

Prairie Heights Newsletter March 2010

ASP SCHOLARSHIPS

The USD 417 After School program will offer some scholarships to attend the fourth nine weeks.

Even if your child received a scholarship to the after school program for the first, second or third nine weeks, you will need to reapply for the last or fourth nine weeks' opportunity. The applications must be turned into the PHES or PHMS office by March 1, 2010 to be considered.

All scholarship applications will be reviewed district-wide, before selections are made. Parents will be notified by the school, if your child is selected. The only financial responsibility we ask from you, if your child receives a scholarship, is the \$10.00 enrollment fee.

Submitted by – After School Program

March 5 - Early Dismissal

March 5, 2010 will be the end of the third-nine weeks of school. Students at Prairie Heights will be dismissed at 1:45 PM. There will be no ASP on this date, but the Daycare will be open as usual.

March 22 - No School - Students

March 22, 2010 will be a staff development day for USD #417 staff. This is really an extension of spring break for students, since they have

the week of March 15 – 19 off from school.

Daycare will be available, but the After School Program will not be held on this date.

PHES Book Fair

The Prairie Heights PTO will be sponsoring a book fair at the elementary school February 26, March 1, and March 2 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM. The book fair will also be open from 6:00 – 6:30 PM and again at 7:30 – 8:15 PM, before and after the PHES Family Reading Night on Tuesday, March 2.

Jean Johnson, Kindergarten instructor, is the PHES Book Fair Coordinator.

Yearbook Deadline Extended

The deadline for ordering yearbooks has been extended to March 5th, so that additional pictures maybe included in the book.

March 8 – BOE at PHMS

The USD #417 Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting at Prairie Heights Middle School in Alta Vista. The starting time is 6:30 PM and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

PHMS Wrestling News

Four Prairie Heights wrestlers have already competed at Flint Hills-Rosalia on February 22 and the Flint Hills Junior League meet held at the high school in Council Grove on February 23. Austin Swartz and

Logan Evans are eighth grade wrestlers. Austin Welborn and Derrick Dakken are the seventh graders out for wrestling.

Head Coach for the USD # 417 middle school wrestlers is Casey Maransani, the PHMS social studies instructor. Zach Tyner is the assistant coach.

At the Flint Hills Junior League meet Austin Swartz won the 85 pound weight title and Logan Evans won the 134 pound division

The USD # 417 middle school wrestling schedule is as follows:

- South East of Saline meet

February 25 4:00 PM

- Mission Valley Quad

March 1 4:00 PM

- Douglass Meet

March 4 4:00 PM

- Chase County Tournament

March 6 9:30 AM

- Bluestem Meet

March 11 3:00 PM

PTO Reminder

The Prairie Heights PTO will sponsor a school **carnival** at Prairie Heights Elementary School in Dwight on **April 3** from **4:00 – 6:00 PM**.

PHMS Scholars' Bowl

Prairie Heights Middle School hosted the first scholars' bowl of the year on Monday, February 22nd.

The teams participating were Luckey, Centre, Wakefield and Prairie Heights. Each school brought a junior varsity and a varsity team with Luckey bringing two of each. The JV finished with a record of 2-2 and in 3rd place for the meet. PHMS's JV team members were

Lane Evans– captain, Mason Hinkle, Austin Welborn, and Paige Bomberger. The varsity finished 3-1 and in 1st place for the meet. The varsity team members were Tanner Langvardt – captain, Nikki Wallo, Leah Hiebert, Scott Robidou, and Jenna Bishop. The junior varsity won against Wakefield 60 to 45, won against Luckey 2, 50 to 20, lost to Luckey 45 to 50, and lost to Centre 30 to 60. The varsity lost to Wakefield 50 to 70, won against Luckey 2 70 to 40, won against Luckey 60 to 35, and won against Centre 60 to 10.

Many volunteers helped to keep the meet running smoothly. Parents supplied cookies. Thank you to Sherri Robidou, Kathy Bishop, Heather Ison, Amy Langvardt, and Becky Hiebert! Prairie Heights students helped to keep score and run buzzers. Thank you to Megan Poole, BriAnna Salas, Cortney Miller, Colton Wagner, Cooper Martin, Sammy Davidson, Baylee Kraus, and Caxton Martin. Several Prairie Heights staff members and parents also volunteered to help run the meet. Thank you to Candi Martin, Kathy Lamberson, Amy Langvardt, Ryan Small, Terry Boyd, Kristen Pearson, Jean Johnson, Karen Hinkle, Christa Miller, Nancy Furney, and Sheryl Crooks. Dominick Andersen, PHMS 6th grader, is the manager and is a great help to have, too!

Prairie Heights hosts the next competition next week on March 1st with Centre, St.Xavier, and Flint Hills.

Submitted by Kacie Evans – PHMS Scholars Bowl Coach

Spelling Bee

Prairie Heights Annual Spelling Bee was held at PHES in Dwight on Thursday, February 4th. Joyce Heilman, CGMS library media specialist, coordinated the event. Ryan Small and Ann Sparke both helped to judge. Two students from each grade, grades 1-8 participated. They were Tanner Langvardt and Scott Robidou– 8th grade, Cooper Martin and Derrick Dakken – 7th grade, Michelle Murphy and Dominick Andersen 6th grade, Payton Marshall and Kaitlin Maas– 5th grade, Corbin Jones and Brady Block– 4th grade, Caxton Martin and Amy Hiebert – 3rd grade, Savannah Lillich and Joel Hervey – 2nd grade, and Carly Wells and Daleyna King– 1st grade

The winners of the school spelling bee were: 1st place winner – Cooper Martin, 2nd place winner – Savannah Lillich, and 3rd place winner – Brady Block and the Alternate – Caxton Martin

The top 3 participants, Cooper Martin, Savannah Lillich, and Brady Block competed in the county bee at the Council Grove High School on Wednesday, February 10th.

Submitted by Kacie Evans

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year are based on the

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

Required Immunizations for the 2010-2011 school year:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP): five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. Booster dose of **Tdap** required at 7th grade if more than 2 years since previous dose of Td.

Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV): four doses required. Three doses acceptable if dose 3 given on or after the 4th birthday.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella: two doses required.

Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 10.

Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for Kindergarten and grade 1; one dose required grades 2-10 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Two doses are currently *recommended* by the ACIP for all ages.

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib): three doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.

Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7): four doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.

Hepatitis A: two doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs.

Highly Recommended
Immunizations that are not
required for school entry:

Meningococcal (MCV4): one dose *recommended* at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV): three doses *recommended* for females and males at 11 years of age and provisionally recommended for males at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.

Influenza: yearly vaccination *recommended* for all ages > 6 months of age; not required for school entry.

Submitted by Dana Reddick – USD
#417 Health Nurse