

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



November Newsletter



Reminders from Mr. Delforge and Office

- November 5th, Daylight savings time change-We fall back an hour
- Parents with temperatures dropping I ask that we make sure students are dressed warmly and comfortable for the school day. Hoodies/Jackets/Coats/Gloves/proper footwear.
- 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 are dismissed 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 the agenda book, phone call to office, email to teacher and or office.
- (Positive Rewards)Twister Tickets are a hit and the kids are working hard to be "RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE." Please pile on and give your kids more praise when they bring these tickets home. I love to see their smiles when they tell me about your responses. Thank you for letting me and PHES staff work with your kids.
- I want to wish everyone a great Thanksgiving and hope to see many of you visit for some of our upcoming events.
- If you have questions, ideas, concerns, reach out and let me know. Email, call I will get back to you.

Sincerely,
Chris Delforge
Principal PHES
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November Calendar

November 5 -	Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)
November 6 -	PHES PTO/SITE at 6:30
November 9 -	Veterans Day Program 7:00-8:00
November 10 -	No School - Professional Development for teachers
November 14 -	Fall PICTURE Retakes
November 16-	ART-Teacher Collab/PLC
November 22-24	- No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 4 -	PHES PTO at 6:30

PHES NEWS

November Music-Newsletter Kathy Lamberson

Our kids biggest project is preparing for the Veterans Program which will be presented Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. It is such a great opportunity to learn about why veterans are important and how we can honor them. Our theme this year is marches. We have learned about the "March King", John Philip Sousa. All the kids will perform one of his most famous marches, which is also the official march of America.

We did take time to do some fun fall and Halloween songs/activities.

November PE Newsletter-Tanner Schneder

During the month of November students will practice a variety of manipulative skills as well as working on communication/collaboration among their classmates. Students will practice skills such as kicking, dribbling with their feet, striking with a long and short implement, and throwing/catching. These skills will be practiced in both a small game setting and a team game setting where students are encouraged to utilize strategic advantage in an offensive and defensive setting. 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)
- Follows instructions and class procedures. (4D.EP1)

3rd-5th:

- Communicates effectively with others to establish positive social interaction during physical activities. (5D.IM2)
- Uses equipment responsibly and appropriately. (4A.IM3)

6th:

- Accepts peers with different ideas, cultural background, and body types in physical activities. (4C.MS1)
- Expresses a desire to interact with others socially through sports and games. (5D.MS1)

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November Newsletter Computer Science/Library-Kayla Romme

In Computer Science this month, 4th graders will be finishing their slideshows over various topics of their choosing and 5th/6th will be finishing up their Canva project over their goals for this school year. They're turning out great! We will be jumping back into coding, mid-month, in preparation for the Hour of Code event at the beginning of December. As always, we will be practicing our typing skills. If your student is typing at home, remind them to use Home Row Keys!!

Don't forget to keep reading and to turn in your Book-It log by November 8th! 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.

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November ART NEWS -Lindsey Hickman-

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Nurse Dana Reddick,RN, and Barb Goodman

USD #417 Families~

We are excited to participate in the Child Health Care Kits for the Winter Holiday Project in an effort to help families within our community and USD 417. This project is coordinated with Care and Share.

Students and their families are encouraged to consider donating new items that can be used in making health care kits that will be provided to children who range in age (infancy to high school). Suggested items are:

Shampoo	Conditioner	Combs/Brushes
Hand Soap	Body Wash	Hair Accessories
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Mouthwash
Deodorant	Baby Wipes	Lotion

Items are due back to the school by Wednesday, November 30th, 2023. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to give to others during the holiday season.

Dana Reddick, RN
District #417 Health Nurse

Morris and Chase County take turns hosting a health fair every year sponsored by the Morris County Hospital. The event this November will be hosted at Chase County. See below for more details and plan on attending!

Chase County Health Fair

Date/Time: Saturday, November 4th from 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Place: Chase County Jr/Sr High School, 600 Main, Cottonwood Falls

-Area colleges will be present with information on health related courses and programs.

