



Prairie Lane ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 2015

From The Principal's Desk

Differences - Sometimes they just are different

So, I have been sharing my home with foreign exchange students this year. One from China, and now I have a student from Italy. The experience has been challenging and joyful at the same time. You see, it's interesting to be with people from another culture, which is exactly why my husband and I chose this experience. Sometimes it feels like sandpaper, as there are things we do in the United States that other countries don't, and vice versa.

The process of learning without judgment is the hard part because we are human and we judge. I found myself doing that at times this year and I was immediately disappointed in myself. One thing I believe I do well is ask "why" when something seems a bit off kilter to me. More often than not, asking why leads to understanding. It is the lack of understanding that causes frustration and sometimes anger. Seek to understand. It feels good when that moment of "Oh, I get it" comes. Now if I could just apply the same thinking to the "youth" culture. LOL, Twitter, # (I'm waiting for a number after this symbol).....Help me now!!!!

Camille Schroeder
Principal, Prairie Lane Elementary



PTO President's Letter



Hello Prairie Lane Families,

By now, you should have received our Butter Braid fundraiser forms. We are hoping you will help other families in our quest to help fund programs our students use not only at school but at home too. These programs are costly, but if every student sold 6 pastries, we would meet our goal! Please take some time to reach out to family members, friends and acquaintances to see if they would help you in your fundraising goals. Let's make this a "delicious" success!!!

Our last Box Top submission will bring nearly \$1,400 to Prairie Lane. Thank you to those of you who spend the time clipping those coupons that earn money for our school. Please keep clipping and sending them to school as our classroom contests are still going!

We have had a great response to bringing back Market Day. If you haven't tried it yet, I encourage you to do so! It is a VERY easy way to earn money for our school while at the same time providing you with easy and delicious food choices. It comes pre-boxed with your name and if you order online, we will bring it out to your car! Our next Market Day pick up is Thursday, March 26th from 6-7 pm.

While you are picking up your Market Day order, you can hang out because our next Chat and Chew is that night too! We are hosting our Dr. Seuss night again, and we have lots of fun activities planned! Please return your RSVP forms so we are able to plan accordingly. We

hope to see you on Thursday, March 26th at 6:00!

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up the first week of May. We will be looking for parents to donate supplies for their special week. Please consider helping make this week a memorable one for our hard working staff at Prairie Lane!

We are getting a jump start on our big fundraiser for next year! Our 2nd Walk-a-thon is scheduled for **Saturday, October 3rd**. We are in search of parents willing to help/plan with various aspects of the day. We want to make this fundraiser bigger and even better than last year, but we will need your help. Keep an eye out for information coming home before the end of the school year.

Some things to look forward to, so please mark these dates down on your calendars:

- March 19 - PTO Meeting (7:00 in the Art Room instead of library because of the book fair)
- March 26 - Dr. Seuss Chat and Chew (Starts at 5:30)
- April 24th - Sock Hop Dance (6-8 pm)
- May 20th - Family Bingo Night
- May 21st - Last PTO meeting of the year (7:00 pm in the library)
- June 5th - End of the Year Classroom Parties

Jessica Winnie
Prairie Lane Elementary PTO President



Jump Rope for Heart Update!

We are doing a fantastic, super job raising funds for the American Heart Association. Currently Prairie Lane students have collected \$7,780 and it's still growing! It's incredible, once again! The final date for all money is Friday, **March 20!**

Parents, please remember to send a copy of the final on-line donation report back to me when finished collecting.

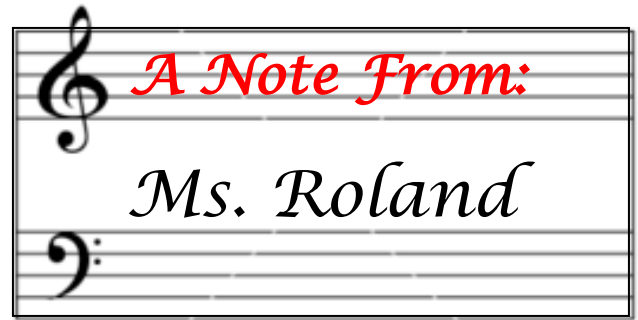
I only have the first three ducks. All other ducks, prizes and vouchers, over \$50, will come in one large delivery after I send in the funds. That delivery will take an additional three (3) weeks.

