

# Prairie Heights Elementary School



## May Newsletter

### Reminders from Mrs. Gehrer

- Mark Your Calendars—
  - Below are **MANY** dates that you will want to be aware of. Please add these to your calendars.
- If you will be moving to a new address, please leave your new contact information with Sheryl in the office, so all summer communication will reach you.

### May dates to remember!

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Spring Music Program @ 7pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> - Investigate Space for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- 9<sup>th</sup>- District Site Council 8 to 11am
- 10<sup>th</sup>- Final Art Day for the year
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea @ 3pm
- 11<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Field Trip to Topeka
- 11<sup>th</sup>- Final Character Counts/Teambuilding for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Step Up Day for 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education meeting @ 6:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup>- AR 100-point pizza party
- 21<sup>st</sup>- SURPRISE student fun day
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Awards/Field Day and Last day of school (See Schedule below)

10:30am – Kindergarten Graduation and Academic Assembly

11:15am (or when assembly is complete) – Lunch and Recess Time

(Sack lunches will be served. If a parent would like a sack lunch, please notify the office by May 6<sup>th</sup>.)

12:30pm- Field Day begins

## Reading Ranch News:

### Final day of Spring, New Program Coordinator, and Summer Camp

The final day of the spring Reading Ranch after school program is Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us in welcoming our new Reading Ranch Program Coordinator, Marguerite Fredericksen. Marguerite has a background in music education and in literacy. She spent the past four years teaching literacy as part of the Peace Corps in Africa. Marguerite has been training and is ready to take over the helm on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Justine Liddick will continue to work at PHES during the afterschool hours.

Reading Ranch Summer Camp begins on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and continues each weekday from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. through Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### PHES Students Riding the Bus to Summer Camp

The bus will leave PHES in Alta Vista promptly at 7:45 each morning. Please make sure you are there and ready to leave by 7:40.

The bus will arrive in Dwight at the former school location at approximately 8:00 each morning. Please make sure you are there and ready to leave by 7:55.

The bus will not wait for students not at the pickup locations on time.

The bus should return to Dwight at approximately 1:55 each afternoon. The bus will then drop off at Alta Vista at approximately 2:10.

If your student will walk home from the bus drop off, they will be dismissed from the bus. If you are picking your child up from the bus, please arrive early and wait for the bus to arrive.

If your student will not be riding the bus on any day, please let Marguerite Fredericksen know as early as possible by calling 913-912-0108 or via email at [mfredericksen@cgrove417.org](mailto:mfredericksen@cgrove417.org).

## Lunchroom Update

THE END IS SOOO CLOSE!!!! But is it????? NO WAY

USD 417 will be serving again our Morris County Summer Food Program this year!!

**FREE FOOD to ANYONE 1-18 and BONUS bring an adult and the adult eats free too!!!!**

**Summer Food Program. June 4<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – Friday at the High School**

**Monday – Thursday at Prairie Heights**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Daycares/Babysitters we would love to have you, Grandparents come and let us do the cooking, and Parents send your kids they will be fed a nutritious meal and then a fun activity to follow each day. Can't wait to see you all this summer.

See you in the lunchroom,

Becky Shearer

USD 417

Food Service Director

## *From Your School Nurse*

All student medications must be picked up at the nurse's office by the end of the school year. According to state policy, we are unable to send medications home with a student. Medications that are not picked up by Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be disposed of by 4:00PM that day.

Thank you.

Dana Reddick, RN  
District Health Nurse

## Summer Food

Do you like free food? Interested in having lunch with your students that you don't have to prepare? PHES will be a site for the summer food program! **Children age 1 to 18** are welcome to attend, and a parent meal is included with a child's attendance.

Attached you will find a short survey that we would like each family to complete. This will help us prepare for how many students might attend each day.

We are currently in search of volunteers to help with attendance and monitoring of students while they eat. This can be as little as one day to as many as every day. If you would be interested in helping support this program with a donation or by volunteering, please let Mrs. Gehrler know!