

# Prairie School

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Dear Families:

On behalf of the staff at Prairie School, we are happy to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve to their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and the school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school
- 7) Will support the school in holding your child accountable

**Prairie's registration days are going to take place on the following days: (Families are welcome to turn in the enrollment form anytime before the end of the year too).**

**May 14th: Field day -enrollment paperwork may be completed and turned in. Students do not have to turn in sports physicals at this time.**

**May 28th: Office will be open from 7-5 for families to come and turn in paperwork.**

**June: 10th- All enrollment forms for current out of district students are due on 6-10-2019. Please note that if the information is not received by this date, Prairie will begin to contact students on the waiting list.**

Prairie's Open House is scheduled for **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan on attending this night; we have a special magician coming to entertain. This is an excellent opportunity to meet teachers, see your child's classroom, meet classmates and become familiar with the building. Our Prairie School Board will be serving dinner.

The first day of school for students in grades 6-12 is Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and students in grades K-5 is Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. All preschool students begin on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sports practice: August 12, 2019, All players must have completed physicals and signed parent permission forms submitted to the athletic director prior to the start of practice on this date. Players may start accumulating the required nine days of practice only after the start of practice on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note: You

may have informal practice, camps/clinics prior to August 12, 2019 but no school protective equipment may be used (exception: Helmets), nor can these informal sessions, camps or clinics have mandatory attendance required (see CHSAA Bylaws, 1780 Physical Exams, and 2300 Practice). Bags, shields, etc. are not considered to be protective equipment.

The school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and the day ends at 3:41 p.m. The main doors will open at 7:20 a.m. All students must use the main entrance doors. The academic hallway will be closed until 7:45 a.m. We encourage parents and teacher collaboration; however, we ask that you make appointments with teachers if you would like to meet with them between 7:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At 7:30 a.m. your child has the opportunity to be served a nutritious breakfast in the cafeteria. Students interested in eating breakfast should go to the cafeteria first; after breakfast, all elementary students are able to go outside or in the big gym (depending on the weather) until classes start. High school and junior high students can stay in the cafeteria or in the gym when there is supervision.

Please complete the free and reduced lunch application at the start of the school year if you think your family may qualify for the program. These packets will be given out after July 1.

It is very important that they are turned in, as the school receives funding based on this information. Please note a full price school lunch is \$1.85 for K-5 students, \$2.25 for 6-12, and \$3.00 for an adult meal. Lunch is served from 11:20-12:58 depending on the student's grade level. The school breakfast is \$1.50 for all students and \$2.00 for adults. **Lunch accounts are kept online through the parent portal on your family Infinite Campus account.** Please contact Mrs. Kendra Holloway to set up an account or to recall your password. You may pay lunch bills by checks in an envelope marked with the child's name to Mrs. Kendra Holloway. Make checks payable to: Prairie School District.

If your student will be riding a Prairie bus, our transportation department or bus driver will contact you the week before school to let you know the pick-up and drop off times.

We will do our best to keep you updated throughout the school year on the Prairie School website. Please check [www.prairieschool.org](http://www.prairieschool.org) regularly for information and updates. We highly suggest families having the Prairie Mustang app on your phone to help with communication. We will be using a new reverse calling systems this year. We will conduct a test run before school begins. The website will be full of our student pictures. On the enrollment form, we must have a parent's signature to be able to put student's pictures on the website.

For your information, School Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. The Prairie Pride Committee continues to seek willing volunteers. This organization is striving to support and engage the community, students, parents, and staff in all aspects of Prairie School. Our Prairie Pride committee also welcomes new participants to help with Elementary, Junior High, High School, or with our Athletic subcommittees. Please contact Mrs. Piel for the proper contact if you are interested in being a part of one of these committees.

We, and the excellent Prairie Staff, feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Go Mustangs.

Sincerely,

Tabitha Piel

**Items that need to be returned:**

Enrollment sheet

Medical information if needed

Chromebook Policy signature

Internet agreement policy signature.

Physicals if needed

(Supply list will be on teacher pages soon).