

Prairie Heights April Newsletter

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DATES to Remember

Prairie Heights Elementary - April 5 Spring Program

The Prairie Heights Elementary School spring music program will be Tuesday, April 5, at 7:00 PM. Kathy Lamberson is the music director at PHES.

Kindergarten Round-up - April 8 at PHES

Prairie Heights Elementary School will be holding Kindergarten Round-up Friday, April 8, starting at 9:00 AM. A child must be five-years old by August 31, 2011 to attend kindergarten next term. Parents need to provide copies of birth certificates, social security numbers, and past medical and immunization records for each child.

Letters were mailed to parents of potential kindergarten students in 2011-2012 who school personnel knew lived in the area and were of appropriate age to start kindergarten. However, if community members know of patrons with children who will be kindergarten age, but did not receive a letter from the school, please call the PHES office at 482-3224 to obtain additional information.

No PHES Kindergarten Classes on April 8

Prairie Heights Elementary School will be holding Kindergarten Round-up on April 8 starting at 9:00 AM. Due to this event, PHES kindergarten students will not have school April 8.

PTO Flower Fundraiser

Once again the Prairie Heights PTO are selling geraniums and hanging baskets from Neosho Gardens as a fundraiser for the organization starting March 28 and ending on April 5. Flower delivery is on the 25th of April at Prairie Heights Elementary. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Poole at 482-3224.

PTO Reminder

The Prairie Heights PTO will sponsor a school carnival at Prairie Heights Elementary School in Dwight on April 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. New attractions have been added along with the usual activities and free meal.

April 11 – BOE Meeting

The USD #417 Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on April 11. The BOE usually holds their meetings at the District Office. The starting time is 6:30 PM. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. It is important to be informed.

PTO/Site Council April 18

The Prairie Heights PTO will meet at the Prairie Heights Middle School library on Monday, April 18, at 5:30 PM. The Prairie Heights Site Council will meet immediately following the PTO meeting at 6:30 PM.

April 22 - Staff Development No School for Students

April 22, 2011 will be a staff development day for USD 417 teachers. Therefore, students will not have school. There will not be an After School Program on this date, but daycare at PHES will maintain regular hours for children.

REMINDER USD 417 Preschool Screening April 22

The screening for the USD 417 four-year old At-Risk Preschool Program for the 2011 – 2012 school year will be Friday, April 22, 2011. Screenings will take place at Council Grove Elementary School in the morning. Screenings will be available at the Prairie Heights Elementary School in Dwight starting at 12:30 PM. The testing takes about thirty minutes.

Appointments may be made by calling either location to schedule (630) 767-6851 CGES or (785) 482-3224 PHES.

REMINDER April 22 Count Your Kid In Screening

The screening for Count Your Kid In will take place Friday, April 22, 2011. The purpose of this screening is to assess individuals from birth up to three years of age, who may have potential learning and or developmental problems. If you have concerns about your child's walking, talking, seeing, hearing, or learning, call to schedule a free appointment. Those assessing children will assist you in the identification of special needs your child may have and in locating services to meet those needs. This screening is sponsored by the Flints Hills Special Education Cooperative and the Flint Hills Infant Toddler Network. The testing takes about forty-five minutes. Screenings will take place at Council Grove Elementary School in the morning. Screenings will be available at the Prairie Heights Elementary School in Dwight starting at 1:00 PM.

Appointments may be made by calling either location to schedule (630) 767-6851 CGES or (785) 482-3224 PHES.

PHMS – April 25 DARE Graduation – Grade 5

The Prairie Heights Middle School fifth grade D.A.R.E. graduation will be Monday, April 25, at 7:00 PM. Mary Zimmerman, the D.A.R.E. instructor, has offered to have the graduation in the evening, so perhaps more parents will be able to attend.

PHMS – April 26 Spring Music Program

The Prairie Heights Middle School spring music program will be Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 PM. Kathy Lamberson is the vocal music instructor, and Dennis Brooks is the instrumental music director at PHMS.

Accurate Information Needed

Please remember to keep your addresses, cell, and telephone numbers updated with our school secretaries. PowerSchool, which holds our school data, relies on correct information from parents.

