



Prairie Lane ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 2015

From The Principal's Desk

SNOW/COLD DAY MAKE-UP:

The following early release Fridays will convert to **full instructional days**: March 6, 13 and 20. Dismissal time will be at 3:50 on the identified make up days. Bussing is provided as usual. As this is a full instructional day, the lunch process will be as it is Monday through Thursday. So, if your child normally takes a hot lunch, lunch will be provided. If your child takes a lunch from home, be sure to send one.

The **Early Education** program holds both a.m. and p.m. sessions Monday through Thursday. KUSD has designated the following Fridays as instructional days, with three days for the a.m. sessions and two days for the p.m. sessions. The start and end times remain the same and bussing is provided as usual.

March 6	Both a.m. and p.m. sessions
March 13	a.m. session only
March 20	Both a.m. and p.m. sessions

February Focus:

This month, I'd like to use this venue to focus on a few recent highlights of Prairie Lane. First, in late Fall of 2014, Meredith Kaufmann, a 5th grade student, was awarded the Mayor's Youth Commission Award for her dedication to Safety Patrol and overall responsible actions. The award is "dedicated to the recognition of outstanding youth of Kenosha." The program seeks to recognize the youth of Kenosha under the age of 21 for their activities or achievements ranging from helping others to helping themselves." Additionally, Easton Parks, also a 5th grade student, finished in the top 10 in the KUSD Spelling Bee. His confidence on that stage was impressive and the Prairie Lane community is so very proud of these, and all of our students. We are always represented well.

Also, 4th grade teacher, Beth Kaufmann, was honored by the local VFW post as the Elementary Teacher of the Year. Beth was recognized at a ceremony in Elkhorn as well as at a recent KUSD School Board meeting. Beth is just one example of the outstanding staff that your children have access to each and every day.

Future Focus:

This year, a team of staff members came together to plan for the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS). We are excited about having a school wide system that addresses the culture and climate of our school and focuses on teaching and learning.

Camille Schroeder
Principal, Prairie Lane Elementary

PTO President's Letter



Hello Prairie Lane families,

Many of you probably tuned in to watch the Super Bowl and witnessed the Patriots pull off a victory, but at Prairie Lane the SEAHAWKS won our "Soup-er Bowl by a score of 1,033 to 815!"

But in all seriousness, the most important winner is the Shalom Center. They will receive a large donation of food from our generous families at Prairie Lane. Thank you to everyone who helped this wonderful cause! Congratulations to Mrs. Tobalsky's class for being the top collector and earning a pizza party for collecting 238 items! We are proud of you!

We hosted our 1st Bingo night in January! We had a great turn out and saw many smiling faces throughout the night. I wanted to say thank you to those families who donated prizes for our event. Seeing the children's faces light up with excitement when they yelled BINGO, warmed my heart. They had so many wonderful prizes to pick from. Thank you for being so generous.

Our PTO Board is looking to fill 2 positions. Our *Vice President* and *Secretary* positions are open and need to be filled by May. Our PTO sponsors many of our events at Prairie Lane and we cannot plan and host these events without having the positions filled. If you are interested but unsure what the job entails, please don't hesitate to ask! We are here to answer any questions you may have.

February is a month to celebrate the people that mean the most to you and letting them know how much you appreciate them and their friendship. I want to extend my sincere thanks to ALL our parents who help out with the PTO. We are able to have so many wonderful events and opportunities for our children because of your time, energy, willingness and positive attitude towards Prairie Lane.

We couldn't do it without YOU!

Jessica Winnie
Prairie Lane Elementary PTO President





Our annual Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart event begins on February 23 and runs through March 6, if needed. Once again, all of the students of Prairie Lane will be involved in a life-saving and educational community service program, helping to raise funds (on-line and matching gifts with companies) to help the fight against heart disease, which takes a life every 33 seconds. Our continued effort and support has reduced the number of people dying from heart disease each year. The CDC reports that heart disease deaths have dropped 1.8%.

The program promotes physical movement and heart health through the jump rope and basketball activities the kids do in P.E. class for the event.



Not only do the kids receive prizes from the American Heart Association for their fundraising efforts, but they also enjoy treats and educational materials during the event. There will be many incentives; ducks, Bucks basketball tickets, special activities for the top fundraisers and top class! New 2015 incentives include Milwaukee Wave tickets, as well as passes to Rock Sports complex and Helium Trampoline Park.