-Breakfast by Sherry Wilson

-Children's Activities

-Free Health Screenings including Bone Density, Blood Sugar, Balance and Blood Pressure

-Minimal cost blood tests (12 hour fast is required)

-Meet our new doctors

-Door Prize Drawings

November PTO NEWS-Amanda Harmison

THANK YOU to the AMAZING community members who helped us **SELL OUT** of Mums this year and who helped make the PTO-sponsored Halloween Costume Ball a HUGE success! It was an extremely fun-filled night, and we greatly appreciate your continued support of our wonderful PHES faculty, staff, and students.

Please consider joining us at the following PHES PTO meetings and let your voice be heard!

Monday, November 6th @ 6:30PM

Monday, December 4th @ 6:30PM (social event)

Tuesday, January 9th @ 6:30PM

Monday, February 5th @ 6:30PM

Monday, March 4th @ 6:30PM

Monday, April 1st @ 6:30PM

Monday, May 6th @ 6:30PM

Monday, June 3rd @ 6:30PM (end of year celebration)

Dinner and daycare are provided! 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:

The PHES PTO will be selling **PHES apparel** during the month of November, just in time for Christmas! There will be two different designs. Keep an eye out for those order forms soon!

Monday, December 18th — The PHES Winter Program

The PHES PTO will be sponsoring a **soup & chili feed**. Last year, we had an astronomical turnout, and we'd love to see the gymnasium filled up again! Be on the lookout for a volunteer sign up.

Elementary Lunch Menu



November 2023



Elementary School Breakfast/Lunch Prices
Breakfast

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Items offered Daily on the Fresh Fruit/Fresh Veggie Bar

- Lettuce, Carrots, Grape Tomatoes
- Cucumbers, Broccoli, Mixed Peppers, Celery

Seasonal Fruit - (1 Fresh Option Per Day)

Apples, Oranges, Kiwi, Grapes, Bananas

Just to name a few

Meal of the Day*
Rd Sandwich

Student Favorite
Cheesy Pull Apart Bread
Marinara Sauce
Salad Bar/Grain

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Green Beans
Strawberries/Banana

Slush Monday

Meal of the Day*
Queso Cheese

Student Favorite
Cheesy Pull Apart Bread
Marinara Sauce
Salad Bar/Grain



Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Peas and Carrots
Mandarin Oranges

Slush Monday

Meal of the Day*
Cook's Choice

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Slushies

Slush Monday



Meal of the Day*
Chicken & Waffles

Student Favorite
Cheesy Pull Apart Bread
Marinara Sauce
Salad Bar/Grain

Slush Monday



Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Meal of the Day
Breaded Beef Finger

Student Favorite
Chicken Wrap
Salad Bar/Grain
Soup-TBA

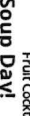
Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Green Beans
Pear Slices
Cake



Meal of the Day*
Chicken and Steak
Rd Sandwich

Student Favorite
Chicken Wrap
Salad Bar/Grain
Soup-TBA

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Cocktail



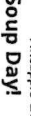
Soup Day!

Meal of the Day*
Hot Dog
Mac and Cheese

Student Favorite
Chicken Wrap
Salad Bar/Grain
Soup-TBA



Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Mashed Potatoes
Pineapple Chunks



Soup Day!

Meal of the Day*
Cinnamon Roll



Meal of the Day*
Ham and Cheese Sandwich

Student Favorite
Cheeseburger
Salad Bar/Grain

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Baked Beans
Strawberries/Banana
Cookie

Farm to Fork Beef Provided by Loomis Custom Beef

Meal of the Day
Beef Bean and Cheese Burrito

Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain
Soup-TBA

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Broccoli w/ Cheese
Mandarin Oranges



Meal of the Day*
Turkey and Cheese Sub

Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Peas
Peach Slices



Soup Day!