PHMS Scholars' Bowl

Prairie Heights Middle School hosted their second scholars' bowl of the year on Monday, March 7th. The teams participating were Flint Hills, Luckey, Cair Paravel, St. Xavier, Solomon, and Prairie Heights. Each school brought a junior varsity and a varsity team. PHMS's jv team members were Derrick Dakken – captain, Cooper Martin, Paige

Bomberger, Megan Poole, and Rachel Mulanax. The varsity team members were Mason Hinkle – captain, Austin Welborn, Colton Wagner, Sammy Davidson, and Leah Hiebert.

Junior Varsity Statistics: Poole $\frac{1}{4}$ 25%, Mulanax $\frac{1}{2}$ 50%, Bomberger $\frac{1}{2}$ 50%, Dakken $\frac{7}{8}$ 78%, Martin $\frac{11}{16}$ 69%

Varsity Statistics: Davidson $\frac{3}{13}$ 23%, Welborn $\frac{5}{7}$ 71%, Wagner $\frac{5}{6}$ 83%, Hinkle $\frac{9}{15}$ 60%, Hiebert $\frac{10}{14}$ 71%

JUNIOR VARSITY SCORES:

ROUND 1: Flint Hills 100 Luckey 50
Prairie Heights 40 St. Xavier 30
Cair Paravel 80 Solomon 30

ROUND 2: Luckey 90 PHMS 20
Flint Hills 80 Solomon 20

ROUND 3: St. X 45 Cair Paravel 15
Luckey 90 Solomon 0

ROUND 4: Luckey 80 St. X 30
PHMS 40 Flint Hills 30

ROUND 5: St. X 40 Solomon 10
Cair Paravel 55 PHMS 30

ROUND 6: ST. X 40 Flint Hills 35
Luckey 60 Cair Paravel 30

ROUND 7: PHMS 50 Solomon 40
Cair Paravel 40 Flint Hills 30

FINALS **3rd Place Match** **Cair Paravel 70 PHMS 20**
1st Place Match **Luckey 90 St. X 20**

VARSITY SCORES:

ROUND 1: Cair Paravel 120 Solomon 0
Luckey 90 Flint Hills 50
Prairie Heights 70 St. X 50

ROUND 2: Flint Hills 70 Solomon 30
Luckey 90 Prairie Heights 30

ROUND 3: Cair Paravel 70 St. X 40
Luckey 90 Solomon 10

ROUND 4: PHMS 60 Flint Hills 20
 Luckey 80 St. X 30

ROUND 5: Cair Paravel 60 PHMS 40
 St. X 50 Solomon 30

ROUND 6: ST. X 70 Flint Hills 60
 Cair Paravel 80 Luckey 60

ROUND 7: PHMS 60 Solomon 20
 Cair Paravel 60 Flint Hills 50

FINALS **3rd Place Match** **St. Xavier 60 PHMS 55**

1st Place Match **Luckey 80 Cair Paravel 65**

Many volunteers helped to keep the meet running smoothly. Thank you to all volunteers who helped! Parents supplied cookies. Thank you to Davidsons, Hiebert, Pooles, Bombergers, Mulanaxes, Martins, Marshalls and Peg Schultz for cookies! Prairie Heights students helped to keep score and run buzzers. Thank you to Kensi Hinkle, Taylor McDiffett, Kaitlin Maas, Caxton Martin, and Cheyenne Koppa. High School Scholars' bowl team members and their Coach Martha House helped run the meet. Thank you to Tony, Emily, Taylor Alderman, Timothy Frese, Nate Watts, Erica Hecht, Jenna Bishop, and Martha House all from the high school. Several Prairie Heights staff members and parents also volunteered to help run the meet. Thank you to Candi Martin, Ryan Small, and Karen Hinkle. Thanks to Sheryl Crooks for help in setting up and Carol Petersen for help in cleaning up also. Thanks to my manager Payton Marshall, who is a great help, too! *Submitted by – Kacie Evans PHMS Scholars Bowl Sponsor*

PHMS Scholars' Bowl – Varsity takes 1st

Prairie Heights Middle School participated in an invitational scholars' bowl at Flint Hills Christian in Manhattan on Monday, March 14th. The teams participating were Flint Hills, Cair Paravel, St. Xavier, Solomon, and Prairie Heights. Each school brought a junior varsity and a varsity team. PHMS's jv team members were Derrick Dakken – captain, Cooper Martin, Paige Bomberger, Megan Poole, and Rachel Mulanax. The varsity team members were Mason Hinkle – captain, Austin Welborn, Colton Wagner, Sammy Davidson, and Leah Hiebert.