Online donations are strongly encouraged. To get started, just visit www.heart.org/jump. Most of the information that you need is right there! Information including collection

envelopes and prize information will be handed out the week of February 16th. If collecting donations, have checks made out to the "American Heart Association."

Your support is greatly appreciated, as always! Together, Prairie Lane continues to make a difference in our community. In 2014 we raised \$7,900 which was outstanding! If we beat that amount this year, Ms. Tiffe promises to do something **CRAZY!**

Final money is due on March 20, 2015!

Contact Ms. Tiffe with any questions at atiffe@kUSD.edu or 262-359-3649.

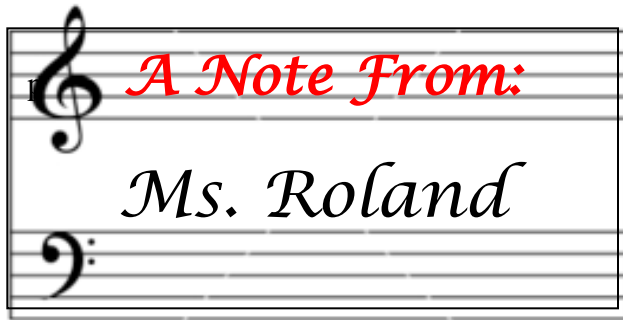


Join us for our upcoming Chat N Chew programs!

Thursday, March 26 - Dr. Seuss Night
Come for a fun-filled evening of Dr. Seuss fun! Dinner starts at 5:30; Program begins at 6:00 and goes until 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 15 - Family Learning Game Night
Save the Date! More information to come!





CONCERT DATE CHANGE!!!

Dear Parents,

I have made the difficult decision to push our concert for grades 4 and 5 into March.

Unfortunately, with all the cancellations due to weather, our students are not fully prepared to get on stage. I would like this to be a fun and positive experience for them as opposed to a stressful one, so changing our date to Thursday, March 5th (same times) will be the best for our students.

I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you. We can never predict how the weather is going to affect us, can we? Thank you for your understanding.

Ms. Roland

As always, stay up to date on what's happening in music class by visiting my classroom webpage! <http://prairielane.kusd.edu/classrooms/ms-roland/>. The password is PL.

CONCERT DATE CHANGE!!!

Grades 4 & 5 concert
Is now on March 5!

From the Library

Mark your calendars! Our Spring Book Fair "Under the Sea – Explore an Ocean of Books" is fast approaching! The book fair will be open March 19 to 26 with special hours during the Dr. Seuss chat n' chew on March 26 from 5:30 to 7:30! As we have in the past, we will also be open two mornings during our "Muffins for Moms" (Tuesday, March 24), and "Donuts for Dads" (Thursday, March 26) events. Stay tuned for more details as we come closer to the dates!

If you are interested in helping out with the Book Fair, we are in need of helpers for the following:

- 1.) Set up and take down of the Fair
- 2.) Dads to serve the moms on March 24
- 3.) Moms to serve the dads on March 26
- 4.) Volunteers to help run the book fair during the week

Gift certificates will be given out to volunteers! We need YOU to help make this a success!

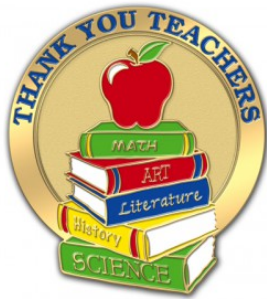
If interested in volunteering please contact Ms. Steeves at ssteeves@kusd.edu or contact Beth Smith at travisandbeth@att.net or Mel Modica at melmodica@gmail.com.

As always, thank you for supporting the Prairie Lane Library!



Teacher Luncheon

Help say 'Thank You' to our wonderful teaching staff by donating drinks/bottled water, a side dish or a dessert for the Teacher Luncheon on February 26 during Parent-Teacher Conferences.



Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Nicole at nlb@rizolaw.com or at 262-705-9698.

Donations can be dropped off at school on the day of the luncheon.



Thank you to everyone that ordered from our first Market Day sale last month. It was very successful and we earned over \$245 for the PTO.

