

PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY
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PANTHER BUZZ

Learn Together - Live Together - Lead Together

A Word from Weiler

Hello Panther Families!

We are happy to report how well things are going at school! Students and teachers have been working hard on increasing skills and meeting goals, and great progress is being made. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you at Parent/Teacher conferences on the 15th and 17th.

Our school currently has a "chronic absenteeism" rate of 33%. That number includes all students who missed 10 or more days of school in Trimester 2. Of course, some absences are enriching: when you take a family vacation and experience new things, vocabulary and context are improved and students learn in ways beyond what the school can provide. Additionally, some illnesses take a few days for recovery and we don't want students who feel awful (or are contagious) in the classroom. However, we do know that students learn best when their attendance is consistent, and we do all in our power to make their time at school worthwhile. It helps when you call the school to excuse an illness and make prior arrangements with teachers if you are taking your child out for a planned vacation.

As we get to know your child(ren) better through this school year, we are aware of how important it is to focus on students one by one. We look at lots of data - academics, behavior, growth and proficiency. It is the conversations with kids that warm our hearts and keep us coming to work each day. Knowing their struggles and seeing their resiliency is the light and joy of our jobs. Stay connected with your child's teacher and us, so we can continue to support each student's needs, whatever they may be. Have a terrific February!

Sincerely, Ms. Weiler

IMPORTANT DATES

2.8

PAC Meeting

2.14 - 2.18

Book Fair

2.15 and 2.17

Parent Teacher Conferences

2.18

Early release at 1PM

2.21

NO SCHOOL

3.8

Spring Picture Day

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Monday, February 21st, in observance of President's Day.

EARLY RELEASE

On February 18th, students will be released at 1PM so staff can participate in District Wide Professional Development.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have an incoming Kindergartener for the 22/23 school year or know of someone who does? To register, mail or email this [FORM](#) to Stacy Kilwein.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held February 15th and 17th from 3:30-6:30PM on each of these nights. A sign-up genius has been sent to you via email or a seesaw message to sign up for a time slot. If you are unable to attend on these evenings, we would like you to contact your child's teacher and set up an alternative time.

SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures will be Tuesday, March 8th. Distance Learners, watch for the sign-up genius that will be sent via email or seesaw.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

February 7th-11th is National School Counseling Week. We would like to thank Mrs. Jilek and Mrs. Urlacher who serve our students in the classroom, in small groups or individually, as well as online students in grades K-5. If you would like to speak to our counselors, please feel free to contact the school during our regular school hours.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be held February 14th-18th in the library. The fair will open at 7:45AM and continue after school until 4PM. Support your school by shopping The Scholastic Store Online for an expanded selection of exclusives, new releases, value packs and more!

All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free. Every purchase benefits Prairie Rose and helps develop a love of reading. You may order online by clicking [HERE](#). The online book fair is open February 10th-23rd.

2D learned about Snowflake Bentley's exceptional growth mindset and being an innovative photographer. The snowflakes turned out so different, unique and beautiful - JUST LIKE US!



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, February 8th at 6:30PM.

COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES

Please send your child(ren) with their warmest winter clothing. Students need warm coats, hats and gloves. Snow pants and boots are required to play in the snow. If possible, please write their name inside their coats, snow pants, gloves and hats.

5TH GRADE GRADUATES

Do you have a 5th grader who will start Middle School in 2022? Join us for one of our THREE session series which are FREE! February 3rd, 7th, 10th (deadline Feb 1st) March 3rd, 7th, 10th (deadline March 3rd)

Topics covered include:

- Classroom environment with parent, teacher and 5th grader
- Become familiar with middle school rules and routines
- Students will participate in activities to assist them with their interests and preparation for middle school
- Parents will learn best practices to guide and prepare their child to help them succeed
- Educators build relationships with families for greater student success

Space is limited! The form can be found [HERE](#). Please note: registering does not guarantee you a spot in the program. You will be notified of your acceptance by February 2nd or March 1st, 2022.

LEARN TOGETHER, LIVE TOGETHER, LEAD TOGETHER

Our Vision at PRE is that students will learn to become Leaders. We use this acronym:

- L – Love Learning
- E – Excel in All We Do
- A – Achieve Goals Together
- D – Do what is right

Each day, students are recognized with PAWSitive LEADing slips when they use the 7 Habits to show great leadership skills. The goal at PRE is to instill in all students and staff effective leadership qualities as well as yield successful, happy kids who grow up to be kind, moral, courageous and resilient adults.

Mrs. Kuelb's kindergarten and Ms. Lindley's 4th grade class get together for an activity each month. Students read and record books and do a craft or STEM project.



How we learn to read: The critical role of phonological awareness

Phonological awareness involves being able to recognize and manipulate the sounds within words. This skill is a foundation for reading success.

Three ways to effectively teach phonological awareness to prepare early readers include:

Teach children to recognize and manipulate the sounds of speech.



- Teach children to identify:
 - Individual words in a sentence
 - Syllables within words
 - First and last sounds of words
 - All of the individual sounds within words
- Teach children to manipulate the individual sounds in words to make new words

- Teach the sound of the letter and then introduce the letter symbol for that sound
- Use pictures that represent the target sound
- Have children practice their letter-sound understanding by identifying the sound and writing the letter

Teach children letter-sound relations



Teach children to manipulate letter-sounds in print using word-building activities



- Manipulate letter tiles or magnets to show how to build and change words
- Have children practice spelling and reading words using the letter-sound relations they have been taught



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