Junior Varsity Statistics: Poole 2/3 67%, Mulanax 1/4 25%, Bomberger 5/7 71%, Dakken 3/5 60%, Martin 6/8 75%

Varsity Statistics: Davidson 3/11 27%, Welborn 3/3 100%, Wagner 4/4 100%, Hinkle 9/14 64%, Hiebert 7/10 70%

JUNIOR VARSITY SCORES: PH 40 St. X 70
 PH 50 Flint Hills 70
 PH 60 Solomon 15
 PH 20 Cair Paravel 80 (Did not qualify for finals)

VARSITY SCORES: PH 60 St. X 55
PH 40 Flint Hills 60
PH 40 Solomon 35
PH 80 Cair Paravel 60

FINALS 1st Place Match PH 60 Solomon 30

PHMS Scholars' Bowl – Varsity takes 2nd

Prairie Heights Middle School participated in their last scholars' bowl meet for the year at Solomon on Monday, March 28th. The teams participating were Flint Hills, Cair Paravel, St. Xavier, Solomon, Goessel, and Prairie Heights. Each school brought a junior varsity and a varsity team, except for Goessel who only had a varsity team. PHMS's jv team members were Derrick Dakken – captain, Paige Bomberger, Megan Poole, and Rachel Mulanax. The varsity team members were Mason Hinkle – captain, Austin Welborn, Colton Wagner, Sammy Davidson, and Leah Hiebert.

Junior Varsity Statistics: Poole 2/7 29% Mulanax 3/7 43%, Bomberger 7/17 41% Dakken 3/10 30%

Varsity Statistics: Davidson 2/8 25% Welborn 2/7 29%, Wagner 2/4 50%, Hinkle 11/21 52%, and Hiebert 13/20 65%

JUNIOR VARSITY SCORES: Solomon 50 PH 30
St. X 40 PH 20
Cair Paravel 40 PH 20 (Did not qualify for finals)

VARSITY SCORES: PH 70 Solomon 50
PH 60 St. X 55
Cair Paravel 50 PH 35
Goessel 40 PH 60

FINALS 1st/2nd Place Match: Cair Paravel 80 PH 10

I would like to thank Payton Marshall for doing a great job as our manager this year. The 6th graders may try out for the manager position by answering sample scholars bowl questions in hope that the experience of being the manager will help give them practice as a future team member. Also, thanks to Richard Stahl. He drove us to all of our meets and even let us stop at Freddy's in Junction City at our last meet for dinner and ice cream. Also, thanks to all of our volunteers throughout the season, and last, but certainly not least, thanks to all the team members for a great season. You all did an awesome job in representing our scholars bowl team by being tough competition, but also in representing our school as kind, courteous, respectful students!

- Submitted by – Kacie Evans PHMS Scholars Bowl Sponsor

Keep Track of Your Child on PowerSchool

PowerSchool is the school data management system used in all USD 417 schools. Parents can have internet access to their child's assignments and grades, plus

access to email communication with teachers. If you used the PowerSchool portal previously, the user name and password are the same. If you did not receive your internet access information, contact the office at Prairie Heights Middle and Elementary Schools to acquire this information for Grades 3 - 8.

Afterschool News

The After School Program is open Monday through Friday from 3:45 to 6:00 PM any full day of school for Prairie Heights students attending K – Grade 6. There is an enrollment fee of \$10.00 per semester, and then \$6.00 any time a child attends. A nutritious snack (optional), homework help, physical exercise, and other activities are offered daily.

Childcare News

The Prairie Heights daycare is open Monday through Friday, whenever school is in session for teachers, during the school year. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Poole, director, at (785) 482-3224 ext. 208.