

PANTHER BUZZ

Learn Together - Live Together - Lead Together

A Word from Weiler



What a great time of the year! It is exciting to see the joy in the faces of our students during the holiday season. Due to the busy nature of the season, sometimes schedules and added responsibilities can cause stress. Concerts, parties, family visits and so many other events seem to be packed into a limited amount of time. Scheduling becomes an issue, and we always seem to be looking for ways to complete our to-do list. Our upcoming 5th grade performance offers the opportunity to slow down and enjoy a little holiday cheer. Students and staff have been working hard to showcase these special talents.

As the holiday season approaches, please give your child the gift of extra time. Put an I.O.U. for a special event or activity in his/her stocking. When students are asked to write about a memorable event in their lives, it isn't a special gift they usually choose to write about, but a particular experience they have had with someone special.

During this season of the year, we would like to say thanks to:

- Parents and guardians who diligently check their child's homework, who are seated beside them as they complete their homework; and spend quality time with their child
- Community members and parents who organize fund raisers and bring food to classes and the staff lounge on special days

IMPORTANT DATES

12.2

Family Math Night

12.14

PAC Meeting

12.16

5th Grade Music performance

- All the people in our district who are committed to giving their best to your children every day. For example: custodians, food service staff, bus drivers, student aides, secretaries, teachers, and members of the school board
 - All of you who are doing your very best to send your child ready to learn every day
- I am proud of how much our community gives during this time of the year.

Hopefully, years from now, you and your child will remember many wonderful times spent together. On behalf of the Prairie Rose staff, have a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely, Ms. Weiler

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prairie Rose encourages parents to become involved in school decisions and activities. PAC is an important committee used to share information and receive feedback about academics, events and programs. PAC may also be leaders in special events within the school or may head up fundraising for special projects. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 PM.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

We want to stress the importance of attendance starting at an early age and continuing through high school. We hope to make you aware of a few key messages:

- Attendance matters for doing well in school and life starting in kindergarten
- Absences add up quickly
- Poor attendance is not just about unexcused absences- excused absences can affect performance too
- As a parent you are responsible for making sure your child develops the habit of regular attendance
- If you are facing tough challenges related to health care access, unstable housing, poor transportation or lack of food, you can and should seek out support from our school social worker

5TH GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM SOS

Prairie Rose is in search of props for the 5th Grade Music Program

- clean oven mitts
- mixing utensils
- holiday aprons

If you have any of these items, please either drop off in the office or have your child(ren) deliver to the office. Remember to label with your name if you would like the items returned to you!

As part of Red Ribbon Week, Officer Peters from the Dickinson Police Department spoke to students about using the crosswalk to cross the street, having a trusted adult with at all times and never taking medicine from someone untrustworthy.

Students also enjoyed learning about the K-9 unit and Officer Peters' bullet proof vest!



HIGH RELIABILITY SCHOOLS – HRS

At Prairie Rose Elementary, we are dedicated to continuous improvement in all areas. The research, framework and support found within High Reliability Schools is phenomenal. We are excited to improve our efforts to increase student safety, communication, collaboration, instruction and implement a guaranteed and viable curriculum. We are continually striving to make Prairie Rose a school you and your children are proud of. Thank you for your support.

STUDENT LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

The Student Lighthouse Team held a food drive the week of November 15th. Our goal was to collect 500 lbs of food/hygiene products to be donated to the DPS Pantry and the AMEN Food Pantry. We met that goal and then some by collecting almost 600 lbs of supplies! Way to go Prairie Rose families, students and staff!

DPS PANTRY

The DPS Pantry/Closet is located at 402 4th St West (Hagen building). It is open to all DPS families and can provide clothing, school supplies, backpacks and food to those in need. Please contact Mrs. Krieg our school social worker, bkrieg@dpsnd.org or 456-0016.

D/HOH PIZZA PARTY

A HUGE thank you goes out to Prairie Rose Elementary for allowing Hands & Voices North Dakota to organize and hold a pizza party for deaf/hard of hearing students. The fun event allowed an opportunity for families and their FANTASTIC kiddos to meet and socialize with other families.



Third graders performed **WE THE PEOPLE: A MUSICAL SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS**

November 18th
for their peers
and their parents



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Sometimes life puts us in positions where we don't know which way to turn in our family life or we are lacking the support we need to get us through life's hardships. If you find yourself in a predicament, we encourage you to contact our school social worker, Mrs. Krieg. She is at Prairie Rose Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. You can call the school at 456-0016 and schedule a meeting with her.

COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES

As cold weather begins to set in, please send your child(ren) with their warmest winter clothing. Students need warm coats, hats and gloves. Snow pants and boots are required if your child wants to play in the snow. It is important that they have these items and if possible please write their names inside of their coats, snow pants, gloves and hats.

CONGRATULATIONS BBALL PLAYERS

Congratulations to the following students as they will be representing Prairie Rose at the Elks Hoop Shoot. This event is sponsored by the Dickinson Elks Lodge 1137 and will take place on Saturday, December 11. Graycie Grieve - 4L; Marti Jo Crow - 4L; Arawyn Clemow - 4L; Esmae Helmer - 4P; Gavin Davenport - 5H; Payton Freer - 5H

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Prairie Rose will dismiss for our Christmas break on Dec. 21st at 3:05 PM. Classes will resume Monday, January 3rd. On behalf of the teachers and staff at Prairie Rose, we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you back at school in 2022!

Lola and Holden shared the impact Leader in Me habits have on them in and out of school with School Board Members during the November 8th School Board Meeting.

"I think LIM will help me when I am older because it will guide me to make a plan and organize my life goals." shared Lola.

"I think LIM is important when I am older as it will help me grow in being responsible in school and at home." shared Holden.

