

Prairie Wind Press



PTO

May 2022

From the Principal.....

We have about 83 Kindergarten students registered for next school year so far. Remember that kindergarten registration is completely online this year. Go to <https://www.ops.org/Page/563> click on online enrollment form. You will need an original birth certificate, current immunizations, and proof of address, which would be a current OPPD or MUD bill, or lease or purchase agreement.

Our students are hard at work finishing up their MAP tests. These tests measure student's academic growth over time. We are seeing some great growth from students. Thank you for getting your child to school on time each day.

Please mark your calendars to come and join us for our Field Day Event on Monday, May 16. Primary grades (K-2) and Primary ACP will be participating in the morning. Our Intermediate grades (3-5) and Intermediate ACP will be participating in the afternoon. You are welcome to come and enjoy the day with your child.

New this year, students will participate in Bump-Up Day on Tuesday, May 24 from 3:00-3:30. This is a time where students will be split up and get to see what their next year's grade level is like.

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the teachers, support staff, and families that helped prepare our students for the next level. Thank you for allowing your child to be a part of the Prairie Wind family.

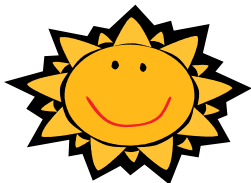
For those of you moving on to different schools or cities, we wish you the best. Please remember to have your child's new school send us a Request for Records ASAP. O.P.S. requires this for us to remove a student from our school. Prairie Wind's fax # is 531-299-1999.

Have a Safe, Fun and Relaxing Summer!

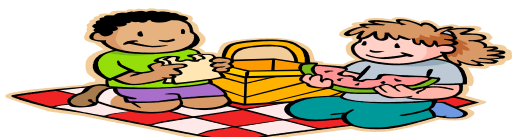
Mr. Carl Bilotta, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 6- Carnival 6-8 PM
- May 12- Nurse's Day
- May 16-Field Day
A.M. (9:15-11:15) Primary Grades K-2 & ACP Primary
P.M. (1:15-3:15) Intermediate Grades 3-5 & Intermediate ACP
- May 20-Library books due back
- May 27—5th Grade Honors Day 9:30 AM
- May 27—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**



PTO News....

May has arrived! It is hard to believe we are into the last month of school already! This year has flown by!!

We want to thank everyone who attended the monthly PTO meetings and supported PTO throughout the year. It's been a year of change with a whole new PTO Board taking the reins. We have enjoyed this year and look forward to making next year even better!

Our last PTO meeting of the year will be on May 10th at 6:30pm in the library. We will hold elections then. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTO board please come to the meeting or reach out to prairiewindpto@yahoo.com.

Please consider joining PTO next year! The more parent support we have at Prairie Wind the better our school becomes!

Don't forget to visit Don & Millie's throughout the summer and continue to support your stallions all summer long. Family nights will be held the first Wednesday of each month!

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!!



SAVE THE DATE! CARNIVAL IS BACK!

Friday, May 6th from 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Our favorite event of the year is back! Mark your calendar and join us on Friday, May 6th from 6pm-8pm at our All School Carnival. Rain or Shine! There will be games, prizes, food, inflatables, raffle, face painting, photo booth, cake walk and much more fun!

A Great Night of Fun for the Whole Family!!

From the Library



All Library materials are due back in the library on Wed. May 20, 2022.

Field Day—Monday, May 16, 2022

Field Times:

Morning Session One: 9:15-11:15 A.M.
Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, & ACP Primary

Afternoon Session Two: 1:15 –3:15 P.M.
Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th & ACP Intermediate

Notes from the Nurse's Office

Medications:

Medications at school are to be picked up from the health office by an adult at the end of the school year. Please stop by or call the nurse to make arrangements to get your child's medication. Any medication left over the summer may be taken to TAC for disposal. Summer school student's medication will need to be picked up at the end of their session.



Forms:

Asthma, Allergy, and medication students will need new doctor's order/medical plans every school year. Please stop by or call the nurse so arrangements can be made to get your child's medication forms to school for next year.

Donations:

If you are doing any summer cleaning, the health office could use donations of kids clothes. If you find any borrowed clothes from our office, please launder, and return those to school. We could also use empty ice cream buckets for students who get sick.

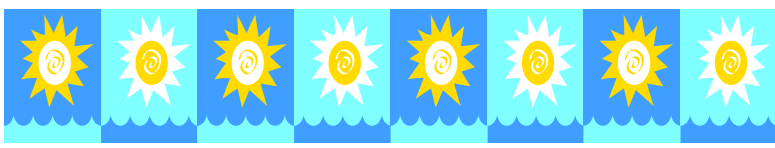
Safety:

Bike Safety - The American Academy of Pediatrics advises a child's bike to be regarded as a vehicle rather than a toy. Consider a bike clinic which instructs children on rules of the road. Bike helmets, reflective clothing, shoes, and appropriate bike size all need to be considered when preparing a child to ride a bike.

Learn not to burn- The number one cause of skin cancer is prolonged, repetitive exposure to the sun. Use hats, sunscreen 30 minutes before exposure to the sun and reapply every 2 hours, check with your physician regarding medicines your child is taking and their effect on sun exposure.

Smart skating - Skateboards and rollerblades are popular! Unfortunately, injuries associated with their use have escalated. Limit skating to smooth surfaces unavailable to cars. Protective equipment should include a helmet, knee and elbow pads, and long-legged clothing.

Marilyn Hansen, MSML, BSN, RN & Ms. McCullough, Health Aide



Our Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING!

Make sure that your student stops by to check out the lost and found. We have **MANY** items and the school year is quickly coming to a close. The items that are not picked up by the end of the school year will be donated to charity.



Have a Safe and Fun Summer!

Psychology News:



Promoting Happiness

It is well established that happier children and adolescents earn better grades, are physically healthier, experience less peer victimization, perform better on standardized tests, and have better social relationships.

But did you know that research suggests that intentional activities accounts for 40% of your happiness? Genetics and life circumstances only account for 60%.

There is a lot of room to increase your happiness and the level of happiness in your student by just including some quick and easy activities into your daily routine!

Here are a few intentional activities you can do to promote positive emotions about the past, present, and future.

PAST

- Keep a Gratitude Journal
- Write a letter of gratitude to someone who had a positive influence on your life (Gratitude visit)
- Talk/Write about a time you were at your best

Present

- Acts of Kindness
- Identify and use your signature character strengths ([visit viacharacter.org](http://visit.viacharacter.org)) for a free self-assessment and character strengths profile
- Take time to savor the present

Future

- Talk/Write about your future "Best Possible Self"
- Optimistic thinking

Complete mental health is so important. It is more than just the absence of mental illness. For complete mental health, students also need a high sense of subjective well-being. With 40% of your happiness up to you, it would be wise to invest time into some of these activities that promote happiness.

For more information, Contact Kyle Hesser, Our School Psychologist



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