

March 2016

## From the Principal's Desk

*Oh, how far we've come, so your kids will have Places to Go*

At the close of the 2013-2014 school year, Prairie Lane staff worked through a very valuable strategic planning process. Through that process, staff decided that we wanted to implement Personalized Learning as our model for students. We spent all of last year learning and most of this year developing the foundation and implementing the model with students, primarily in the area of vocabulary development. We have partnered with CESA 1 and are so happy to be on this journey with them in order to best meet the learning needs of your child.

In a nutshell, Personalized Learning allows for learner choice and voice in their learning. Who wouldn't want some say in how they learn (notice, I did not say "what" they learn). This allows students to have some control over their education, thereby, building responsibility, among other things.

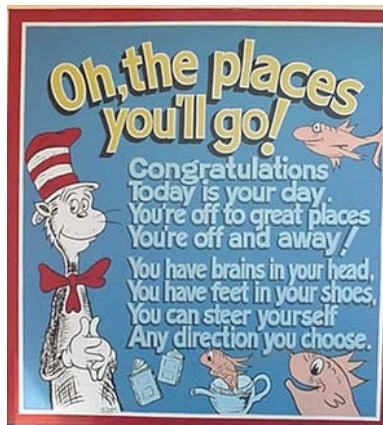
There is a Learning Continuum on the path to Personalized Learning. Our students move through the continuum as they work to become independent learners. If we see Personalized Learning as having "freedom within fences," then the size of the "pen" is based on the learner independence.

Here is an [article](#) about the learning continuum.

As a school community, we look forward to our continued work in personalizing learning for every student and staff member.

Sincerely,

Camille Schroeder



### 2015-2016 Attendance Ticker

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
97.65%	97.10%	96.05%	96.57%	95.79%	95.39%			

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# PTO President's Letter

Happy Spring Parents and Guardians!!

We are loving these warmer days and it's making us get more excited about summer!

I would like to give a huge thank you to Jenny Hermes, Kari Ray and to all of you who volunteered at the Sock Hop! The kids had a blast! It was so fun to watch them dance and have fun with their friends. Thank you again for making the evening such a success.

Our next PTO event is Alpaca Art Night. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 in the Cafeteria. With so many things happening in the Spring, this event ended up as the same night as the choir and orchestra concert. To help accommodate families who would like to attend both, we've changed the hours of Alpaca night to 6-8:30 pm. We will be in the Cafeteria painting so when the concert is finished please just head on down to paint your masterpiece. This event is pre-sale only so be sure to get your forms in so you don't miss out on the fun! As the pieces need to be ordered, we need all forms in no later than, Monday, March 21. We will need volunteers for that evening, so if you have a middle school or high school student looking for service hours, this would be a great event to help them earn those hours! If you're interested, please email me at [melmodica@gmail.com](mailto:melmodica@gmail.com)

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break!

Stay Warm!

Mel Modica  
Prairie Lane PTO President





## FOURTH-GRADE PLAYS

This year each Fourth grade class will be performing in the play "Let's Green it Up" written by Prairie Lane's own Ms. Amie Miller. All plays will be in the Prairie Lane Gym.

These plays are educational, inspiring, funny, and entertaining for ALL ages! We hope to see you there!

Mrs. Kaufman's Class - Wed. March 16 at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Slotkus' Class - Wed. March 23 at 6 p.m.

March 18 from 4 to 10 pm is our next Action Territory night! Enjoy special offers on indoor fun! Bring along the flyer that will go home in Thursday folder or just mention that you're from Prairie Lane! Mark your calendars for the rest of our 2016 Action Territory nights!

- April 15
- May 13



Don't Forget!

The second full week  
of every month is

Prairie Lane Night

## From the **Library**

I would like to thank everyone who supported our March Book Fair! To all the dads and moms who got up early for our morning events-thank you! To all the families who visited during our Chat 'n Chew night-thank you! To all the moms who volunteered during the day to assist our students, run the cash register, and restock the fair-thank you! **And to Beth Smith & Courtney Breit, my co-chairs-thank you, thank you!**

Through everyone's dedication and generosity, you place books into our children's hands, as well as many extra supplies for our Creation Station.

Sandra J. Steeves  
Library Media Teacher



## Save the Date!

3rd Annual Walk-a-thon will be held on Saturday, September 24th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you are interested in being part of the fabulous team who plans this event or would like more information on other ways that you can help out with our biggest fundraiser of the year contact Mel Modica at [melmodica@gmail.com](mailto:melmodica@gmail.com) or Megan Calhoun at [megmirs13@hotmail.com](mailto:megmirs13@hotmail.com).

## 2016 HOOPS/JUMP EVENT A DOGGONE HUGE SUCCESS



Prairie Lane raises \$13,000 and still counting for the American Heart Association in their Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart Event this year. Not only is this an outstanding school effort, it is a reflection of the type of generosity and commitment that our P.L. Families display.

This event, it is a great way for the students to give back to the community and see results for their hard work and dedication. They see and know people in our very own school and community who need heart help.

