

PRAIRIE VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2011



From the Desk of Ms. Roth, Principal

As I sit outside, I am in awe of the crisp air and the full color spectrum that Fall provides. With the return of Fall comes a flurry of activities: boys' volleyball, girls' basketball, chorus, and play practice. It also means the end of the first marking period; report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 4th.

October 14th will be **Project R.I.D.E.** for our seventh grade students. It is a day devoted solely to discussing and educating students on the dangers of drinking, drugs, and peer pressure. Following that theme, October 24th – 28th has been designated as "**Red Ribbon Week.**" The focus of the week is to reinforce topics related to drug education awareness and "making the right choices" in areas related to adolescent life.

Prairie View will hold its annual **Book Fair** in the Media Center from October 17th through the 21st. We encourage our students to visit the Media Center, during the appropriate time, and find a book that sparks their interest.

We will hold our **Fall Dance** on Friday, October 21st. Tickets will be sold the week of the dance during lunch and TIP classes for \$5.00, however they are not available the evening of the dance. The dance will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 8:00 p.m. if they choose to attend the dance. Please be aware that this is a Fall dance, not a costume party. Students will not be permitted to wear costumes to the dance. Students are annually issued student identification; they will need to show their student identification card, along with their ticket, to get into the dance.

As hard to believe as it may sound, it is time for our eighth grade parents and students to begin to think about high school. Informational meetings and placement tests actually take place in the fall and early winter. Parents of our eighth grade students' who plan to attend Andrew High School as freshmen are invited to an informational meeting at Andrew High School on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 P.M. This event will feature the Andrew Administration and Department Chairpersons who will review the registration, placement, and introduction of middle school students into Andrew High School.

The **Explore Test**, given to incoming freshmen to assist in determining placement, will be administered on Tuesday, November 18th, in the regular 8th grade classrooms. The tests will be given during the first 4 periods of the school day. Students who are not here on that day will need to make arrangements with Andrew High School for a re-test. More information regarding this test and results will be discussed at the meeting on November 2nd.

As mentioned previously, the first quarter report cards will be issued on Friday, November 4th. As we did last year, we will have two days of **Parent-Teacher Conferences**: Monday, November 21st from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 22nd from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Additional information regarding Parent Conferences will be included in the report cards on November 4th.

Finally, I would like to thank our PTO for their support at the beginning of the year. Our parent volunteers do most of the work at parent information day in August; they assist with the student photos, organize and pass out hot lunches, and provide assistance with the upcoming book fair. A special thanks for their assistance with the magazine drive, this is the largest fundraiser of the year and required a great deal of effort. **We truly appreciate all of their hard work as well as the community support of this fundraiser!** We have wonderful parents who are very supportive of the school and on behalf of the entire Prairie View Community, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you!

Special points of interest:

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News from Deborah Broadwell, Assistant Principal

Welcome back! The 2011-2012 school year is underway, and we experienced another amazingly smooth school opening. The first day began with 204 sixth graders beginning their middle school experience and assuming their roles as part of the "Eagle" community, while our seventh and eighth graders excitedly greeted each other in the hallways. The PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Kick-off Assembly set the tone for the day. All staff members were introduced to the students. Our new students and sixth graders received a basic overview of the tenets of PBIS, and along with our returning seventh and eighth graders, reviewed our three core values at Prairie View: Be Ready, Be Respectful, and Be an Eagle.

My sincere appreciation goes to the members of the Prairie View PTO for their hard work in organizing our Parent Information Day which greatly contributed to the great start of the school year. Additionally, PTO volunteers dedicated countless hours running their biggest fundraiser of the year, the Magazine Drive. Their efforts made it convenient for our PV families and friends to purchase or renew subscriptions to their favorite magazines. The PTO sponsors many of the activities that generate the excitement of learning for our students. Please support their fundraisers and other events they sponsor throughout the year. All proceeds go directly to the benefit of the students.

This is an exciting and industrious time of the school year. Students are settling into the routines of their classes, our teachers are planning and facilitating challenging and engaging lessons, and participation in extracurricular activities is in full swing. On September 9, representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Department spoke to our sixth graders regarding bully prevention. Along with the Sheriff's Department, we understand the importance of ensuring that every student feels safe so they can participate in the middle school experience without being "made fun of by their peers." The overall message is that it requires the involvement of all of us to make Prairie View a bully-free environment. Morning (7:45 - 8:35) and after school (3:15 - 4:05) Student Support began on September 13. This popular program is already well attended. Student Support is designed to assist students with their homework and make-up work. Instructional aides provide supervision for Student Support Services. With school in session for just over a month, Prairie View is a hub of positive energy.