Meal of the Day*
Soft Tacos

Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain

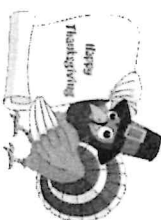


Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Cauliflower w/ cheese
Apple Slices



Soup Day!

Meal of the Day*
Chicken Fajita



Meal of the Day*
Chicken Parm Sandwich

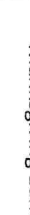
Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Cauliflower
Peach Slices

Meal of the Day
Turkey and Cheese Sub

Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain
Soup-TBA

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Green Beans
Pineapple Chunks



Meal of the Day*
Turkey and Cheese Sub

Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Cauliflower w/ cheese
Apple Slices



Soup Day!

Meal of the Day*
Soft Tacos

Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain



Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Cauliflower w/ cheese
Apple Slices



Soup Day!

Meal of the Day*
Chicken Fajita



Meal of the Day*
Chicken Parm Sandwich

Student Favorite
Chicken Parm Sandwich
Salad Bar/Grain

Extras
Fresh Fruit or Veggie
Cauliflower
Peach Slices

Lunch

- FREE for all USD 417 Student
- Adult - \$2.30
- Paid - \$3.20
- Reduced - \$5.40
- Adult - \$4.25

Milk Choices
Offered Daily
1% Chocolate Milk
1% White Milk

Join Meal Magic Family Portal!

- Add Funds to your Childs Account
- Transfer Money Between Family Members
- Check balances, and history of what your child is eating
- Make Ala - Carte Decisions
 - No Ala - Carte
 - Cash only for Ala - Carte
 - Daily Spending limits(if choosing this make sure you add money for the whole day)

Sign up

www.morris.familyportal.cloud

You can find you Student Id under Forms in your Powerschool Portal

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

For School Food Updates - Join the USD 417 Morris County Food Service Program Facebook Page

Menu subject to change w/o

Inclement Weather Procedures USD 417

When our school district has a schedule change (closing or delay) due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the information is communicated as soon as the decision is made in these ways:

- Sent via our SchoolMessenger Alert System (phone, email and text)
- Posted on our Website
- Local television stations (CBS – WIBW 13, NBC – KSNT 27)
- Social media - Follow [USD 417 Morris County](#) on Facebook



USD #417 is aware of the implications of opening school during less than perfect conditions and of delaying or closing schools when poor weather conditions exist, or are predicted. We operate within an area covering nearly 537 square miles of Morris County. The safety of our students, staff, and parents remains our primary consideration.

Because the district encompasses 537 square miles of the county, the weather can vary significantly, as can road conditions, in different parts of the county. Major roadways may be in good driving condition, but neighborhood and rural roads may remain treacherous.

District students typically travel to school in five ways. Some ride on school buses, some walk to schools or bus stops, some are driven by their parents, some drive themselves, and some are driven by other students. When the school system considers the impact of weather conditions on the ability to open schools, it considers all these methods of transportation.

Some staff members and bus drivers leave home as early as 5:00 a.m. Many working parents need time to make last-minute arrangements for child care. Accordingly, the school system makes every effort to make decisions regarding inclement weather closings or delays prior to 6:00 a.m. Once a decision is made by the Superintendent, it takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete notifying local media, updating the website, and sending text messages.

If the school system is lucky, weather events occur in ways and times that make it easy to decide to open, delay, or close. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. It is amazing how often snow, sleet, or freezing rain does not start until between 5 and 8 a.m. This sometimes results in schools opening when the conditions are worse than anticipated and closing on days when the weather ends up being not as bad as forecasted. On some days, our residents experience better conditions in some areas of the county and very dangerous conditions in other parts of the county.

The school district takes into consideration a number factors during inclement weather. We consider parking lot and sidewalk conditions, temperature and wind chill, amount of snow and/or ice, current and future weather forecasts, as well as city and county road conditions.

The district understands no perfect decision exists. Our goal is to err on the side of caution for the safety of all. When everything is said and done, each parent should be prepared to make the best decision for his or her own child.