The top fundraisers were Alexis Joy (Gr. 2) \$675, Kennedy Day (Gr. 1) \$650, Riley Hanel (Gr. K) \$600, Sienna Covelli (Gr. 3) \$330 and Emelia Gorman (Gr. 2) \$325. These students will enjoy a Subway lunch with Ms. Tiffe. The top three will be able to attend a Milwaukee Bucks pre-game activity. The top class (still to be determined) will get to play a teacher/parent team in a game of their choice.

Because we beat our school and the American Heart Association Goal's, Ms. Tiffe will dress like a dog, riding her bike, while greeting the students as they arrive to school some morning. A celebration assembly will follow. Prairie Lane will receive \$600 worth of new P.E. equipment as a result of our fundraising efforts. A special thank you to all who donated and supported the fight against heart disease and stroke. You are truly **HEART HEROES** and once again, I am honored to be a part of such an awesome school. You ROCK!!!! The kids thank the PTO for the popsicles after the event. I would also like to thank Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Joy for their help.

The Puppies were quite a hit! All prizes and additional pups will arrive in a few weeks. PRAIRIE LANE, YOU MAKE ME PROUD!!!!!!



## Every Kid Needs a Super Hero 5K

Who: Prairie Lane families, staff and Friends

What: Every Kid Needs a Superhero 5K

When: Saturday, April 30

Where: Carthage College

Why: This race will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha

How: Register [HERE](#) or search Superhero 5k 2016.



Search and join team Prairie Lane. **Use code EAGLES at check out to save \$5.00!**

Post-race activities include mascot races, photo booths, kid carnival, giveaways, and more!

The school with the most participation will be given the title of Superhero School of the Year and be awarded a traveling trophy! You can walk or run! Dress up as your favorite superhero for extra fun. We hope you will join our team for a fun day!

If you sign up, please email Mrs. Taylor ([mptaylor@kUSD.edu](mailto:mptaylor@kUSD.edu)). She will contact you about a meeting place the day of the race.



### Upcoming Events:

#### March:

- March 16 – Spirit Day
- March 16 & 23 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Play - "Green it Up" – 6 pm in the Gym
- March 17 – PTO Meeting – Library at 7 pm
- March 24 – April 1 – SPRING BREAK!!!!

#### April:

- April 12 – Orchestra and Choir Concert – 6 pm
- April 12 - Alpaca Art Night – 6-8:30 pm
- April 28 – Grades 3-5 Concert – Reuther – 6:30 pm

HAVE A SAFE SPRING BREAK!



## Spelling Bee, BOB, and BHB

...Oh MY!



Congrats to all our spelling bee participants! You did a great job and worked hard. We even had to continue our school bee on a second day due to the great spelling. Our top 3 were fourth grader Emmy Parks (3rd), third grader Morgan Calhoun (2nd), and fifth grader Emily Roalkvam (1<sup>st</sup>).

Emily moved onto the District Spelling Bee where she finished in the top 6. She then represented our school and district at the regional bee. Emily was dedicated, worked hard and made us so proud finishing 22 out of 30! Great job Emily!!



After months of reading and studying titles and authors, we had our BOB team consisting of: Ben Rothove (5<sup>th</sup>), Emily Roalkvam (5<sup>th</sup>), Bree Neau (5<sup>th</sup>), and Evan Arnold (4<sup>th</sup>). They worked together well in our final battle earning a total of 351 points out of a total 390 possible points, placing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 56 teams! They were officially included in the 300 point club!



Congrats to all of our Black History Bee participants. These kids put in time studying at home and at recess.

Ben Rothove (5<sup>th</sup>) was our runner up while Bree Neau (5<sup>th</sup>) was the Prairie Lane Champion moving on to the district bee. At the district bee, Bree lasted several rounds making it into the top five. Overall she took 4<sup>th</sup> place!! Great job Bree!



Don't miss out on your chance to paint a masterpiece at our Alpaca Art night on April 12 from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Cafeteria!

An order form went home last week – this form must be returned to participate in this event, as it is pre-order only! This is so Alpaca Art can ensure that they have enough supplies for everyone on the night of the event!

If you can't find your form, click [HERE](#) for an order form.

Psst... Dads! Pack up the kids and take them to this event to paint something special for Mom and Grandma for Mother's Day (which is Sunday, May 8). Artwork will be delivered in time to make the perfect gifts!

## Spirit Day!

Wednesday, March 16  
It's Snack Cart time!

Enjoy a special snack, courtesy of the  
Prairie Lane PTO!

Quaker Chewy Granola Bars	\$0.50
Mott's Fruit Snacks	\$0.50
Frigo String Cheese	\$0.50
Nabisco Mini Cookies	\$1.00
<small>(Oreos, Chips Ahoy, Teddy Grahams, Cheese Ritz Bits)</small>	
Kellogg's Rice Krispy Treats	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	\$1.00
<small>(Veggie Straws, Lays Potato Chips, Cheetos)</small>	

Items are limited to two (2)  
snacks per student!

Don't forget to wear your  
School Spirit Wear!