I want to thank you all for your efforts, time and support for such an important cause. The week of March 23rd, we will celebrate and wrap –up our Event. The final total will be announced along with the top money raisers.

And... since our goal for this year is \$8,000, I better start getting serious about my duck outfit!!

A special thank you goes out to PTO for supplying students with refreshing freezer treats after their event.

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



Our 4th and 5th grade concert was a tremendous success. We have such responsible and talented students here at Prairie Lane! I am so very proud of them!

Our Kindergarten and first grade concert is on April 23. Kindergarten will take the stage at 6:00 P.M and the first graders will perform at 6:45. Please have your students report to the classroom 15 minutes prior to their performance time.

Thank you to Crystal Mahon for decorating the stage for the 4th and 5th grade concert. It looked beautiful and was truly appreciated. The Prairie Lane PTO rocks!

If parents have pictures of any of our recent concerts, please send them to me at droland@kUSD.edu (no more than 2 per parent), I would like to put them on the music room web page!

Continue to visit my web page to find out what we are doing in the classroom, music in our community and for upcoming concert information. The URL is <http://prairielane.kUSD.edu/classrooms/ms-roland/> and the password is PL.

Ms. Roland

Don't Forget!
SPIRIT DAY

Friday, March 20th

Wear your favorite
Prairie Lane Spirit Wear!

5mENCILS \$1.00 EACH (LIMIT 2)

FRUIT SNACKS \$0.50



From the Library

Our Spring Book Fair will be the week of March 19th through 26th. Come and explore an "Ocean of Books!"

We will have our annual events, "Donuts-for-Dads" on Friday, March 20th, where only dads are invited to visit the fair in the morning with their students and enjoy donuts and coffee! "Muffins-for-Moms," follows on Tuesday, March 24th where only moms are invited to visit the fair in the morning with their students and enjoy muffins and coffee!

Also, the fair will be a station at the Dr. Seuss Chat 'n Chew on Thursday, March 26th with special evening hours. A flyer will be coming home in Thursday folders on March 12th.

The book fair is open daily during school hours and parents are welcome to come anytime to make a purchase. We are also open before school and after school (until 4 pm) if you would like to come in during drop off and/or pick up.

We are in need of volunteers! Gift certificates will be given out to volunteers! We need YOU to help make this a success! If interested in volunteering for the please contact Ms. Steeves at ssteeves@kUSD.edu or contact Beth Smith at travisandbeth@att.net or Mel Modica at melmodica@gmail.com.

Or, you can also sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4EAEA-E2EA6FB6-under



Market Day

Thank you for making Market Day a success! We have earned over \$425 for the PTO in the last two months alone. We hope to keep it going strong with your participation!

March orders are due by Saturday, March 21 and pick-up is Thursday, March 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm by the front entrance.

You can still participate in the Frequent Buyer program! Just make two purchases of \$40 between February and April and then place a third order of \$40 in May and you will receive a FREE set of two Collapsible Storage Bowls with your May pick up.

Market Day is also offering \$5 off a \$25 purchase for first time Market Day customers who place their order online. Use promo code NEWFIVE at checkout to receive that savings.

Remember Prairie Lane provides drive thru pickup for all customers who prepay 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.



Market Day now has FRESH produce!

	<p>The Prairie Lane Yearbook NEEDS your pictures!!!</p> <p>Walkathon - Halloween Hoopla - Class Parties - Field Trips - Spelling Bee - Chat & Chew ANY & ALL EVENT PHOTOS YOU HAVE!</p>	
	<p>Submit your photos at</p>	<p>We want your child in the yearbook!</p> <p>Please take pictures and send them in! As much as I would like to be at every memorable occasion it is impossible. I cannot do it without your support! Help make our yearbook a memorable one!</p>
<p>https://images.schoolannualonline.com/401854364</p>		



Reading Program!

Prairie Lane students who read for 100 minutes and “round the bases” on their reading tracker will earn a FREE ticket, hot dog and soda for a Kingfish baseball game on Friday, May 29. Get your reading tracker in soon! The deadline to order tickets is April 17. Email Kerri Valentine with any questions @kvalenti@kUSD.edu.

