

The Prairieland Press

“It’s a Great Day to Be a Cougar!”

October 2022

<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:

We are officially into Fall now and rolling through the school year. It is at this point in the year when we start to see the kids really settle into their routines and get comfortable with their new classmates and staff. The weather has been outstanding which has really helped us continue to be outside and spread out while we watch the progress of the playground. They are making great progress as they are preparing for the rubber matting to be installed. They are now adding winding sidewalks that work their way around and through the playground. Speaking of fall, continue to dress your students in layers as it is usually chilly in the morning and warmer in the afternoons. We will continue to go outside on cold days as long as it is 20 degrees or warmer with windchill. We love the outdoors!

Parent/teacher conferences:

P/T conferences will be held this year on Monday, November 7, 2022. Your classroom teachers have the information regarding the sign up. This year you will have the option of in-person, or virtual conferences. If you have not seen the sign up, please reach out to your child’s teacher(s). You also may want to check your spam email as it seems that some of our school emails find their way there. Please reach out to area teachers(Art, PE, Music, or IMC) if you would like to have a conference with any of them.

Halloween Festivities

- We are excited to be bringing back our Halloween festivities this year! Here is a rundown of what will be happening at the end of the month.

- Saturday, **October 29**: P.I.E.C.E. Trunk or Treat & Fall Celebration: This will take place in the back parking lot and park between 4:30 and 6:00. We will be popping popcorn and having apple cider. We want to have the kiddos wear their costumes for the trunk or treat and we invite the parents to dress up as well to get in the spirit.
- Halloween Parade and Parties: These will take place on **Monday, October 31**. Our parade will start at 1:15 and be held out in front of the school. We will parade through the bus lane, down the front of the school, around Evergreen Village next door and back into the building.

***If the weather does not cooperate, we have an alternate route inside the building. Parents are invited into the building for that parade as well.

- Parties will follow the parade in the classrooms.
- *****Please note: Only parents with a “golden” ticket will be allowed to go to the classroom before the parade to help with costumes and setup.**
- Costumes: Kids will put their costumes on at school in the afternoon. Please do NOT send them to school in their costumes. Also, we tell the kids we want appropriate, kid friendly, costumes for school. That means we want to avoid scary masks, weapons, or things with blood on them. Have your students talk to their teachers or Mr. Peters if they have a question related to their costumes.

Homecoming Parade!

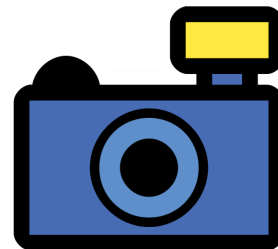
Thanks to some of our 5th graders and parents that helped represent our school for the NCWHS Homecoming Parade on September 21. The students looked great as they dressed up for the “Dancing through the Decades” theme. Prairieland was the winner of the elementary division in the parade for the second year in a row! It was a great day to be a Cougar!!

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. Please allow a couple weeks for your volunteer screening to clear. It is taking longer this year.

Picture Retakes:

School picture retakes will be on Friday, October 7, 2022.



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 September the focus was on building our class and school communities. The focus for

October is on respect. Each month students can earn a fun “Out of the Blue” activity. To end September the classes got to solve tricky math problems and riddles to earn a bag of goodies each day. At the end of the week they used the goodies from each day to make their own “Bigfoot.”

Twitter:

Follow us on twitter for quick updates on upcoming events, as well as highlights of the fun things that are happening. Our twitter handle is @PrairielandUni5 if you would like to follow us. You will also see district updates as well on our feed!

McDonalds Partnership:

Again this year we have a wonderful partnership with one of our local McDonalds. We have been partnered with the McDonalds at 3102 E. Empire. The first event runs from October 23-29. For every Happy Meal purchased at that location during that week, 25 cents will come back to the school. Also throughout the year classes will send artwork to be hung up in the restaurant. Thank you McDonalds for partnering with us!

Upcoming Calendar Events:

September 15-October 15: Hispanic Heritage Month

October

11 P.I.E.C.E Pastry Sales Begin!!!!

23-29 McDonalds Week for Prairieland-3102 E.Empire St., Bloomington.

26 Early Release-Students dismissed at 10:45 a.m. Please have arrangements for your student to get home.

29 Trunk or Treat & Fall Get Together: 4:30-6:00p.m.-Back Parking Lot at Prairieland

31 Halloween Parade-1:15-Rain or Shine

Halloween Parties-Following parade. Parties will conclude at 2:15.

November

1 First Day of American Indian Heritage Month

7 No School for Students-P/T Conferences

8 No School-Election Day

11 Veterans Day

14 Book Fair All Week

23-25 Thanksgiving Break