It is my great pleasure to be given the opportunity to work with you and your children, and I look forward to another wonderful year at Prairie View.

Mrs. Deborah Broadwell

NURSE'S CORNER—Mrs. Bihl

As we begin a new school year here at Prairie View, I would like to share some important information:

For 6th grade students there is a physical exam required at the start of the school year, as well as a dental exam requirement due by May. Your student may bring home a Physical or Dental form if needed. All health forms are also available on the school website/nurse.

Any student participating in a sport at PV is required to have a physical exam on file from within the past year.

PV, as well as each school building in our district, now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). PV's AED is located near the gym. There are two additional portable AED's which are taken outside with students. We have a number of staff members certified as first-responders in using an AED.

Lastly, did you know that October 3rd is National Child Health Day? It is estimated that 1 in 6 children between ages 2 and 19 is overweight. Let's all think about healthy eating habits, regular physical activity, and being healthy role models for our young people.

Let's have a healthy and safe year!

Purk Team 8-1

Welcome to 8th Grade! Our students have gotten familiar with their daily routines, and now need to focus on doing their best. Please speak with your student about the importance of being on time to class, with all the necessary supplies. Time out of class will distract from their learning.

Math

Welcome to a new school year! All math students began the year with a unit on graphs. We learned about all different types of graphs (bar, histogram, line, circle, pictograph, stem-and-leaf, box-and-whiskers, line plots, frequency tables, etc.) We discussed the many different types of graphs, what makes a good graph, and how to tell when a graph is misleading. We have reviewed the vocabulary of mean, median and mode. The unit concluded with a poster project which was due on Sept. 14th. I have learned a lot about a variety of topics from your children as they presented their posters and talked about their interests. We are now working from the textbooks. Algebra started with a quick review of properties and integers. Pre-algebra students are also reviewing integers as well as spending time working with decimals and fractions. We are still waiting on access to the on-line textbook. I will send home that information as soon as it becomes available. Your child will have homework most nights in math. Please check their assignment books. Remember, extra help is available! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year.

Reading/Language Arts

The school year has begun and the students are getting back into the business of school. Transitioning daily routines and restructuring daily habits to include early bed times, early bus times, homework time, and after school

activities time are sure signs school is back in session. In Reading and Language Arts classes students have been learning about and using a variety of skills in our first unit of *The Reader's Journey*. Please ask your children to share their work text in order to view some of their work. At this time we are exploring a range of fiction and nonfiction outside our textbook through Anchor Books. In these books students will apply active reading skills. Lastly, our team requires students to use a homework assignment book for organization, as well as a tool for parents to be aware of assignments. Consider setting aside a time to review these with your students.

Science

The science classes are well into our first unit, *Cells and Heredity*. In Chapter 1 we reviewed the characteristics of living things and explored the structure of plant and animal cells. In Chapter 2 we will focus more closely on the cell membrane, chloroplasts, and mitochondria, and how they help our cells function. A large part of our focus in class has been on good note taking and studying techniques. Even if no written homework is assigned, students should be reviewing the text or studying their notes. Be sure to check Parent Connect for grade updates.

U.S. History

As our team travels the timeline of our history, we have accomplished much, invented much, modernized much, seen immigration expand, cities expand and urban problems expand. What's next on our timeline travel? We are on the verge of investigating progressive reforms.

Nichols Team 8-2

The Nichols' team is beginning to "fall" into a routine. The social studies classes are revisiting the Civil War and moving into Reconstruction. The Reconstruction period has many lessons that tie in with current events around the globe. Our eyes will turn to the West as the country expands. As the country expands we will be looking for a few good men and women to join the ranks of Teddy's "Rough Riders." America needs you: Can we count on your support?

Language and Reading Classes

The Language and Literature classes are excited to be using a new text series called *The Reader's Journey*. They will be reading selections that ask the question: "Is Truth the Same for Everyone?" These selections include grammar lessons on nouns and pronouns, reading strategies to help with fiction and nonfiction genres, and a review of literary elements. Vocabulary/spelling units, along with D.O.L. exercises and journal writing will be used to review and improve writing skills. The classes will be writing personal and descriptive essays. In addition, each student will be reading an "anchor" novel and sharing in small group discussions called literature circles.

