

Kindergarten ROUND-UP



PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Prairie!

- Welcome
- Overview w/Principal Jones
- Resources for your child
- Staying informed
- Getting Involved
- Q & A with parent experts
- Open House

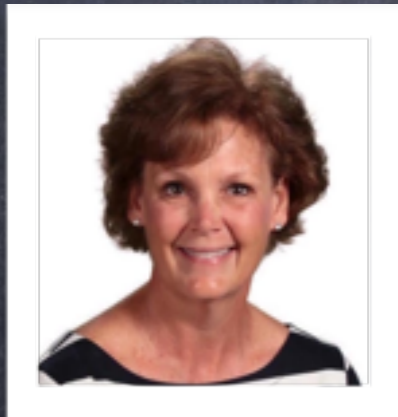


Introducing Our Teachers



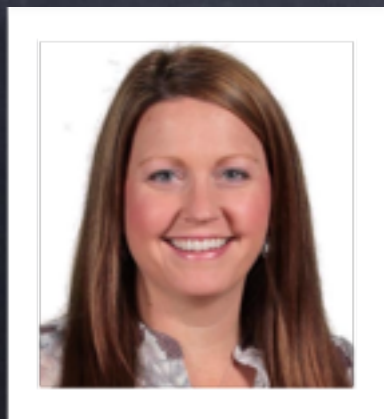
Pam Ritzman

- ◉ "In my 20 years of teaching, I've found kindergarten the most rewarding. Their imaginations help make learning fun, and it's so rewarding to witness their educational growth throughout the year."



Cathy Frame

- ◉ "After 29 years of teaching, kindergarten is still my favorite age. Students grow and achieve at different rates and I believe it's important to focus on individual needs, and setting them up for their unique personal growth."



Leigh McCabe

- ◉ "I began my career in advertising, and went back to school once I realized how much I enjoy working with children. Kindergarteners are remarkable. I love their energy, eagerness and honesty."

Learning about your child's classroom



• Ice Cream Social

- Enjoy ice cream, tour the school and meet some new classmates before school begins

• Kindergarten Conference

- The day before school begins to review specifics with parents

• Back to School Night

- Learn about the curriculum and ask questions
- Sign up for after-school activities, volunteer opportunities and pay fees

Family Events

Art in the Garden



- September event
- Art projects for all students
- Music, food & sunshine!

Prairie Pride Run & 5K



- September event
- Certified 5K Race
- One mile fun run
- Walk it, run it or just join us for the fun activities!

Special Guest Day



- November event
- Class projects & lunch
- Invite Grandparents, or neighbors - anyone special to you!

Pancake Breakfast



- November event
- Enjoy pancakes before school!

Variety Show



- February event
- Every student can participate
- Singing, dancing, hula-hooping, joke-telling - anything goes!

Carnival



- May event
- Enjoy games, crafts, food and music
- The whole family is welcome to attend!

Class Parties



Halloween Party



Valentine's Day Party



Japanese Tea Party



Holiday Party & Sing-a-Long



100th Day of Kindergarten

Prairie Resources

Reading Specialists



Kristen Swanson

- Meeting reading milestones impacts future success
- Our Reading Specialists identify and provide extra support to students who need it



Connie Willsey

School Counselor



Candy Dieckmann

- Counseling programs give students healthy stress-coping skills and increased social confidence
- Kindergarten students will learn about positive self-talk and being kind to others

Spanish Program



Senorita Cate Bowler

- Learning another language improves cognitive function and increases test scores
- Kindergarteners first year of Spanish includes learning to count, identify colors and learn key phrases

Student Mentors



- Younger students are given "buddies," older students to help show them the ropes
- They'll visit their classroom and spend time together throughout the year



Staying in the
Loop

Prairie.SMSD.org

The screenshot shows the Prairie Elementary website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Activities & Clubs, Student Information, Parent Involvement, News & Events, Staff Directory, School Information, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there are two main promotional banners. The left banner is for Shawnee Mission School District Week, featuring the SMSD logo and the online promo code SMSD25. The right banner is for Papa John's, encouraging support for the school by ordering from Feb 20 to Feb 26. Below the banners, there is a section for school announcements, including a skate night event. The main content area is dominated by a school calendar for February 2016, which is displayed in a grid format with various events listed for each day.

