



Prairie School

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Dear Families,

On behalf of the staff at Prairie School, we are happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 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 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

We encourage families to provide feedback and ideas to continue to enhance the education process for our students.

Prairie School will have our current student registration day on August 8th, 2023. This day is an important day that needs to be put on your calendar. On this date, enrollment packets need to be turned in for the next school year. If we do not have confirmation of enrollment for the next year and you are an out of district student, you may lose your enrollment spot. Please make sure if you are unable to attend on August 8th that you get us your packets prior to that day.

Prairie's Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 14th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to meet teachers, see your child's classroom, meet classmates, and become familiar with the building. Dinner will be provided. Required Sports Meeting for all Athletes and Parents will be August 14th at 7:15 p.m.

The first day of school for students in grades 6-12 is Wednesday, August 16th and students in grades K-5 is Monday, August 21st. All preschool students begin on Tuesday; August 29th. Athletic practice will begin on August 7th for fall HS sports, August 7th-10th for JH Football camp and JH Volleyball will

begin the first day of school. Please make sure all physicals are completed and turned in prior to the first practice. **The school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and the day ends at 3:41 p.m.** The main doors will be open at 7:20 a.m. All students use the main entrance doors. The academic hallways 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 them between 7:00a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At 7:30 a.m. your child has the opportunity to be served a delicious and 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 small gym.

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 available at the school and will be emailed to all families after July 1st. It is very important that the free and reduced are turned in, as the school receives funding based on this information. **Lunch accounts are kept online through the parent portal on your family Infinite Campus account.** Please contact the office to set up an account or to recall your password. You may pay lunch bills online, or by check or cash in an envelope marked with the child's name to the office. Make checks payable to: Prairie School District Lunch Fund.

Included in the enrollment packet is a form that grants the school permission to administering medication. The school is unable to administer Tylenol, cough drops, sunscreen, or any other over the counter medication without a signature on this form. We highly recommend completing this form for basic over the counter medication (Tylenol, Motrin, cough drops, etc.).

If your student will be riding a Prairie bus, our transportation department or bus driver will contact you the week before 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 regularly for information and updates. Please make sure we have your correct contact information on file.

Prairie School will continue to use an automatic telephone notification system for updated school information. Each family may have up to three numbers in the call system.

For your information, School Board meetings are held on the 3rd monday of the month. Accountability meetings are held each year. We welcome participation for anyone interested in investing time to this committee. This committee is given a charge every year by the Prairie School Board. Each member is elected by the Prairie School Board. Even if you are not an elected member , we welcome input on the yearly charge as well as input in our health and wellness policies as they are reviewed.

Prairie Staff feels privileged to be a part of this school family. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Go Mustangs.

Yours in Education,

Ms. Dana Jo Unruh
Superintendent