

The Prairieland Press

“It’s a Great Day to Be a Cougar!”

February 2024

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

Welcome to February everyone. January was definitely an interesting month of starting and stopping with our snow day, e-learning days, and scheduled days off. Our January focus with the kids has been re-establishing routines after winter break. This January was extra challenging for all of us to get back in the groove. We talked each morning about the little things we can do every evening and morning to help with our routines. Some of the things included picking out our clothes the night before, having all of our items together in our backpacks, and getting to bed at a good time to get enough rest. All little “routines” that can help us be successful. Let’s hope we have a mild February with some sunshine!

Kindergarten Registration & Preview

Kindergarten registration and preview for the 2024-25 school year is quickly approaching. On March 6th we will be having future kindergarteners sign up for a time slot to come in and meet with a kindergarten teacher. In order to get started with registration for your kindergartener, you must first contact the main office at 309-557-4424, even if you are an existing family.

Reading:

What is your child’s favorite books to read or have read to them? No matter what their age, our hope is that your child can find an interest in some type of reading material. Ask your student what their favorite genre is. Even our kindergartners are learning about fiction and non-fiction books. Make sure to continue to work reading into your routines!





Arriving on Time

I want to continue to emphasize the importance of getting the kids here and into class on time. Our school day starts at 7:45. Students begin their daily routines at 7:45, which sets the tone for the day. When students arrive on time it gives them a sense of calm. Being on time is a life skill which students need to learn and understand for the rest of their lives! Thanks for your help with this!

Valentine Parties:

Our Valentine parties will take place on Tuesday, February 14th this year. Parties will be at various times and coordinated with 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 to only have parents that are specifically assisting with the party, have coordinated with the room parent, and have gone through the volunteer screening.

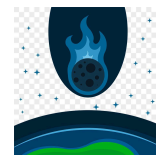


Volunteers:

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 January our word was “Routines.” We talked to the kids about all the different routines we have in our lives. We really emphasized the routines we have in the mornings and evenings to make sure we have everything ready to go for our school day. February is “Kindness” month, so we are highlighting acts of kindness that they can do individually and as a class to be kind to one another. Each month students can earn a fun “Out of the Blue” activity. Our out-of-the-blue for January was our annual paper ball throwing at Mr. Peters as he ran through the hallways. We called it a “Meteor Shower” to go with our space theme. Mr. Peters was dressed in his orange NASA suit and space helmet!



Family Bingo Night!!

Save the Date: PIECE's Family Fun Night, Pot-O-Gold Bingo, will take place on Saturday, March 16th at Prairieland. Doors will open at 3:30p.m., with bingo beginning at 4:00p.m.

A-To-Z Catering will be back with food specials from their truck. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!





Weather and Dressing Warmly:

Please continue to dress your children appropriately for the winter weather. 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:



This is just a reminder that any time your child is going to be absent, **we do need a call to our attendance line with the reason for their absence.** We are required to document the reason for your child's absence on a daily basis. Please use the attendance line phone number to record the absence. That phone number is 309-557-4473. This number can be called 24/7.

Yearbooks:

This is a reminder that yearbook orders are due by February 29!! There will NOT be an extra supply to buy from at the end of the year so get your order in now!

You can upload school related photos for the yearbook using this link,

<https://images.jostens.com/0vwVK1pBIF45UnzJroit99A>

Upcoming Calendar Events:

February

- 1 Start of Black History Month**
- 9 Superhero Spirit Day-wear your favorite superhero clothes or cape!**
- 9 Jump Rope for Heart**
- 12 P.I.E.C.E. Meeting-6:30-2nd Gr Commons**
- 14 Holiday Parties**

- 17 **Random Acts of Kindness Day**
- 19 **No School-President's Day**
- 20 **No School-School Improvement Day**
- 23 **Spring Pictures**

March

- 1 **Women's History Month Begins**
- 4 Early Release Day-Students dismissed at 10:45 a.m.
- 6 Kindergarten Preview Day
- 16 Family Bingo 4-6p.m.

