

Puma Press

Prairie Vista's Weekly Newsletter – November 9th, 2018

New Health Aide at Prairie Vista:

Hello Prairie Vista Families!

Amy Heppner recently took a position as a health aide at another PHM school. We are grateful for her time at Prairie Vista and wish her the best.

Your new health aide, Teresa Jellison, is excited to be working in the health office at Prairie Vista! She can be reached at #574-271-0055 extension 2 or tjellison@phm.k12.in.us

Please help me to welcome her to our healthcare team at Prairie Vista!

Lauren Bilinski RN continues to serve as your school nurse.

PVU:

Only 2 more dates for Fall PVU... **November 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).

2018 Holiday Service Project – Mitten Tree:

Prairie Vista Elementary School will be participating in a holiday service project that will benefit families in the Prairie Vista and Penn-Harris-Madison Community. We will have a Mitten Tree in the office and each mitten will have a short description of the child's age, gender, clothing size and/or toys. If you would like to purchase a gift, please stop by our mitten tree on **November 15th** and pick up a mitten. All you have to do is register your mitten with the office staff, buy your gift, and **RETURN THE GIFT WITH THE MITTEN** on the outside of the package to the office by **Monday, December 10th**. Please **DO NOT** wrap the gifts. If you would like to make a monetary contribution or gift card contribution, we will gladly accept those as well in the office.



If you would like for your child to pick a mitten from the tree, please fill out the [permission slip](#). **Permission slips are due in the office by November 12th.**

In addition to sponsoring families, we are accepting clean, gently used clothing, coats/outerwear, and boots to donate to schools that have children in need. Also, we will be collecting games that are in good condition, to donate. Please label the gently used items as "school donations" so we can separate them from the gifts.

We really appreciate the giving attitude of our families and staff! Any support for Prairie Vista and the Penn-Harris-Madison Community families would be very much appreciated!

If you have any questions, please email Stacie Petty at spetty@phm.k12.in.us

November Food Drive:

Prairie Vista is currently having a food drive for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. In 2016, we were able to collect 703 pounds of food. We have more students here this year and are trying to exceed that amount by November 16th. Below is the items that are most needed in our community:

- Canned Meat and Fish including Tuna, Chicken, Pork, Ham, Spam
- Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly
- Low Sodium Canned Vegetables including Whole Kernel Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, and Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Soups, Stews, Chili and Chowders
- Boxed Meals including Macaroni and Cheese, Lasagna, Cheeseburger Helper
- Shelf Stable Low Fat and Powdered Milk
- Canned Beans including Kidney, Red, Black and Northern
- Boxed Breakfast Cereals
- Healthy Snacks including Microwable Popcorn, Granola Bars, Peanuts, Pretzels, Low Fat Pudding Packs
- Baking Products including Cooking Oil, Sugar, Flour and Salt
- Condiments including Ketchup, Mustard and Vinegar

***No Glass Jars, Please**

LearningSphere:

Packets will be going home in the next few days. December 7th will be the first due date for the Project Idea Form. Please be on the look out for these packets and start thinking!



Holiday Thank-A-Teacher:

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Has a teacher or any school staff member touched your child's life in a special way? Are you looking for the perfect holiday gift for your child's teacher or special school employee?

You may Thank-a-Teacher (or recognize ANY P-H-M employee) with a truly meaningful gift. A donation to the P-H-M Education Foundation Grant Fund tells your child's "Special Person" that you honor him/her and value education at P-H-M. Your contribution to the Grant Fund will be returned to the schools in the form of

TEACHERS GRANTS for programs and projects that cannot be funded through school budgets.

Your child's "Special Person" will receive a holiday greeting and special pin telling him/her the name of the donor (not the amount given). A "Special Person" can include a teacher, aide, librarian, bus driver, custodian, or any other P-H-M employee. All contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible, please contact the office if you would like a tax receipt. To learn more about the P-H-M Educational Foundation, visit www.phmef.org.

For your donor form, please click on the following link:

<http://www.phmef.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Holiday-TAT-Flyer-2018-3.pdf>

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Monday, November 12th

- Mitten Tree Permission Slips Due
- PVU 2:20 - 3:45

Tuesday, November 13th

- 4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball 2:20 - 3:15
- 1st & 4th Grade Hearing Screening

Wednesday, November 14th

- 4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball 2:20 - 3:15
- Restaurant Night at 5 Guys

Thursday, November 15th

- 1st Grade Vision Screening at Northpoint 9:30 - 10:45
- 4th Grade Fieldtrip to Morris Performing Arts Center 9:45 - 12:00
- 4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball 2:20 - 3:15

Friday, November 16th

- 4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball 2:20 - 3:15



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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