

PRAIRIE POINT EXPRESS



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SCHOOL FUNDRAISER ENDS THURSDAY

Our World's Greatest Chocolates Candy Bar school fundraiser ends this Thursday, September 13th. We greatly appreciate all of our families and students who helped sell our boxes of candy bars. **We ask that you please return your \$60 for the box of candy bars by this Thursday, September 13th.** Thank you to our Prairie Point community for helping raise funds so that all of our students can attend a fun and educational field trip this school year

WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick-off

Thank you to all of our dads and other male role models who attended our annual WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick-off event on Thursday evening. We look forward to seeing our dads or male father figures in our school and helping with our students and being another eye for school safety. Please remember that if you are wanting to volunteer you must fill out a volunteer form which can be found in our front office. If you were unable to attend our WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick-off, you can still volunteer to be a WATCH DOG by bit.ly/watchdogspt.



PRAIRIE POINT IS AN AVID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This school year, three elementary schools, Prairie Point, Renner, and English Landing, were chosen to pilot AVID for our district.

AVID is a program that teaches students important skills and strategies to be college and career ready. By teaching and reinforcing academic behaviors and higher-level thinking at a young age, AVID Elementary teachers create a ripple effect in later grades. Elementary students develop the academic habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and college, in an age-appropriate and challenging way. Children learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy. AVID Elementary students take structured notes and answer and ask high-level questions that go beyond routine answers.

The strong college-going culture on an AVID Elementary campus encourages students to think about their college and career plans. Schools cover their walls with college pennants and banners, and educators speak about their college experiences. College and careers are no longer foreign concepts, and teachers provide the academic foundation students need to be on a path for college and career success. AVID Elementary closes the opportunity gap before it begins.

AVID is implemented in phases throughout a course of several years. We started our year at Prairie Point focusing on important organization skills. All Prairie Point students have a planner in which they write down important information such as assignments and reminders. These planners are kept in an AVID binder. The binder is an important organizational tool to keep all important academic information and assignments. Students carry these binders to all classes. In addition, all classes have visual schedules to help track the school day. Teachers refer to their visuals schedule throughout the day to assist with transitions. **All Prairie Point students should take their AVID binders and planners home on a daily basis. Please take the time to review your child's AVID binder and sign the planner on a nightly basis.**

We also encourage you to talk about the tools you use in your career and occupation to help you stay organized. Do you use a paper or electronic planner? Do you use organizational tools, such as a binder or files to keep materials organized at work? If so, please share your organizational tools with your child and discuss the importance of organization.

Our next area that our school will be focusing on is using inquiry strategies in the classroom. Our staff will soon be trained on the use of inquiry tools and strategies and incorporate these into daily instruction in the classroom.

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KINDERGARTEN FAMILY READING NIGHT SEPTEMBER 19th

If you are a parent of a kindergarten student we urge you to come to our Kindergarten Family Reading Night with your kindergarten student on Wednesday, September 19th from 6:30-7:30 PM in the school library. At this night you and your child will play fun reading games and make the games or get materials for the game to use at home and learn important strategies to help your child with reading...the most important skill for your child to master. Mrs. Personett, our Reading Interventionist, will facilitate this evening. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this important evening!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC

Our annual Back-to-School Picnic will be held on Friday, September 21st during your child's lunchtime. The cost of the meal for all adults is \$3.50. The menu will be grilled hot dog on bun or yogurt, cheetos, apple slices or baby carrots, milk or juice. Please RSVP by returning the flyer that was in your child's backpack on **Friday, September 14th** or call the Food Service Office at 816.359.4386. **It is important that all guests RSVP to ensure that enough food is prepared.** Students and guests will eat outside on this day. Here are the grade level lunch times:

Kindergarten: 11:18 a.m. -11:38 a.m.

First Grade: 11:45 a.m. -12:05p.m.

Second Grade: 11:30 am - 11:50 a.m.

Third Grade: 11:57 a.m. - 12:17 p.m.

Fourth Grade: 12:30 p.m -12:50 p.m.

Fifth Grade: 12:12 p.m. - 12:32 p.m.

FALL PICTURE DAY

Fall Picture Day is right around the corner. Students will have pictures taken by Lifetouch Photography on Wednesday, September 26th. Please look for information on our Fall Picture Day to come home soon in your child's AVID binder.

ATTENTION STRETCHERS

Boost your child's attention span with these hands-on ideas that use everyday materials:

Create a "spider web." Have everyone stand in a circle with one person holding a ball of yarn. That person grasps one end of the yarn and tosses the ball to any other player. Your youngster must pay attention so he'll be ready when the ball comes his way. Toss it back and forth enough times, and your child will be delighted by a giant web of yarn!

Try the classic game that requires focus. You'll need three cups and a small toy like a plastic frog. While your youngster watches, put the toy under one cup. Now slide the cups around for 30 seconds, constantly mixing up their order. Can your child tell you which cup the toy is under? Then, let him try to stump you. IDEA: For a bigger challenge, increase the time or add more cups.

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E-Backpack Link: Click on the link to access school fliers.



Prairie Point Mission: To create a safe and caring student centered environment, to empower students to be independent learners, problem solvers, and responsible citizens in the 21st Century.

Prairie Point Vision: Prairie Point Elementary School provides all children with a safe, caring educational environment that focuses on high expectations and promotes lifelong learning.

Prairie Point Values:

Keep the focus on the student

Continuous learning and professional growth

Warm, caring, open-minded environment

High expectations for all students and adults

Teamwork and collaboration

Empathetic approach with our actions

These are posted on the bulletin board in the hall outside the front office.

<p>Welcome to Prairie Point Elementary School</p> <p>Three ways to help you connect with Prairie Point Elementary School</p>	
<p>1. Follow us on Twitter @PrairiePtElem and use #PioneerPride</p>	<p>2. Follow the Prairie Point PTA on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/prairiepointpta/</p>
<p>Check our website for information, events and school happenings http://prairiepoint.parkhill.k12.mo.us/</p> 	