Prairie - SCHOOL CALENDAR

MONTH WEEK DAY LIST 6 MONTHS IMPORT

FEBRUARY 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| 31 | 1 9:30A - 10:30A 4th Grade ROAD in MPR | 2 9:30A - 10:30A 7th Grade Counselor Visit (6th Grade) in MPR | 3 9:30A - 10:30A 4th Grade ROAD in MPR 3:15P - 4:00P Chess Club - Library | 4 Ads for Dads, 6:30pm at Sully's Pub 7:50A - 1:00P WOOD Jeff Rubesch 8:15A - 9:15A Prairie Fund Meeting 8:30A 100th Day Fashion Show for Kindergarten in MPR 12:40P - 1:15P 6th Grade Variety Show Leadership committee in CF | 5 8:00A No School - Conferences | 6 3:00P - 6:00P Variety Show |
| 7 | 8:30A - 10:00A 150th Alumni Meeting in the CF 9:30A - 10:30A 4th Grade ROAD in MPR | 8 9:00A - 9:30A PTA Stakeholder 9:00A - 11:15A All Grades - SNEwt Theatre 'Cinderella' | 9 9:30A - 10:30A 4th Grade ROAD in MPR 3:15P - 4:00P Mathematics Regional Team - Teams Only - Rm 221 | 10 8:15A - 9:15A PTA Meeting - Conference Room 3:15P - 4:30P JMG - Art Room | 11 7:00A - 7:45A Sixth Grade Strings Rehearsals @ Conith in the Gym 7:50A - 1:00P WOOD David Reuter 8:00A Spirit Wear Day 9:00A - 2:00P 5th Grade - Starbase | 12 |

- Prairie Handbook
- Staff Directory
- Import calendar into your personal calendar

PrairiePTA.org

PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY PTA

CALENDAR NEWSLETTERS GET INVOLVED KINDERGARTEN PRAIRIE 101 FUNDRAISERS EVENT PHOTOS 150TH ANNIVERSARY PAYMENT LINKS SPIRIT WEAR CONTACT US

Search

RECENT COMMENTS

Mary Yankin on Show your spirit by Monday, 9/14

Micron Gallagher on Prairie SK early bird discount ends TODAY

RECENT POSTS

It's almost Auction time ...

Consider contributing to Class Baskets for Auction

Break a Leg!

We're going back to the 1800s

It's not too late to furnish a Variety Show act

MCTA

Log in

Forgot your password

PRAIRIE 101

Prairie Pond

Welcome to Prairie!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 19

- 9:00 AM - 5th Grade - Starbase
- 2:00 PM - 150th Meeting
- 3:15 PM - Mad Science - Library Second Session the In Art Room

Feb 22

- All Day - 7:50-1:00 WDO Dean Hoffman
- 9:30 AM - 4th Grade ROAD in MPR
- 6:00 PM - Strings Concert - Prairie Gym - 5th & 6th Grades

Feb 23

- 8:45 AM - East Area Band Festival Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM - 4th Grade ROAD in MPR
- 7:00 PM - East Area Band Festival at SME gym

Feb 24

- 9:30 AM - 4th Grade ROAD in MPR
- 3:45 PM - Mathematics Regional Competition - Only Regional Teams

Feb 25

- 12:40 PM - Panther PAW planning Meeting - 6th Grade - in the classroom

- Info on everything Prairie
- Volunteer Links
- Event Photos
- Payment Links

Panther Newsletter

The Panther Newsletter
A publication of the Prairie Elementary School PTA

Week of
Jan. 27, 2016




Want to see your school in the spotlight?

That's a Wrap!

Mrs. Devault's 3rd graders took their turn sewing together to commemorate Prairie's 150th year. Tara Freund and Allison Giffin for showing these whole new way to "keep it together."

Sarah Todd Meg Kroening Cass
Ashley Weaver Stephanie Ptacek Lora C

[Click here for more photos.](#)



Keep Turning in your Box Tops

We collect Box Tops for Education all year long! Just clip the box top off the products you buy and send them into school with your student - or drop them in the box in the lobby.

Click [here](#) for a list of products that contain box tops.

Even your grocery shopping helps Prairie!

PTA Links

- Auction link: <https://prairie.ejoinme.org/auction2016>
- Parent Volunteers: <https://goo.gl/R8wFGs>
- Student Activity sign-ups: <https://goo.gl/cv8F6G>
- Payment links: <http://prairiepta.org/payments/>

