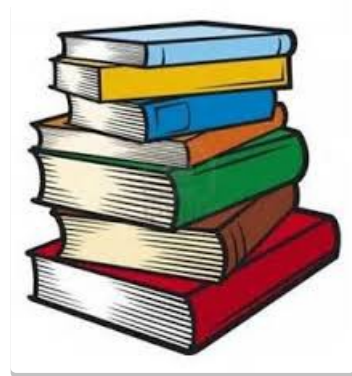


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Prairie Vista's Weekly Newsletter

September 28, 2018

It is almost October and this school year is moving quickly. Today we had our first Birthday Book Club distribution and all the kids were excited! Thank you to all of the parents and PTO for funding & dedicating books to our library which honor our Prairie Vista Kids!



Our Dare Program has started for our 5th Graders and Sergeant Guest is here again to teach the importance of the prevention of Drug Abuse and Violence. **DARE** stands for (1) define, (2) assess, (3) respond, and (4) evaluate. It's important to follow all four steps to improve your **decision making**. The primary **goal** of **D.A.R.E.** is to prevent substance abuse among school age children. This is a valuable program and resource for their future decision making.

Art in the Studio is back as well and starts next week for all classes. Thank you Mrs. Workman!

There are many events happening in October. Please read below for Important Dates and Reminders.

Thank you again for sharing your children with us!
Keely Twibell
Principal

Conferences:

Conference Information came home with your children yesterday, September 27th. In case you haven't received it, please refer to the following document.

https://prairievista.phmschools.org/sites/prairievista.phmschools.org/files/Conference_letter_2018.doc.pdf

The conferences are scheduled for Oct. 23 and Oct. 24th and we will be following the schedule below...

October 23 --Conferences K-5 (3:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)-30 minute dinner break
October 24-- Conferences K-5 (2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)

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

Our Policy at Prairie Vista:

- *To provide the Office with a Dr's Note for **ALL** appointments
- *Vacations are Unexcused Absences
- *It is our policy to request a doctor's note for absences that are two days or more in a row.

From the Nurse:

5th Graders who have already turned 11 years of age can get their 6th Grade Immunizations. If you have a check-up that is already scheduled, please get these shots added to your appointment. The two shots that are required before 6th Grade are the TDAP & Meningococcal. Thank you!

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 that day with the change. Please email Sue Mater at smater@phm.k12.in.us with any changes you may have.

Lunch Times:

Kindergarten: 10:30 - 11:00

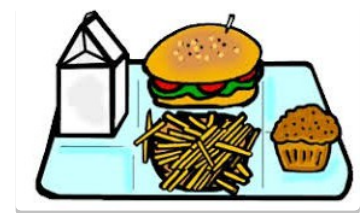
1st Grade: 10:50 - 11:15

2nd Grade: 11:20 - 11:45

3rd Grade: 11:50 - 12:15

4th Grade: 12:20 - 12:45

5th Grade: 12:48 - 1:13



Upcoming Event Reminders:

Friday, October 5th - 2nd Grade Planetarium Fieldtrip 9-10:30 am

Tuesday, October 9th - Picture Retakes

Wednesday, October 10th - Friday, October 12th - 5th Graders at Camp Friedenswald

Thursday, October 11th - 1st Grade Fieldtrip to Amish Acres 9-1:45

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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