

# Puma Press

Prairie Vista's Weekly Newsletter - March 18th, 2019

## Welcome to Prairie Vista:

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 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.





## Jr. Academies Summer 2019 ~ Grades K-5

It's time to think about enriching your summer!  
Registration is now open through May 3 for all Summer '19 Academy offerings online at [phmschools.org](http://phmschools.org). Paper forms available upon request.

Register online at  
[phmschools.org/summer2019](http://phmschools.org/summer2019)

- All Academies will be held at Penn High School 8 am – 11 am.
- All Academies are free of charge.
- Families are responsible for transportation.
- Drop-off & pick-up instructions will be mailed in June.

### Jr. STEM Academy

Gr. K-1 July 8-12  
Gr. 2-3 July 15-19  
Gr. 4-5 July 22-26



In this one-week academy, current PHM Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will discover how math and science are applied in the real world. (Note each week is reserved for specific grades.)

### Jr. Foreign Language Academy

Gr. 3-5 July 8-12

This academy integrates the German language, social studies, culture, visual arts and music into an intensive and enriching learning experience. The one-week camp is open to current PHM 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.



### Visual Arts Academy

Gr. K-5 July 8-12  
Gr. K-5 July 15-19  
Gr. K-5 July 22-26



In this award-winning one-week academy, current PHM Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students learn art history, art production, and writing through a unique integration program. The program includes a field trip to the University of Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art!

## PHM Silver Mile Bubble Bash

**P-H-M SILVER MILE Bubble Bash is back with more bubbles, earlier start time and lower prices!**

This untimed race welcomes runners of all experience levels while blasting through foam bogs along the course. Choose to walk or run 1.5 miles or add a second loop to run a 5K distance.

**Registration is now open! Early bird prices available until Sunday, April 21 (\$10 students/\$20 adults)**



The Silver Mile Run for Education will also include our amazing Silent Auction, Health & Fitness Expo, free health screenings by Saint Joseph Medical Center, and Talent Showcase! Our Talent Showcase will be expanded this year so we can include more of our incredibly talented students throughout P-H-M.

This fun-filled, family friendly event will take place on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30am to noon at Penn High School. Come out with your friends and family and enjoy a morning of fun and bubbles! Please visit [www.phmef.org](http://www.phmef.org) for updates and to register for the Bubble Bash.

# Upcoming Dates to Remember:

## Friday, April 19th

- No School - Recess Day

## Monday, April 22nd

- Running is Elementary - 2:20 - 3:20

## Tuesday, April 23rd

- Crazy 9 Stem Class - 2:20 - 3:30

## Thursday, April 25th

- Running is Elementary - 2:20 - 3:20
- 2nd Grade Musical - 6:30

## Friday, April 26th


- Birthday Book Club - 8 - 8:30
- 2nd Grade Field trip to the Century Center 9:45 - 12
- Running is Elementary - 2:20 - 3:20

***Book Fair - May 17th - May 23rd***



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