

# PANTHER BUZZ

*Learn Together - Live Together - Lead Together*

## A Word from Weiler



Panther Families!

We would like to thank our parents that follow our Prairie Rose Loop drop-off expectations each morning! We would love to have volunteers help direct traffic in the morning to help maintain a continuous flow of traffic and to ultimately ensure your children are safe.

Time has flown by and midterm reports will be sent home on October 11th. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 18th and 19th. The first trimester ends on November 19th. Knowing that we are a team, please contact your child's teacher regarding questions/concerns with academics. We take great pride in educating children of the Prairie Rose community, providing many opportunities to learn and grow in a safe and caring environment. We set high expectations both academically and behaviorally for all our students. We expect students to work hard and come to school each day with a positive attitude.

While we still face some challenges from the pandemic, we will still work hard each day to ensure that every child has their academic, social, behavioral, and emotional needs met. Our goal is to

## IMPORTANT DATES

**10.12 - 10.20**

Scholastic Book Fair

**10.16**

Surround the State in Song

**10.18 & 10.19**

Parent/Teacher conferences

**10.21 & 10.22**

NO SCHOOL

**10.25**

Clubs Choice sales begin

collaborate with all our parents and community members to ensure that every child learns and grows each day at school and that we continue to develop positive relationships with every stakeholder in our learning community. Please consider getting involved in our Parent Lighthouse Team.

Sincerely, Ms. Weiler

## **SCHOOL-WIDE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Parents, we will soon be asking students who are interested to apply for available leadership positions within our school. There will be a variety of roles within our building that we need students to help with. Please look for more information coming soon and discuss this opportunity with your child.

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

On Oct 18th and 19th we will host Parent-Teacher Conferences via Zoom. Conferences will be held from 3:30-6:30 PM on each of these nights. A sign-up will be sent to you via email to reserve a time slot. If you are unable to attend a Zoom meeting on these evenings, please contact your child's teacher and set up an alternative time.

## **THANK YOU!**

A special shout out to our Prairie Rose staff who go above and beyond to provide students with engaging lessons both face to face and virtually!

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct 3rd - 9th. Classrooms will be doing fire-safety related activities during this time. The Dickinson Fire Department will be having a presentation on Thursday, Oct 7th for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Prairie Rose participates in the Box Tops for Education Program sponsored by General Mills. Receipts can now be scanned through the Box Tops for Education app. ([Click here to install](#)). Please continue to collect box top labels to benefit our school!

Do you know what you have in and around your house that is recyclable? What a great presentation delivered by Rachel Shumaker, Dickinson's Recycling & Collections Coordinator, to our first graders here at PRE! She kept the kids engaged and empowered them to share what they learned at home. Ask your child what they learned and how we can help our community be more aware of recycling!



## FLU VACCINE CLINICS

The Southwestern District Health Unit will host an in-person Flu Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, October 28th from 3:00 - 4:30 PM at 266 3rd Ave W (Professional Learning Lab). A drive-thru clinic is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at 528 21st St W (Response Building). Please register by calling 701-483-0171.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce our in-person scholastic book fair is back! The book fair will start October 12th and end October 20th.

## NO SCHOOL

On October 21st and 22nd we have NO SCHOOL due to NDEA Conferences.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

DID YOU KNOW? Kids of parents who talk to them regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of students report having these conversations. Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started. Visit [redribbon.org](http://redribbon.org) to learn more about Red Ribbon Week and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend.

At school, students will engage in activities that promote a drug free and healthy lifestyle!

Mon, Oct 25th - Wear RED for Red Ribbon Week!  
Tues, Oct 26th - Wake up drug free! Wear pajamas!  
Wed, Oct 27th - Wacky clothes and hair!  
Thurs, Oct 28th - Give drugs the boot - western day!  
Fri, Oct 29th - Drugs cant find me - camo day!

## NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

October 11th - 15th is National School Lunch Week. We are happy to offer nutritious school lunches to our children. With the help of a dietician, lunch menus are prepared for the district. Many thanks go out to our cooks who prepare the meals that we eat each day. Thank you to Head Cook, Brenda Meyer; Assistant Cook, Darlene Hofer; Kitchen Helpers: Lydia Meduna, Sheri Peters and Katherine Peterson.

## 2D IS READY FOR FALL!

Students are so proud of their fall seed candle holder craft that went with learning about seeds in Science!



## **MUSIC NEWS**

We are very excited for some of our 5th grade musicians to represent Prairie Rose in a unique festival opportunity called Surround the State in Song! This event happens simultaneously in six ND locations: Bismarck, Jamestown, Minot, Dickinson, Fargo and Grand Forks. This festival gives an enrichment opportunity to young singers to perform in a choir along with other select singers from the area, and to learn from a guest conductor. Our PRE musicians: Lola Kilwein, Esther Dustin, Rae Espinoza, Winter Knopik, Hannah Zavalisky, Morgan Turner, Ava Hutzenbiler and Brezlyn Peters. The public concert takes place on Saturday, October 16th at 4:00 PM at DMS.

## **NAEP ASSESSMENT**

Our 4th graders have been selected to represent schools across ND and the nation by participating in the 2022 administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Students will participate in math and reading assessments. Each student will be assessed in one subject only. The testing window is January 24th - March 4th. Our designated testing date is February 3rd.

## **READ-A-THON**

We are having a Panther Library Read-a-Thon leading up to our Book Fair in October! Please encourage your child(ren) to participate and READ! Our Read-a-Thon is an awesome way to promote reading and school-home literacy connections. Plus, we will use the rewards to revitalize our library with an amazing diversity in books, useful digital resources and new furniture to promote collaboration! We know that strong libraries build strong students, so let's rock this Read-a-Thon!

## **WE ARE ALL MAKERS**

By playing, experimenting and making models, students learn about science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) in a fun and intuitive way!

