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== PRAIRIE VISTA'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - MAY 3RD, 2019 ==

WPVN - PRAIRIE VISTA'S STUDENT NEWS

The Prairie Vista Daily News will now be on Facebook for families to view. If you are a parent and already added to our Facebook group, you can view our daily news now. If you would like to join, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ktwibellprairievista/> to be added to our Facebook Group. You must be a Parent of a Student at Prairie Vista to join.

MAY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

May is National Mental Health Month - Please click on the link below for more information as well as ideas to help increase mental health for a more balanced life.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tg5fZuWyvlg1FG3Q-CtFVEjDPwWy1L-an-g-PILlgk/edit?ts=5cc8a52e>

HIGH ABILITY IDENTIFICATION UPDATE:

High Ability identification in grades K, 2 and 5 is now complete for this school year. Letters were sent to the parents of the newly identified students on March 29. For more information about our high ability identification process, please visit our website

<https://www.phmschools.org/high-ability-enrichment>

NEW SAFE VISITOR CHECK-IN

Dear PV Families,

During Spring Break, all P-H-M schools installed a new Visitor Management System to improve and enhance the safety and security for students, staff and community members. As a result of this new program, visitors (ex: classroom guest speakers, lunchroom guests,

tutors, parents and family) will now be required to present a valid photo ID, which may include a Driver's License, State Issued Photo ID, or Passport EVERY time you enter a P-H-M facility. All approved visitors will have a picture taken at each visit and receive a temporary badge that must be visibly worn at all times. All visitors must return to the Main Office and check-out at the front desk, returning the badge at this time. Please be patient with our Main Office staff, as you come into Prairie Vista Elementary in the coming days to allow for all of us to learn our new system and processes together. We thank you for thinking about safety first!

Mrs. Keely Twibell

ILEARN TESTING

ILEARN Testing Information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is time for ILEARN testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. ILEARN testing will run from April 22 - May 17, 2019. Your child's teacher will soon be sharing their specific testing dates during the testing window. All testing will take place between 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM. These assessments will be online. All students will take two math and two language arts tests. Students in grade four will take two science tests and fifth grade students will take a social studies test.

Students will be prepared for the testing because we have been practicing the skills and the testing format on AIRWays and other resources. The Indiana Department of Education provides online practice and the teachers have been administering them and reviewing the format and skills with the students. You can also access more information at <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families>

We encourage you to review the following tips with your child to ensure that they are at their best to give the ILEARN assessments their finest effort. It is very important that students are getting a good night's sleep, eating breakfast, and are mentally prepared for test taking. Attendance is also critical! Testing will start in the morning so it is very important that students are here on time. It is best for children to take the test with classmates as scheduled. If at all possible, you are encouraged to schedule any necessary appointments after school. There is a very limited amount of time awarded to us for make-ups, so outstanding attendance is key! If your child is absent for a majority of the ILEARN and is unable to make-up missed tests in the allotted time frame, then they may not receive a score in the particular subject area.

Thank you for all of your help and support!

Keely Twibell

How can you help your child prepare for ILEARN?

1. Smart watches are NOT allowed in testing classrooms. Please encourage your child to leave their smart watches home on the days that they will be taking ILEARN.
2. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep, eats a good breakfast every day, and has an outlet for their energy during test days.
3. Encourage your child to review what has been taught at school and to ask questions if things are unclear.
4. Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully.
5. Encourage your child to do their best.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, May 7

Crazy 8 Stem - 2:20 - 3:30 pm

Thursday, May 9

Kindergarten Performance - 6:30 pm

Friday, May 10

South Bend Cubs' Swoops & Stu Program at Four Winds Field - 7:35 pm

BOOK FAIR May 17th - 23rd




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