (Door

A). If your child's last name begins with K-Z, please pick up at the back entrance on the west side of the building (Door F).

FOOD BANK SPIRIT DAY:

On Wednesday, October 31st, students may bring in \$1.00 to participate in PAJAMA DAY to benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. **Students must donate \$1.00 to participate.**

LEARNINGSPHERE:

Thank you for all the theme submission ideas we received! We will have details on the logo contest in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or would like more information about LearningSphere please contact our LearningSphere chairs, Renata Matousova and Amy Slozat Crepp at pylearningsphere@gmail.com.

LUNCH MONEY:

Please remember, that if you are sending in cash or a check to school for your child's lunch account, we must have it in an envelope marked with their name, teacher's name and where the money needs to be delivered. This helps our staff find it's destination quickly.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

Attendance Policy:

It is imperative that students be in attendance each school day in order to maintain consistency in their learning. Important learning results come from active participation in the classroom and other school activities that cannot be replaced by individual study.

Excused Absences:

Parents must provide an explanation for their child's absence by no later than 10:00 am on the day of the absence. Students may be excused from school for one of the following reasons and will be provided an opportunity to make-up missed schoolwork and/or tests:

- *Illness or being temporarily physically disabled supported by a doctor's statement or notification from the parent;
- *Death or severe illness in the immediate family or of a relative;
- *A reasonable number of religious holidays to be approved prior to the absence;
- *Medical and dental appointments
- *To provide the Office with a Dr's Note for **ALL** appointments
- *It is our policy to request a doctor's note for absences that are three days or more in a row.

Unexcused Absences:

- *Vacations are Unexcused Absences

DISMISSAL CHANGES:

Just a friendly reminder, if your child has a change in dismissal from their normal routine, a parent must email us by noon on the day with the change. Please email Sue Mater at smater@phm.k12.in.us with any changes you may have.

For Celebrations, if you want a change in dismissal, you must have your dismissal change emailed to the office by noon. The first room party will be October 25th--remember, we only have space for our Room Parents, but be on the lookout for other ways to get involved in your child's class.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday, October 22nd - Thursday, October 25th - Nature Week

Monday, October 22nd - PVU 2:30 - 3:45 pm

Tuesday, October 23rd - Conferences 3:45 - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 24th - Conferences 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Thursday, October 25th - Fall Celebration 1:30 - 2:10 pm

Friday, October 26th - Recess Day, No School - Fall Break

Monday, October 29th - Recess Day, No School - Fall Break

Wednesday, October 31st - Pajama Day for \$1 to benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana

TAKE HOME FOLDER:

Any time your students take important information home (permission slips, calendars, order forms, etc...) a copy of these documents can always be found online. Under the School Info Tab, there is a page "Take Home Folder" at the bottom. When you click on it, it will take you to all these printable documents. This is a terrific resource if you ever lose your copy or need additional copies. If there is ever something you believe should be on this page for others to access, please call Stacie Petty at 574-271-0055 ext. 51711 or email spetty@phm.k12.in.us so that she may evaluate the form and if approved, post it to this page.



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