

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



February Newsletter

Reminders from Mr. Delforge and Office

- Students are to be here by 7:40am if they want to eat breakfast. This will allow them time to eat before we start our morning meeting at 8am. We dismiss by 3:40.
- Please contact the office if any of your contact, dismissal information has changed. We need correct information in case of an illness or emergency. We want to make sure we do what is best for the students. A note in agenda book, phone call to office, email to teacher and or office.
- We are stressing to students to be RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE. If students demonstrate teachers and staff are giving students "TWISTER Tickets." Positive reward for being awesome.
- We had, it seems, 100 days of January. I think the kids took it well and they adapted. I want to thank our parents for being flexible and understanding with the cancellations and bus changes. The staff also did a great job with adjusting and dealing with changing their plans. Thank you and I appreciate you all.

Sincerely,
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February Calendar

Feb 1st-	Classroom pictures
February 5 -	PHES PTO at 6:30
February 7 -	Morris County Spelling Bee (1PM @ CGJSHS Auditorium)
February 8-	Celebration of 100 days of school-Dress like a 100 yr Old, Count up to 100, Puzzel, Plus
February 12-	Kids Heart Challenge In Gym 1-1:30
February 12-	BOE Mtg 6-8:00
February 14-	Admin. Mtg 9-11:00 Delforge
February 16 -	No School-Professional Development
February 20 -	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)
February 21 -	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)
February 22-	MTSS/Title mtg 8:30-10:00 Delforge Before 2nd Late Start/Check In
February 22-	ART-Teacher Collab
February 23 -	No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week
February 28 -	PD Late Start - School Starts at 10am

PHES NEWS

- Jan. 29 PHES students attended KSU/McCain Auditorium for
Keep Marching: The Road to the March on Washington, A play with music by Mad River Theater Work
Bringing collected oral history to life, this new Mad River Theater Works one-act play with music explores the historic 1963 March on Washington. Revered as the day that Martin Luther King Jr. made his famous "I Have A Dream" speech in August of 1963, the event drew more than a quarter of a million people together in a peaceful gathering. It was a shining moment in the progression of equality in America and a pivotal action in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.
Our students were awesome and showed great behavior.
- The building Jan. 30th Spelling Bee went well. These are the students that will be representing PHES at the Morris County Spelling Bee at CGJSHS Wed. Feb. 7 at 1pm.
1st Place-5th Charlie Lillich-2nd Place 6th Aidain Jones-3rd Place 6th Abbigale Davis. 4th Place/Alternate 2nd Kreston Armbrust

February Music-Newsletter Kathy Lamberson

The Kindergarten through 2nd grades just finished learning Kansas symbols and the state song, "Home on the Range". Next will be learning about the lunar new year, Asian culture, with songs and activities. We also will be having fun singing and playing the Valentine game songs.
The older classes have had a slower start with the recorders due to the weather this winter. The 3rd and 4th work together learning songs, practicing note fingering and building note reading skills. The 5th grade is immersed in the alto recorder, while the 6th grade play harmony parts with the full consort, soprano, alto, tenor and bass recorders

February PE Newsletter

During the month of February students will practice a variety of skills as well as working on accepting ideas from their classmates. Students will practice skills such as running in a mature pattern, recognizing open space in game, throwing/catching, and utilizing strategic advantage in game. These skills will be practiced in small sized games, and in a team game setting where students are encouraged to utilize collaboration/communication. Team building activities will be implemented within this month's curriculum to encourage problem solving, appropriate conflict resolution skills, collaboration among team members, and practice appropriate communication skills.
Kansas State Level Outcomes for each grade level that will be implemented within the PE curriculum include the following:

K-2nd:

- Works cooperatively with the teacher and others. (4C.EP1)
- Achieves a mature form* of running. (1A.P2)

3rd-5th:

- Accepts responsibility if personal behavior affects others negatively. (4A.IM2)
- Executes basic offensive and defensive strategies and tactics used in a variety of activities, invasion games, net/wall games, throws, volleys, and striking. (2B.IM2)

6th:

- Manages performance angles, force, and direction to gain or deny competitive advantage. (2B.MS5)
- Accepts peers with different ideas, cultural background, and body types in physical activities. (4C.MS1)

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ART February

In the art room, the upper grades will be honoring black history month by exploring the artist Alma Thomas. They will be creating Valentine's Day themed art using Alma's style.

The younger graders will be exploring texture, implied and actual. We will get out the texture plates and do some fun rubbing, which are always a good time!

Library/Tech Febuary

In Computer Science this month, we will be covering quite a few topics. We will be going over the impacts of technology and how it has changed us, Hardware/Software/storage locations, and how the internet breaks down packets of information to transfer it to your computer. We will also have a brief review of our good digital citizenship behavior.

Library Notes:

Don't forget to keep reading and to turn in your Book-It log by February 9th! Your new Book-it log will be sent home at the beginning of each month. Be on the lookout for your pizza coupons! You only have one month from the issued date to use the coupons. Remember, each class has a set goal and the papers need to be filled out and turned in the first week of the following month. Be sure that your student is keeping track of their library books. Most grades have a set library date so if your student isn't part of AR yet, they need to be bringing their books back on their scheduled day :)

Nurse February

Dental Health Month

By Dana Reddick, RN, District Health Nurse

February is designated as National Children's Dental Health Month. The purpose of the observance is to promote good dental health and prevent dental disease in our youth. Dental decay is the most common disease in school age children. Periodic examinations by your dentist are important.

To help your children achieve good dental health, remind them to brush their teeth in the morning and before bed and to floss daily. It is also important to replace their toothbrushes every 3 months or after any illness, encourage them to eat healthy foods by avoiding sugary snacks, and to take them to visit a dentist regularly.

If you need financial assistance to obtain dental care for your child, please let me know.

PTO February

How fun was the PHES Family Game Night?! We had 45 people in attendance, and their smiling faces said it all! THANK YOU to all who helped set up, monitor the various game stations, stayed behind to help with clean up, attended the family game night, etc. We really appreciate all of your community efforts and assistance! In addition, we hope you were able to take away a few entertaining activities that you and your whole family can enjoy at home! 😊

Mark your calendars! **READING NIGHT** at Prairie Heights Elementary school will be coming up in March! There will be a variety of literary themed games and activities, a photo booth, and a snack and a drink for you and your whole family to enjoy!

Lastly, please consider joining us at the following PHES PTO meetings and let your voice be heard! **Dinner and daycare are provided!** All meetings begin at 6:30pm and are located at PHES.

Monday, February 5th
Monday, March 4th
Monday, April 1st
Monday, May 6th
Monday, June 3rd (end of year celebration)

If you have any questions please contact the PTO president at aharmison15@gmail.com or call the PHES office at 785-499-6313.

PTO Sponsored Save-the-Dates:

Monday, Feb. 5th — APPAREL ORDERS ARE DUE!
March - READING NIGHT AT PHES; date & time TBD.
March - PTO SPRING FLOWER SALE; date & time TBD.

KitchenLunch/Menu

District Kitchens will be getting new ovens. They will arrive here on Wednesday.

Attached Sheet-Info page and February Lunch menu