

PRAIRIE POINT EXPRESS



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Welcome Back Pioneers!

The Prairie Point staff is so excited to begin our amazing 2018-2019 school year together! It was wonderful to see our Pioneers return to Prairie Point and we look forward to working with all of our families this school year.

Welcome to our New Students and Families

We are so thankful to welcome 30 new students to our school family this year. If you are a new family to our school we warmly welcome you to our community! Please do not hesitate to reach out to any staff should you have questions. Our school office phone number is 816.359.4380.



CONGRATULATIONS PRAIRIE POINT!

Prairie Point Elementary has been named a PTA National School of Excellence for the second time in a row! The become a PTA National School of Excellence. Our school community is well deserving of this honor as we have a wonderful school with fantastic students, active parents and a dedicated PTA! Thank you to our PTA and our school community for all that you do to support Prairie Point and showing that PIONEER PRIDE!

No School

Monday, September 3rd

There is no school on Monday, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 4th.



Prairie Point Fall Fundraiser Candy Bar Sale

We need your help with our Fall Fundraiser! Again this year we will be selling the World's Famous Chocolate Candy Bars for the low cost of \$1 each. All profits of this fundraiser go to pay for field trip expenses for our students such as paying to rent the school buses, pay the bus drivers, mileage costs and admission fees. Did you know the average grade level field trip cost is approximately \$1,500! We thank you in advance for helping raise this money so that our students can participate in fun and educational field trips! The fundraiser runs from Monday, August 20th until Monday, September 10th. Information came home on Wednesday with your child on fundraising details.

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATES FOR 2018-19

Improvements have been made this summer to our safety features at school regarding visitors to Prairie Point. The entry process and expectations are as follows:

- Visitors will “buzz” in at the A/V box outside our school’s front door before being granted access to the front office. All entry doors will be locked throughout the school day.
- Each visitor must register with RAPTOR (ID scanner in the office) on their first visit to school. Guardians and Emergency contacts will already have an account in the system, but will still need to scan their identification each time they enter the school.
- Once a visitor has registered, their RAPTOR account will be accessible at any school in the district.
- Visitors must scan their ID at the kiosk for every visit or student check out.
- Visitors will then pick up their ID sticker from the office staff.

While these changes are not as convenient as the past, they help to add more security to our school to keep our children as safe as possible! Thank you for your cooperation with these important safety measures!

Visitor Information

We listened to your ideas for safety, and we incorporated them into our improvements. Park Hill is installing video doorbells at all school entrances, so visitors must get buzzed in. The district is also upgrading the safety of other doors and the visitor management system.

Learn more — www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/district_information/visitor_information



ID Badges and a school-issued lanyard will be **REQUIRED** to be worn every-day. The ID supports our safe and caring environment by providing proper identification and improved processes for transportation lunch and more.

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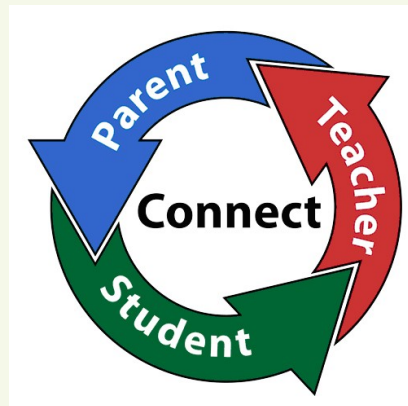
- Proper Identification
- Efficient lunch purchasing
- Transportation safety
- Library-Media checkout

Lost Badges:

- One replacement badge will be provided, free of charge
- After first free badge, at \$5 fee for each additional badge

no other lanyards may be used and no alterations may be made to the provided lanyard

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A Great Beginning

The story of your child's school year is about to unfold. A strong opening chapter will help to set the tone for a great year. Try these strategies.

Introduce the Characters

Your youngster's teacher will play an important role in his life this year. Write her a short note, and attach a picture of your family. You might mention our child's hobbies, favorite school subjects and family members' names. Also, find out how the teacher prefers to be contacted. Getting to know each other now will help you work together in future "chapters".

Get to Know the Setting

Invite your youngster to tell you about his classroom, the library, and other places at school. What decorations hang on the walls? What books or games are on the shelves? When possible, see for yourself by going to events like book fairs and math nights. Idea: Encourage him to draw you a picture of his classroom to hang on the refrigerator.

Enjoy the Plot

Attend back-to-school night to find out what your child will learn this year. Then, plan family outings or activities related to the topics. If he'll study your state's history, you could visit historic sites. Or if there's a plant unit, let him help you work in the garden or plant seeds in the pots.

Most of all have a positive attitude toward school, support your child with their school work and model that school is important. You, the parent are the most important teacher.

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PARK HILL DISTRICT CLOTHING CENTER 2018-19

The clothing center is a **FREE** service provided by the PTA's of the Park Hill School district in cooperation with the Park Hill School District. Each student receives new and lightly used clothing along with new socks and underwear each school year. Each student must provide proof of registration for the current year. This could be a class schedule, student ID or a letter from the social worker. All shopping days are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please pay close attention to the hours noted below as they may vary by date.

Sept. 4: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Sept. 18: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 2: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Oct. 16: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

Nov. 6: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Nov. 20: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dec. 4: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Dec. 18: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

Jan. 8: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 22: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

Feb. 5: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 19: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

March 5: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

March 26: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

April 2: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

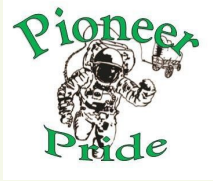
April 16: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

May 7: 4-7 p.m. End of School Event

2018-19 Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Children need healthy meals to learn. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Forms are available in the office. Please fill out and drop off in the front office. These forms do not carry over and have to be filled out each school year.

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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> 