Math

The math classes have finished a unit on graphing and have begun working with rational numbers. They will adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers, fractions, and decimals. The classes will not be spending a lot of time on this, so if your child is having a difficult time with these concepts, make sure they come in for extra help. The Andrew Basic Skills Test will be in November, so they need to have a solid understanding of this material.

Science

In science the students started the year with a review of safety in the lab, the scientific method, and the metric system. They practiced using metric measurements in the lab and also reviewed their skills by using different equipment. They also completed a Gummy Bear Lab which reviewed all the steps of the scientific method. Students will now start in the first book *Cells and Heredity*. There are many activities and labs to help students learn about cells and genetics. Please check "Parent Connect" weekly to see how your child is doing in their class.

Capadona Team 7-1

We would like to extend a big welcome to our **SEVENTH** graders. We really look forward to working with your student during this year...



The **Capadona** block classes are becoming proficient in marking text. What a new concept: being able to write in the textbook. We are interspersing grammar lessons into the reading of fiction and non-fiction. Soon we will be experts on all the intricate elements of literature. Our writing practice has begun with a descriptive narrative. The students seem to be adjusting to the integration of the two disciplines into one textbook. We'd love to have the feedback of your own observations.

The split Language class worked hard on a grammar unit on nouns and pronouns. We're learning what works well in the pilot textbook and what we need to enhance. We have moved on to writing. The class is very cohesive and adapts to new situations well.

In **Science** we are finding the students to be a little spacey this month...because we are *Lost in Space*... This is an awesome unit because most students are very interested in Astronomy and have a plethora of questions to ask!! They are plotting the moons phases for 28 days so ask your little astronomer about what they are learning in the Fall skies!

In **Math**, the pre-algebra students are being introduced to real-world applications of algebra through the study of the Connected Math Book, *Variables and Patterns*. The students are using tables and graphs to investigate patterns and observe relationships between variables. The Course 2 students are wrapping up their study of decimals and moving onto integer operations. Please make sure your child has a binder and scientific calculator for math class.



The **Wasilewski** split and block Reading classes are applying their developing skill of marking texts to their new Reader's Journey textbook and their novel, *The Outsiders*. We will continue our active reading activities throughout the year focusing on fiction and nonfiction texts, using both our textbook and novels. The students are also learning to participate in Literature Circle discussions of their novel.

Our focus in the block Language Arts class has been on vocabulary, including our building vocabulary and vocabulary introduced in the Reader's Journey text. The text also weaves grammar and writing practice into the reading lessons. We will be starting our narrative writing soon.



Merino Team 7-2

It is hard to believe that we are quickly coming to the end of our first quarter. Our students are off to a great start, but it is important to be vigilant about your child's grades online. If you do not know your password for checking grades, please contact the office. Only parents will be given passwords.

The Merino team Course 2 Math classes will begin the month of October by wrapping up their studies on solving equations and inequalities. As we travel through the month, the students will begin to explore the world of fractions. The students will be able to convert fractions to decimals and vice versa as well as compare and order fractions and decimals. By the middle of October, the students will begin to learn how fractions can be added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided. As the students explore the world of fractions, we will discuss the importance of fractions in activities like measuring objects or even in measuring ingredients while cooking.

The Merino team Pre-Algebra classes will continue to explore different variables and patterns that occur in the different investigations in our Connected Math Books. In groups and partners, the students will learn how to determine the two variables in any word problem. They will also be able to create a table, graph, and an equation by examining the key components in the investigations that we work on throughout the book. The students will also have the chance to learn how to use a graphing calculator to examine tables, graphs, and equations. Once the students have a basic concept of equations, we will move on to solving two-step equations and inequalities.

The Language Arts and Reading classes have been working hard to become acquainted with the new textbooks. Writing in our books takes some getting used to! However, while we encourage marking text in these consumable books, we cannot mark our other books, so it is important that the students have post-it notes to interact with their other texts. By now you should have seen your child come home with their Anchor books that is being read on their own and discussed in literature circles in class once a week. Keeping up on reading is imperative to the success of your child in this aspect of the class. If your child tells you there is no homework, be sure to ask if they have completed the required reading.

