

PRAIRIE PARK SCHOOL

APRIL NEWS

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Principally Speaking....



It is always surprising how fast time goes after spring break. While we are working to wrap up this year, we are looking ahead to the 2019-2020 school year.

One of the first things we do to get ready for next year is create class lists. The staff will spend a lot of time determining the best placements for each student. Many factors are taken into consideration during this process, and one of those factors is parent input. While we do not take specific parent requests, we would like you to share the type of classroom that would benefit your child. Parental input needs to be sent to me either by email (dawillia@usd497.org) or a note left in the office. Your input needs to be received by April 19, 2019. We have great teachers, so your child will be in great hands!

David Williams
Your Child's Principal

♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

We are inviting all kids in the Prairie Park area who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2019 to Kindergarten! Kindergarten Orientation will be **Friday, April 5**. This day will give us a chance to get to know you and your child, and a chance for you to learn about Prairie Park and the Kindergarten program. Please bring any additional paperwork that is needed. We have an 8:30am, 10:30am and 1pm session. Please call and set up a time to come in at 785-832-5740.



April Events

- 2 **PTA Meeting, 6:30pm**
- 4 **Friendly Smiles Dental Clinic**
- 5 **Kindergarten Orientation Day**
No Kindergarten Classes
1st Grade Field Trip Kansas
Discovery Center, 9am-2:15pm

2nd Grade to Lawrence Arts Center
8:30-10:45am
- 11 **Kindergarten Music Program,**
6:30pm
- 17 **Eat & Earn Night @ Taco Johns,**
5-9pm
- 25 **K-2 Trip to Lied Center, 9-11am**
- 26 **Cougar Chorus to Visit, 9:30-10am**
- 29 **Counselors from Billy Mills Middle**
School to Visit 5th Grade, 8:15am

Music Notes



The Kindergarten music program will be on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30PM. Performers should wear nice clothes and report to their pod at 6:15PM. The show is expected to last about 15 min.

April PTA Events:

- 4/2: Monthly PTA Meeting
- 4/30: Monthly PTA Meeting to replace May Meeting
- 4/17: Eat & Earn at Taco Johns 5-9pm

Monthly PTA General Membership Meeting

(Tuesday April 2 & 30, 6:30-7:30 pm)

Everyone is welcome! Join us in the school library to learn the latest school news and get involved in PTA events. Childcare is provided!

Run Club

Run club has started and is now on Thursday afternoons from 3:20-4pm. Forms in the office if you still want to join. If interested in helping with Run Club, email prairieparkpta@gmail.com



Like the Facebook page for PTA, Prairie Park Elementary School

Eat & Earn Night

Eat and Earn at Taco Johns from 5-9pm.

Food Shelf

Located in the school foyer, families are invited to leave or utilize donations of food as needed. Take what you need, leave what you can!

WATCH D.O.G.S.

The program aims to increase the involvement of role models in the school setting. Any adult can volunteer to spend a day volunteering at the school, assisting with drop off and pick up of students, classroom activities, lunchtime, and recess. Want to become a Watch DOG? Call the office @ 785-832-5740 to sign up.

Talent Show rescheduled for May 4th from 2:30-4pm

If you are looking to become more involved in the PTA please email prairieparkpta@gmail.com



News from the Library

Hello Prairie Park Parents!

This is just a friendly reminder that the Prairie Park policy is that ALL students should be bringing library books home on a weekly basis, unless arrangements have been made between the parent and the teacher. It is important that students bring their books home to practice pleasure reading and reading with their families. Studies have shown that students who read for 20 minutes a day are exposed to 1.8 million words per year, and are capable of scoring in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Reading self-chosen books also makes reading for pleasure more fun, and leads to better reading skills. *If your student is not bringing their library books home, please let Ms. Schramm, Mr. Williams, or the classroom teacher know.*

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we are trying really hard to get all of our overdue books back to the library. Automated overdue notices go out to the email address on file every Monday afternoon. If you receive one and could please take a minute to check in with your student about their books, we would really appreciate it! If you are not getting an overdue notice each week, your student should be good to go!

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