Art News from:

MRS DOLLAR

Kenosha Unified Art Exhibit:

The 44th Annual District Wide Student Art Exhibit opens THIS Friday March 13. Prairie Lane has 30 students whose art work is represented this year as part of the show. The show is on display at the Kenosha Public Museum through April 12. Check out the amazing talent of the young artists featured in this years’ show! For more information go to: www.kUSD.edu/finearts <<http://www.kUSD.edu/finearts>>

5th grade TIE-DYE Shirts

The 5th grade classes will be making their own tie-dye t-shirts after spring break. This is always a fun project for all and students wear the finished shirts for Field Day! Please have your child bring a WHITE, 100% cotton shirt to the Art Room by the first week of May. Please pre-wash the shirts if they are new, as the color will stay better.

If you have questions, email Mrs. Dollar at adollar@kUSD.edu



Do you dread school supply shopping? Are you tired of dragging your kids from store to store just to find every item on their lists? Last year our PTO introduced the School Kidz program to our school and we will have it available again for the 2015-2016 school year!

Order forms will come home before Spring Break. Order your kit and it will be in your child's class at open house. It's that easy!!! No shopping, no searching... just a quick order and all their supplies are there! If you have any questions please contact Kari Ray at kariray01@gmail.com.



WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!!!

Prairie Lane is proud to announce this great fundraiser!
Butter Braid pastry order forms went home last week.
This fundraiser is . . .

EASY, PROFITABLE AND UNIQUE

We need your support to reach our goals. With help of everyone, we can make this sale a huge success! It is a product that every person of all ages will love, and the fundraising company is locally owned and family run.

Our goal is for each participant to sell 6 Butter Braid pastries. The profits from this fundraiser will be used towards IXL and Raz-Kids Reading Program.

Thanks again for helping us to reach our goal!

**AND DON'T FORGET, EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATES
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, March 23rd- Order Forms and Money Due

Monday, March 30th- Butter Braid Pick Up 4-7pm

Any questions please contact Cristi

CristiGallagher@gmail.com



**SAVE THE DATE
BINGO NIGHT
Wednesday, May 20th**

**A Teacher's Luncheon
Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Teacher Luncheon during Parent-Teacher conferences! Your generosity was so very much appreciated!



YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Hardcover yearbooks
\$20.00 each

ONLY until March 30th
Order your copy today!

Purchase online @ SchoolAnnual.com
Click on "Buy Your Student's Yearbook"

Choose Prairie Lane Elementary School from the drop down box

Save the Date!



April 24!

Be there or be square!
**More information coming
in early April!**

Upcoming Events!

March

- 13 - Kenosha Unified School District-Wide Art Show Opens – Kenosha Public Museum.
- 19 - Spring Book Fair “Under the Sea – Explore an Ocean of Books” begins!
- 20 - Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart donations are due.

Donuts-for-Dads
Special morning Book Fair hours

Spirit Day
- 21 - Market Day orders due!
- 23 - Butter Braid Orders & Money Due
- 24 - Muffins-for-Moms
Special morning Book Fair hours
- 26 - Chat N Chew – Dr. Seuss Night 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Market Day Order Pick-Up

Last day of the Book Fair
- 30 - Butter Braid Order Pick-Up

April

- 23 - Kindergarten and First Grade Concert
- 24 - Sock Hop – More details to come!



Great job Prairie Lane students & parents on collecting box tops! We have already submitted 23,833 box tops this school year - that's \$2,383.30!

Two classes have already reached the goal of 2500 box tops & will be receiving their pizza party in the next few weeks - great job to Mrs. Foley & Mrs. Konchan's classes!

Keep clipping and sending in those box tops!!

Current class counts:

Foley	3324
Konchan	2744
Miller	1893
Neu	1699
Huff	1511
Wilker	1384
McDonald	1312
Kresse	1201
Mayar	1102
Tobalsky	1027
Lindquist	966
Slotkus	954
Lawler	950
Ricciardi	803
Johnson	732
Kaufmann	657
Glinski	602
Sharkey	575
Hailer	397