The Social Studies classes have been studying the early Americas and the English Colonies. We are working on our note taking skills as we go through the information, which will better prepare us for high school.

In science, students will be classifying and identifying minerals in chapter 2. We will be classifying minerals according to their hardness. We will also be identifying minerals by performing tests and referring to a Mineral Identification Key. Then, we will be exploring how rocks change into other rocks over time in chapter 3. We will be classifying 10 rock samples, in which the students need to come up with their own system of classifying them. We will also learn about igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. This will complete our exploration of Earth's Surface and move us into our next book: Space Science.

Klozik Team 6-1

Welcome to the KLOZIK TEAM! We are so excited to be working with all of your students. If there is ever need to contact us, please do not hesitate to call or email. We will get back to you as soon as we can. We do use the assignment notebook to communicate missing assignments. If your student has a missing assignment there will be a blue mark. Also, please be sure to check grades online, which can be accessed from the Prairie View home page. We hope your students are enjoying their first few months of 6th grade and we are looking forward to a fabulous year!

Reading and Language Arts classes are working full steam ahead. Our current unit of study: Is **CONFLICT** always bad? Our stories, novels, and writing all revolve around different conflicts. In addition we are applying several skills to this theme such as: making inferences, identifying character, drawing conclusion and understanding theme. We are practicing verb tenses, linking verbs and troublesome verbs. Our formal writing is revolving around a compare/contrast essay and a narrative story. As you can see we have quite a lot going on this unit in our Reader's Journey. Please help your student by checking his or her assignment notebook daily and encouraging reading in his or her anchor book and free choice book. Our next unit will cover the theme of **TRUTH**.

The science classes are studying Ecology. They are collecting data in order to evaluate the quality of your home soil. We will be using the microscope to identify micro-organisms found in the soil. The students are very eager to respond in class and engage in lab activities. I hope the students share their learning experiences with their families. Students should be reading chapters at home.

It's going to be a great year for our little mathematicians on the Klozik Team. The nerves of our new sixth graders are slowly leaving and excitement is starting to set in. We have recently been working hard at decimals, integers, and the order of operations. The sixth graders took the AIMS Web assessments and NWEA MAP Testing. In October, Course 1 classes will explore algebra with variables and patterns. Course 2 students will be learning how to solve equations and inequalities.

Social Studies classes have learned how to be historians and read a map. They have become hunters and gatherers and even practiced their hand at some cave drawings. We will continue our study of Early Man with a trip to Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent. Look for a Sumerian Expository Essay to be happening in Social Studies classes.

Kumzi Team 6-2

The Kumzi Team is off to a great start this year. Parents: please help us make the best of this school year by **checking your child's assignment notebook** each and every night. If you see an assignment highlighted in blue; that means that the assignment was not completed and the student received a 0% on the assignment.

In science students began the year learning how to properly use measuring equipment found in a science lab. The scientific method was reviewed while experimenting to determine how soil type affects water movement through soil. As students continue their study of ecosystems and biomes they will observe organisms interacting with each other and with non-living things in a closed ecosystem. Within this model they will also observe the water cycle along with the carbon-oxygen cycle.

Here we are at the start of another school year and the students are starting to adjust to being in a middle school. All the students have started to review the multiplication and division skills in the math classes. The Course 1 students have been working on decimals and will be starting to work a little bit with variables and equations. The Course 2 students have been working on decimals. The next chapter will have them challenged with equations and inequalities.

Some students have inquired about extra credit in my class. Students can do my weekly sudoku posted in the classroom, bring back the chapter tests signed, and can take the online quizzes for their book located at the www.phschool.com website. I hope we all have a great year in math.

In Reading and Language Arts for the month of October, students will be finishing up one of their anchor books and literature circles. Each time the group meets there is a highly intelligent conversation using their active reading notes. Student will also be working in a writer's workshop to complete their autobiographical narrative and research assignment on news reports. We please ask you to read, review, and revise any writing material that comes home.

6th graders have been winding their way through the important rivers and hot terrain of Ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt. We have worked on lessons regarding geography, social classes and Egyptian Pharaohs. This topic is a favorite of many students each year. Coming up, we will begin to expand eastward and focus on civilizations in India and China.



News from the Media Center

Welcome Back!

The New 2011-12 Rebecca Caudill books are now available.

Stop by the Media Center to pick one up!

