

Prairie Heights Summer News

Report Cards:

Parents may pick up report cards starting on Thursday, May 27, and continuing through the afternoon of June 2 during regular school hours.

Report cards will be sent to the students' respective hometown. For example, if a child attends the elementary school, but Alta Vista is that child's hometown, then the report card will be left at the middle school in Alta Vista. On the other hand, if a child attends the middle school, but Dwight is that child's hometown, then the report card will be available at the elementary school in Dwight.

Hopefully, this is more convenient for families with students at both schools.

Please inform the school, if you want something done differently.

Medication:

Student medication will be released through the office to **parents** not students.

Library and Text Books:

Parents of students owing fees for lost or damaged books will be asked to assist in locating the books or pay for the replacement of the book.

Lunch Money:

Lunch account balances for students will be carried over to the next school year, unless we receive notification from parents. Eighth graders' balances will be transferred to an account for a brother or sister, or sent to the high school.

Physical:

Physical forms for next year's students in Grades 6-8 will be attached to the grade cards. Remember physicals with proper signatures included need to be completed before athletes may even practice. Physicals may also be downloaded from the KSHSAA web site. The first day that athletes may start practice for the 2010 - 2011 school term is **August 16**.

Prairie Heights Enrollment Dates

Enrollment for students attending Prairie Heights Elementary at Dwight and Prairie Heights Middle School in Alta Vista will be **August 10** and **11**.

Enrollment times are 3:00 - 7:00 PM. The first day of school will be **August 19**.

Prairie Heights PTO - Swim Bus

Red Cross Swimming Lessons will be offered again this summer at the Council Grove Swimming Pool (providing the pool remains open). The instructors are Red Cross certified in Water Safety Instruction. The Prairie Heights PTO has scheduled the week of June 14-18. The time of day is yet to be determined. A bus will be provided to transport the students that week. The lessons are \$15.00 per child for the week. There will be a transportation fee of \$3.00 making the enrollment total \$18.00. The enrollment form is to be returned to the schools by Thursday, May 20th. We need at least 15 students in order to sponsor swim lessons this summer.

If you are unsure of the class your student should be in, write a note. If they have taken lessons at Council Grove before, the card file will be checked and they will be put in the appropriate class. If a student has never taken lessons here before, and you are unsure, the student can be tested the first day and put in the appropriate class. Please make your check payable to Prairie Heights PTO.

Adult volunteers are needed to ride the bus. Please check on the enrollment form if you can ride the bus and specify what day or days you would be available. Only school age children will be able to ride the bus. Students needing one-on-one help during the regular school day need to be accompanied by a parent. Departure and return times from each the elementary and middle schools will be determined and you will be notified. **If the Council Grove Pool does not open, NO Swim Lessons will be offered this year.** If you have any questions contact Michelle Poole at (785) 776-4699 or at PHES Daycare at (785) 482-3224.

Classes are:

Level 1 - Water Exploration, Baby Pool Ages 3-5

Level 2 - Primary Skills, 2 foot, Ages 5 and up, learn fundamentals (back float, etc).

Level 3 - Stroke Readiness, 3 foot, will learn crawl, elementary backstroke, etc.

Level 4 - Stroke Development, 4 foot

Level 5 - Stroke Refinement, 5 foot, coordination, endurance

Level 6 - 10 foot, skill proficiency, polish strokes over greater distances and endurance

Level 7 - 10 foot, if there is room and interest we may be able to offer Level 7 class during this time. It is for those who have completed Level 6 and desire additional practice and endurance.

Summer Band Lessons Offered at PHMS

Students currently in grades 4-7 may sign up for Summer Band Camp. The camp will be held in the Prairie Heights Middle School Music Room everyday from June 1 to June 4. Beginning students (currently in grade 4) will meet from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. daily, and advanced students (currently in grades 5 through 7) will meet from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily. There will be a recital featuring camp participants on Saturday, June 5 in the Council Grove High School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Please fill out the Summer Band Camp form and return it, along with **\$20.00 payable to U.S.D. 417**, to Mr. Brooks or Mrs. Lamberson at PHES or PHMS by **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**. If you have any questions please call Mr. Dennis Brooks at CGHS #(620) 767-5149 or at Home #(620)767-7778. You may also e-mail me at djbrooks@cgrove417.org.

By - Dennis Brooks - Band Director

Prairie Heights Staff Thanks PH Parents

The staffs of Prairie Heights Elementary School and Prairie Heights Middle School want to express appreciation to Prairie Heights parents, who brought treats to the teachers' workrooms on May 4! In addition to the great food was the kind deed. Thanks again!

Prairie Heights Staff Summer Assignments

Members of Prairie Heights Elementary School and Prairie Heights Middle School staffs will be spending part of their summer preparing for next school year. These include the following:

June 7 – 11	Social Studies Subject Area Committee
August 5	Evaluation Study Group (plus 10 other meetings though out the year)
August 9 – 11	Instructional Coaching Team Training

These activities listed above do not include college course work that teachers will be taking this summer, as well.

Prairie Heights Middle School coaches will also be attending the coaches' clinic, which is held the first week of August in Topeka. Some coaches will also be involved in summer camps and weight training.

Carol Peterson, PHMS custodian, and Deb McDiffett, PHES custodian, will both be working all summer to prepare the Prairie Heights schools for the upcoming year.

Even during the summer, schoolwork continues.