



The Prairieland Press

“It’s a Great Day to Be a Cougar!”

December/January 2023-24

Attendance Line: 557-4473 Please use the attendance line to report an absence or late arrival.	Principal: Scott Peters Office: 557-4424 Hours: 6:45-3:15	School Website: www.unit5.org/prairieland Calendar: http://www.unit5.org/Page/38
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Principal’s Message:

Welcome to the holiday season everyone! I feel like this school year is flying by! This time of year gets very busy both at school and at home. It can quickly wear everyone down. Remember to take time and just “Be.” “Be” intentional with the school routines. “Be” intentional about getting enough rest for yourself and your kids. Most importantly, “Be” intentional about creating great memories for you and your family. You may not know what will mean a lot to them until they are much older. Little things sometimes mean the most and will be things they talk about around the dinner table for years to come.

From all of us at Prairieland, we want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

Mr. Peters



Holiday Parties:

Our winter parties will take place on Wednesday, December 20 this year. That is the next to last day before winter break. Parties will be at various times and coordinated between the classroom teacher & room parent. Our P.I.E.C.E. group is coordinating with the room parents to provide support for the classroom teachers. For this party we are asking that only the parents who are assisting with the party and have coordinated with the room parent attend.

12 Days of Spirit

We are once again doing the 12 Days of Spirit as we roll towards Winter Break. These days are 100% optional. The spirit days were sent out via email and can also be found on the front page of our school website at [Prairieland Elementary Homepage](#)

McDonalds Partnership

This year for our McDonalds Partnership we have been paired with the restaurant at 1607 N Main St. This is the one attached to the gas station. They have gone to a different format where we only have one night assigned for our school. The date for Prairieland is Wednesday, December 6 from 5:00-7:00p.m. 15% of the sales during this period will be donated to our school.

Volunteers:

If a teacher is in need of a volunteer during the year they may be reaching out for your assistance. We then will make sure the volunteers have gone through the appropriate steps to be cleared.

PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports:

PBIS is the system we use to provide an overall structure for behavior within our classrooms and school. Each month throughout the year we emphasize basic vocabulary and affirmations. During the month of November our word was “Relationships.” We talked with the kids about relationships we have with our teachers, classmates, friends, and family members. Each month students can earn a fun “Out of the Blue” activity. Our out-of-the-blue for November was a space dance for each grade level. The students got a glow stick and a chance to dance to some fun music with their friends!

Book Fair Thank You:

We want to thank all of our students and families for supporting the book fair again this year. We were able to raise \$2,395 dollars for the library for Mr. Ford to purchase new books for the students!

PIECE Shout Outs

We want to thank our PIECE group for doing such an incredible job of supporting our staff and students all year long. We have truly appreciated all the support with events as well as the yummy snacks and meals you have provided! We are thankful for all of you!

Weather and Dressing Warmly:

It is that time of year when we work very hard with the students to make sure they are dressed appropriately for going outside in the cold. We will go outside for recess all the way down to 20 degrees, with windchill. It can often be very cold as they wait for their rides after school as well. We emphasize with the kids to wear layers as it is easier to be too warm and take off a layer than be freezing cold. Please help us out as they leave the house in the morning! If for any reason

you need assistance in getting hats, coats, or gloves, please reach out to the main office and we can help! Thank you!

Attendance Call In:

Reminder: When your student will be absent all day or arriving late, we ask that you call the attendance line and leave a message even if you've communicated with the teacher. We are required to document the reason for your child's absence on a daily basis. This line can be called 24/7 to leave a message. **Please note**, this is not the main office line but a separate line just for attendance purposes. Attendance Line: 309-557-4473.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

December

- 6 McDonalds Night for Prairieland: 1607 N.Main St. 5:00-7:00p.m.**
- 7 Early Release-kids dismissed at 10:45**
- 11 P.I.E.C.E. Meeting-6:30**
- 12 2nd & 3rd Grade Music Concerts: 2nd grade-6:00pm; 3rd grade-7:00pm**
- 14 Pastry Sales Delivery**
- 20 Holiday Parties**
- 21 Last Day before Winter Break**

22 - Jan 8 Winter Break

January

- 9 School Resumes for Students**
- 10 Spirit Day-Winter Wonderland-wear white or winter themed attire**
- 15 No School-MLK Day**
- 22 P.I.E.C.E. Meeting-6:30**