One-Handed Catch by M.J. Auch
Masterpiece by Elise Broach
All the Broken Pieces by Ann E. Burg
Wild Things by Clay Carmichael
Extra Credit by Andrew Clements
The Girl Who Threw Butterflies by Mick Cochrane
Powerless by Matthew Cody
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass
Greetings from Nowhere by Barbara O'Connor
Heart of a Shepherd by Rosanne Parry
Woods Runner by Gary Paulson
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick
The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas
Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Almost True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka by Jon Scieszka
Peak by Roland Smith
Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith
Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Additional information can be found at <http://www.rcyrba.org/> which can be accessed from our Prairie View Resource Page. A list of these titles is also available in the Media Center.

Lazy summer days provide the perfect time to read these books so be sure to stop by the public library and pick one up.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Media Center will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair October 17th-21st. Many titles, including the new Rebecca Caudill books, will be available.

Online Resources

Our online encyclopedia sources, World Book and Grolier, are available for use in school and at home. Other databases can also be accessed from home. These wonderful resources require passwords in order to access them from home. Students can stop by the media center to pick up these passwords.

Access these resources online from our Prairie View Resource Page: <http://destiny.ksd140.org>

Login Information for Prairie View Media Center Databases

Student Resource Center is a database which includes reference material, primary source documents, multimedia, periodicals, and newspapers. No password is required while in school.

Home access password - eagles

Points of View Reference Center is a full-text database designed to provide students with a series of essays that present multiple sides of a current issue.

Points of View: User ID – prairieview

Password – student

Career Cruising is comprehensive information resource for career and college research.

Career Cruising: User ID – pvms

Password – eagles

World Book Online Encyclopedia

Home access Login ID – kirby140

Password – worldbook

Grolier Online Encyclopedia including New Book of Knowledge

Home access Login ID – kirby140

Password – grolier

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING! THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

All readers get prepared to purchase the newest Rebecca Caudill's! The fair will be **October 17th-21st**. Cash and checks are accepted! Be sure to bring money on the day your class is scheduled to come. There's more than books... we have posters, pencils, and cool stuff.



THE PRAIRIE VIEW PLAYERS DRAMA CLUB ANNOUNCES THE FALL PLAY, SPY TV!

All Prairie View students had the opportunity to audition for this year's fall play, Spy TV. An audition workshop was held prior to the auditions to help prepare the students. When students came into the audition, they were judged on their vocal ability, stage presence, and overall fit for each of the characters. Of course, the decisions were extremely difficult given the amount of talent at Prairie View! Students who were not cast this time are encouraged to audition for our Declamation (Speech) Team in December, and also to come out for the spring musical!

So what really goes on at a typical high school? At Bradbury High School, Principal Orwell signed with a cable TV company so that home viewers can get a live, unedited view of exactly what goes on in a typical American high school. They install cameras in every corner of the school, catching students in embarrassing situations. Those that enjoy the attention fight with students scheming to have the cameras removed, until they too are "caught on tape" in a not-so-positive light. The play is a humorous, lively, and thought-provoking commentary on today's "trash reality TV."

CAST

ANNOUNCER	NICK BOBBER
MARTIN	SCOTT HEFFERNEN
MARSHA	MARIA SZCZASNY
ALLEN	MARK PAPPAS
JULIE	TAYLOR PFEIFFER
JAKE	JUAN CASTILLO
BROOKE	DANIELLE KACZANOWSKI
KENSIE	IWONA GAWRON
WILL	DIEGO HERNANDEZ
SARAH	HEBA ALSHEIKH
WHITNEY	TORI BORAK
DENNIS	NOAH POLIGNONE
MOLLY	AMANDA SOUKUP
EMMA	SALMA OMARI
ALEXA	JESSICA MERCER
JERRY	JIM HURST
DEVAN	REYCHEL BUDA
AMBER	ALIVIA TESSARI
GINA	HALLE SWIERINGA
JOANIE	YASMEEN SHEIKAH
HEATHER	JORDYN VOGT
DAN	DAN WALSH
ASHLEY	ANGELA BRANN

CREW

ASST. DIRECTOR:	Allison Leslie
LIGHTS:	David Sandoval Amanda Lindenberg Joe Skvarla
FOLLOW SPOT:	Joe Vogler
SOUND/VIDEO OPERATION:	CJ Marshall Mike Bialka Noah Marshall
BACKSTAGE:	Paige Smith Chris Volk Kevin Gallagher
MAKEUP/ COSTUMES:	Claire Cavaretta Tesheem Muhammad
VIDEO PRODUCTION:	Lauren Uhlean



DISTRICT 140 BAND NEWS

Welcome back to BAND! Band directors: Ray Forlenza, Mike Szczasny, and Mark Hodges, and the District 140 Band Parents Association are looking forward to another exciting year.