This month, orders are due by February 20 and the next pick up is Thursday, February 26 from 6:00-7:00 pm by the front entrance. Everyone that places an order online this month will receive a free \$20 Shutterfly gift card with their order.

Market Day is also still offering \$5 off a \$25 purchase if you are a first-time Market Day customer who places their order online. Use promo code NEWFIVE at checkout to receive that savings.

Remember Prairie Lane will be providing a drive-thru pickup option for all customers who prepay for their order online at www.marketday.com. Just pull your car up in front of the school and we will load your order into the car for you. No need to park and get out of your car.

If you have any questions about Market Day, please feel free to contact Megan Calhoun at megmirs13@hotmail.com or 815-236-4044.



Pick and Save is currently running their box tops promotion. **From now until February 25** you can earn 50 bonus box tops when you purchase 10 participating products, and you can earn 100 bonus box tops when you purchase 15 participating products. When you make your purchase, a certificate will print out at the end of your transaction. Send this certificate to school with your child!

Sam's Club is also running a box tops promotion **from now until July 3**. For every 3 participating products purchased, the school will receive 70 ebox tops! Just circle the participating items that you bought on the receipt, place it in an envelope (labeled with the teacher's last name and the words "Bonus Box Tops") and send it to school with your child and we will take care of it from there! A complete list of participating items can be found at https://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/btfesams/shopping_list_blue.html

Upcoming Events!

February

- 20 - Market Day orders are due
- 23 - Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Begins
- 25 - Parent-Teacher Conferences Begin
- 26 - Market Day Pick-Up - 6-7:00 pm
Teacher Luncheon – Donations needed!
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 27 - No School
Parent-Teacher Conferences

March

- 5 - Grades 4/5 Concert "A Walk Down Memory (Prairie) Lane"
 - 4th graders perform at 6:00 pm
 - 5th graders perform at 7:00 pm
- 12 - Grades 2/3 concerts "Under the Sea"
 - 2nd graders perform at 6:00 pm
 - 3rd graders at 6:45 pm
- 19 - Spring Book Fair "Under the Sea – Explore an Ocean of Books begins!
- 20 - Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart donations are due.
- 24 - Muffins for Moms
Special morning Book Fair hours
- 26 - Donuts for Dads
Special morning Book Fair hours

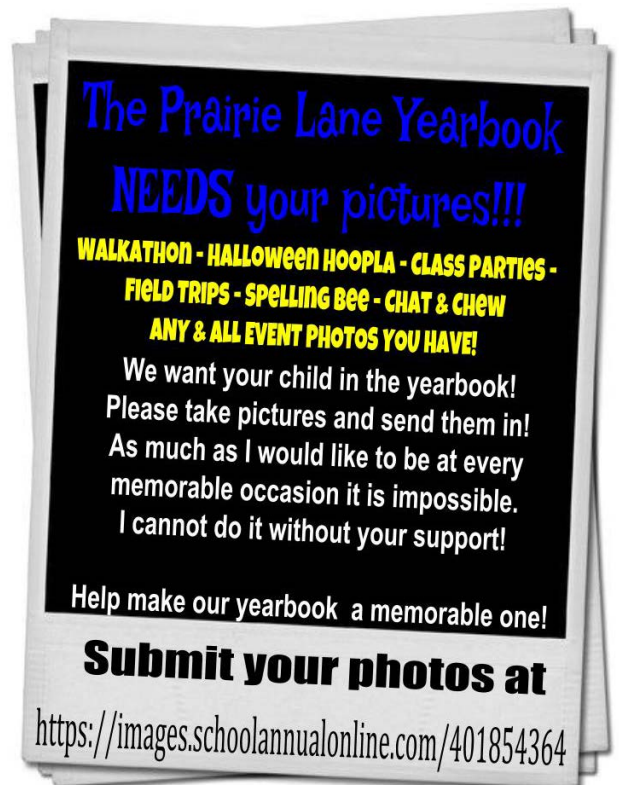
Chat N Chew – Dr. Seuss Night 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Last day of the Book Fair

YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Don't miss out! Yearbooks are on sale now for \$20 each but only until March 1st. This year features **hardcover yearbooks!** Order your copy today!

You can purchase online at www.SchoolAnnual.com
Click on "Buy Your Student's Yearbook" at the top of the page, then choose Prairie Lane Elementary School from the drop down box.



Prairie Lane PTO



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