

Prairie Heights Elementary

School April Newsletter

Reminders from Mr. Delforge and Office

- **VERY IMPORTANT**—We will be doing our STATE ASSESSMENTS and finishing up on the 10th of April. I would like to ask that we get our 3rd-6th grade students plenty of sleep and positive motivation in preparation for these assessments. Parents that are aware and make this a vocalized importance have a positive impact on students and their performance.
- The GaGa pit was completed on PHES's playground. Students have been enjoying the extra activity.
- Honor Role for the 3rd 9 weeks
- We Had Under Sheriff Eric Kirsch come to PHES and present to students on bicycle safety
- We celebrated the success of our Kids Heart Challenge by raising \$1753. Students received prizes as well as several getting the opportunity to "PIE" Mr. Schneider in the face.
- We also had our Kindergarten Roundup. We are expecting 14 incoming kindergarten students.
- 5th grade will be attending STARBASE starting April 5th

Sincerely,

Chris Delforge

Principal PHES

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Reminders from the office Mrs. Crooks

If you haven't paid your enrollment fees please do so. If you are unable to make a full payment, please contact the office, we can set you up on a payment plan.

If your child signs up for doubles and there is no money in their account, they will not be able to have the extra entree.

Save the dates. Online enrollment for the 24-25 school year will open July 8th to July 19th. There will be an onsite enrollment opportunity July 25th at Council Grove Junior Senior High. If you know of any new students in the area, spread the word!

Happy Spring!

April Calendar

March 29 -	No School/Good Friday
April 1-	PHES PTO at 6:30
April 4-	ART-Teacher Collab
April 5 -	Starbase 5th Grade Leave 8:15
April 10 -	PD Late Start - School Starts at 10am
April 12 -	Starbase 5th Grade
April 15-	Conservation Day! 3rd-5th Leave @ 9:00-1:00-lunch provided
April 17-	Admin. Mtg 9-11:00 Delforge
April 17-	IPS mtg 4-5:30-Delforge
April 18-	Hot Dog Feed-We will be eating outside??If it is nice.
April 19 -	Starbase 5th Grade leave 8:15
April 19-	KLast day for stgate assessments
April 24-	ART-Teacher Collab
April 25-	DLT with KESA group on accreditation format
April 26-	MTSS/Title mtg 8:30-10:00 Delforge Check In before final Benchmark
April 26 -	Starbase 5th Grade leave 8:15
April 30 -	Spring Music Program @ 7PM in PHES Gym

PHES NEWS

April Music-Newsletter Kathy Lamberson

April is our time to showcase the music we have been working on in class and how much we have learned. Our school program is on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Besides singing we will feature instruments in our music making throughout the program.

The 5th band and the 6th band will combine for a song. It's fun to hear our strength together.

April PE Newsletter

Students at PHES during their Physical Education time throughout the month of April will be heavily encouraged to recognize what games/activities they did and did not enjoy throughout the school year. For the month of April PE games will be geared towards activities students can participate in with their friends or on their own during the summer months. Students will be encouraged to participate in these activities they enjoyed during the upcoming summer to stay physically active. Personal Hygiene and why it is important will also be a point of discussion with students during the month of April.

Kansas State Level Outcomes for each grade level that will be implemented within the PE curriculum include the following:

K-2nd:

- Follows the teacher's instructions regarding safety procedures. (4E.EP1)
- Transfers weight appropriately between bases of support. (1B.P2)

3rd-5th:

- Balances and/or transfers weight on apparatus or with a partner. (1B.IM1)
- Applies movement concepts to strategies used in games (e.g. direction, force, speed, pathways, etc.). (2B.IM1)

6th:

- Evaluates and applies safe protocol to activities based on weather, levels of difficulty, and ability. (2A.MS3)
- Respects others by using self-management skills to adjust behavior as necessary. (4A.MS2)

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ART Mrs. Lindsey Hickman APRIL

In the art room we will be taking inspiration from the spring music concert to create fun artwork to accompany the songs. Can't wait for you all to see it in the hallways and gym at the concert April 30th!

Libray/Tech APRIL

In Computer Science this month, we will be reviewing our Digital Citizenship expectations. Now would be a great time to remind kids of online safety. Kids shouldn't be talking to strangers or giving out any personal information to people online and if something makes them uncomfortable, they should have an adult or older sibling they can go to. <https://www.common sense.org/education> is a great tool to help teach our kids about being a great digital citizen! We will also be going over intellectual property rights, Bits/bytes, and grades 1-2 will be practicing typing their computer log-ins to prepare them for the next school year.

Library Notes:

At the beginning of March, we had our Dr. Seuss reading night and a fun, new spin on a book fair. We were able to raise over \$100 for our school's library. I wanted to thank you all again for being so supportive of our school! March is the last month for Book-It reading logs so let's finish strong! **Reading logs are due April 12th.** I want to take a moment to remind all parents about overdue books. If you have received a note about owing for a library book, it's because your student hasn't returned their book or has lost it. We ask that you pay for the book so it can be replaced in the library. If you have paid for the book and end up finding it, you will be reimbursed. I will be sending more reminders for books that are overdue. 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 April

USD #417 Health Office Information

-Hearing and vision screenings are being finished up for the 2023-2024 school year. All students in grades Pre-K, K, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10 (and new students to the district) are screened each school year. If you have any questions about your child's results after they are sent home, please contact our office. If your child does not bring home results, please call or email for an extra copy to be sent.

-Please make sure your child is up-to-date on required immunizations for school. Start planning for completion of needed vaccinations for the 2024-2025 school year. The updated requirements are attached to the newsletter.

-Start scheduling your child's sports physicals for the 2024-2025 school year any time after May 1st to check that off your list as well. A new sports physical is required every year for students entering grades 7-12 that plan on participating in any sport. Packets that also include the concussion form and code of conduct will be available soon.

-As the wonderful spring weather returns and students start attending more events outdoors (such as track meets and field trips), don't forget SUNSCREEN! This is the time of year when we see terrible sunburn on students that have not thought about the importance of skin protection with increased outdoor activities happening

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PTO Amanda Harmison April

Mark your calendars for our next PTO events:

ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SALE: order forms have been sent home, and your flowers will be delivered to PHES on Monday, April 29th and will need to be picked up sometime between 3:45-6PM on the basketball court east of PHES.

BREAKFAST WITH BIGS: the PTO will be hosting Breakfast with Bigs again this year in May. A specific date and time is TBD. Look for an announcement coming soon!

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, 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, April 1st - PTO Meeting at PHES @ 6:30PM

Tuesday, April 9th - due date for Spring Flower forms

Monday, April 29th - Spring flower pick up: 3:45-6pm (basketball court)

Breakfast with Bigs: TBD (May)

Monday, May 6th: PTO Meeting at PHES @ 6:30PM

Lunch/Menu Becky Shearer, District Food Service Director

Summer Food is around the corner to better serve the Morris county communities please fill out this survey at your earliest convenience. Surveys will run through April 14th.

Please use this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHdn5jcgGSrqO4YU9agOyW7HXqyl5qKq-fUDkJ_7PtIEBaNQ/viewform

Attached Sheet-Info page and April Lunch menu