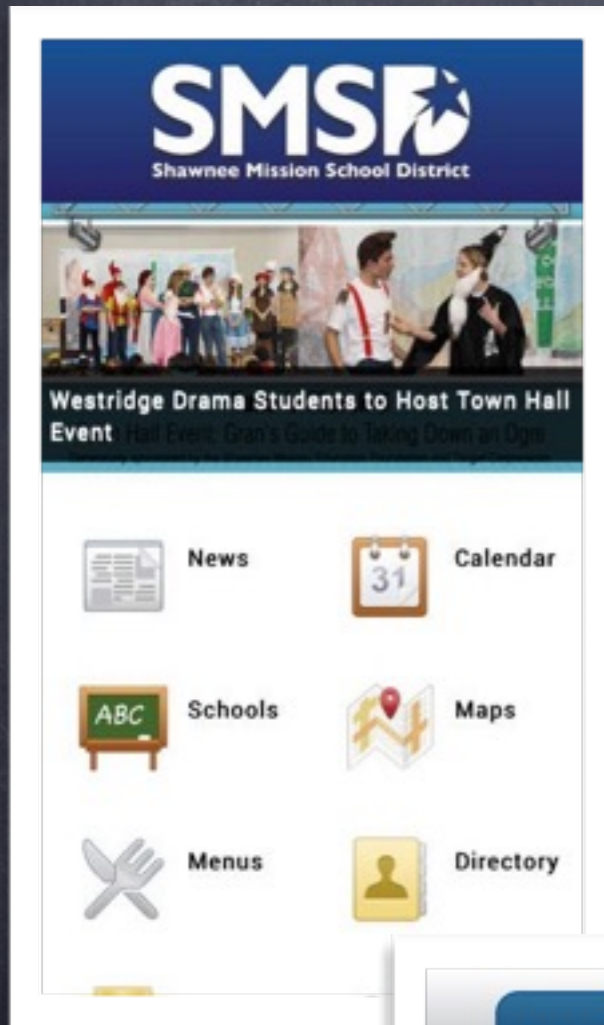
Tip of the Week

Did you know you can "follow" the Prairie PTA's blog? Did you know the PTA even has a blog? Go to prairiepta.org and click on the "Follow" button on the bottom right of the screen.

Prairie Elementary PTA
c/o Prairie Elementary School
6642 Mission Rd
Prairie Village, Kansas 66208
www.prairiepta.org

- Weekly email
- School news and important links
- Key calendar dates

SMSD Mobile App



- Available for free through the Apple App and Google Play Stores
- School Calendar, district news, school web pages, etc.

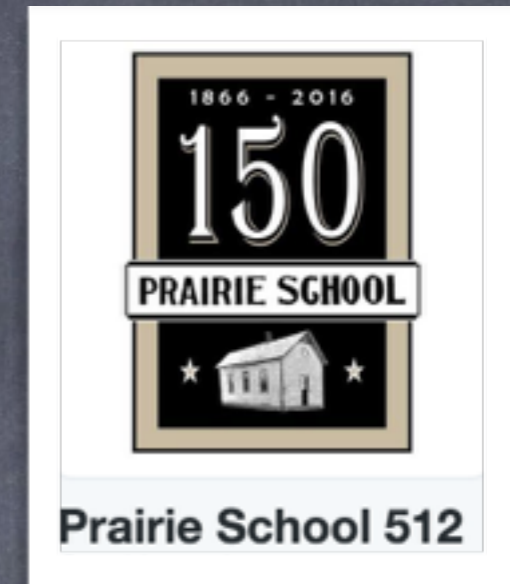


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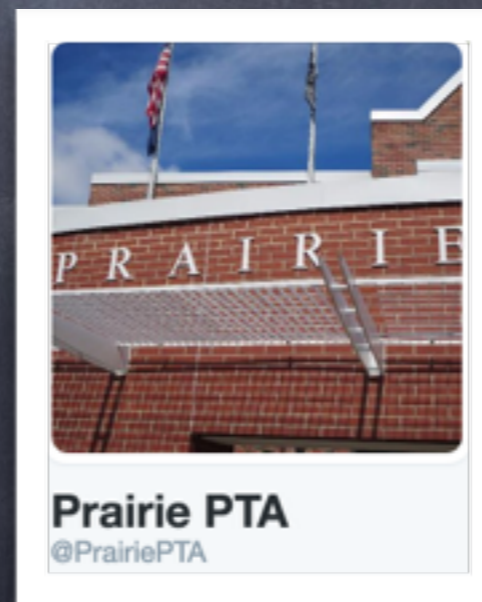
Social Media



PTA Facebook Page



School Twitter Feed



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Getting Involved

Volunteering in the classroom



- Help as room parent, volunteer to be mystery reader or help with class parties



- Parents, grandparents - everyone is welcome!

Helping Around School

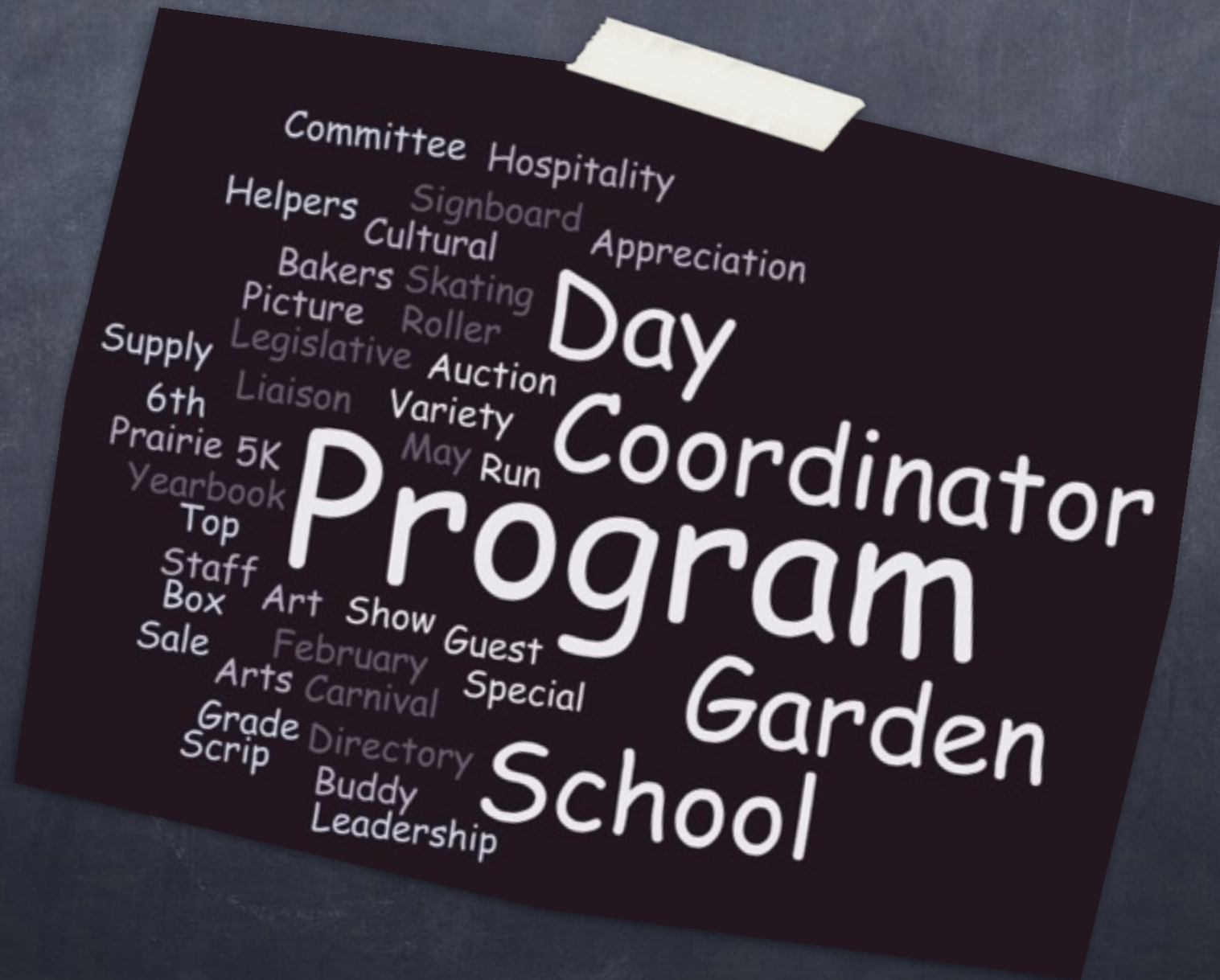


- Art committee volunteers help the art teacher upload student artwork
- Library volunteers help your student's class check out books
- Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) are in high demand!



Working Parents

- Many volunteer roles can be managed remotely and on YOUR schedule . . .



Helpful Links

- New parent info:
 - <http://prairiepta.org/kindergarten/>
 - <http://prairiepta.org/info-for-new-parents/>
- Parent Volunteer Sign-ups: <https://goo.gl/R6wFGt>
- Student Activity Sign-ups: <https://goo.gl/cu9F6C>
- Payment Links: <http://prairiepta.org/payments/>

We've covered a lot
today . . .

- And you're bound to have questions, so let us help!
 - Visit our website (prairiePTA.org) to get more information
 - Email us ANY question at prairieelementary@gmail.com

you're off to great places!

TODAY is **your** day!

your mountain is waiting,

SO... *get on your way!*

-dr. seuss



We're Ready for Your
Questions!