Concert and Symphonic band members will be fitted for uniforms in October. Uniform fittings for all boys have been **tentatively** set for Monday October 24th, and uniform fittings for all girls have been **tentatively** set for Thursday, October 27th. The times for both dates will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. at Prairie View Middle School in the band room. **Letters concerning uniform fittings will be given to the students during their band class. Please consult that letter for date confirmation.** This is a mandatory event for all Concert and Symphonic Band students. Students will also be sized for band shoes on these dates.

Our fall fundraiser of wrapping paper and holiday items will kick off on October 3rd. Order forms will be sent home with your band student. The last day to turn in orders will be October 17th. You may bring your orders to Prairie View Middle School that day from 4:00-6:00 PM. November 14th has been scheduled as the pickup day for the fundraiser. Band shoes will also be available for pick up that same day. This will take place at Prairie View Middle School from 4:00-6:00 PM. **There is also an online ordering option available this year. Online orders would be shipped directly to your home at no cost to you. You may also order online anytime during the school year.** Proceeds from this fundraiser provides for many things, such as band equipment, student awards, concert supplies, band student incentives, contest truck rentals, and summer camp scholarships. The Band Parents appreciate your support!



Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

October 1, 2011 – IMEA Festival Auditions
Bryan Middle School in Elmhurst

October 3, 2011 – District 140 Band Parent Meeting, Grissom Middle School's band room at 7:00 PM. All parents are invited to attend.

October 3, 2011 – Fall Fundraiser Begins

October 17, 2011 – Turn in for Fall Fundraiser at Prairie View Middle School from 4:00-6:00 PM.

October 21, 2011 – 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band students will perform the National Anthem for the football game at Andrew High School.

October 24, 2011 – Uniform fittings for all boys in Concert and Symphonic Bands from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Prairie View Middle School.
(Tentative Date)

October 27, 2011 – Uniform fittings for all girls in Concert and Symphonic Bands from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Prairie View Middle School.
(Tentative Date)

November 5, 2011 – IMEA Festival at Riverside-Brookfield High School in Brookfield

November 12, 2011 – IMEA Jazz Festival at Rich South High School in Richton Park

November 14, 2011 – Fall fundraiser and shoe distribution at Prairie View Middle School from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Dist. 140 Band Parents

President – Debbie Puckett
1st Vice President – Mark Volk
2nd Vice President – Jim Bauman
Treasurer – Julie Pavoggi Bauman
Secretary – Meg Bialka

Prairie View PTO News

October 2011

Hot Lunch Tally Day

The Hot Lunch Committee would like to **THANK** the following volunteers who so generously gave their time to help us tally up all of the hot lunch orders we had this semester.

Tracie Minogue, Kelly Cavarretta, Erin O'Connor, Nieves Sandoval, Esther Graham, Cindy Gustafson, Nina Quinn, Terri Herald, Laura Lisak, Pamela Zufan, Kim Marino, Marilyn Sciortino, Anne Neary, Maria Mayo, Mary Belliveau, Theresa Markus and Jan Lynch.

Next year we will be doing it all over again in January!

Jan Lynch – Hot Lunch – 460-3331

PIZZA...PIZZA...PIZZA!!!

Salina's Pizza is donating profits to Prairie View on sales from **October 19, 2011**. Order from Salina's (614-9100 or on line at www.salinaspizza.com), let them know you are from Prairie View and that is all you have to do. So plan a family night and help earn money for our kids.

Questions, feel free to call Ruth at 403-0369.

SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Spirit wear table during our open house and walk through, we could not have done it without you! Our sales were awesome. The **last** Spirit Wear order for this year will be due on Thursday, November 10th. All orders will be back to school on the week of December 19th, just in time for Christmas! Spirit Wear makes a wonderful gift, so plan ahead.

Hope everyone has a safe and Happy Halloween.

For any questions or concerns please contact Mary Golden at 708-460-7451.

Click here to go to the [Spirit Wear Order Form](#).

Marcus Theatres Fundraising

The PTO will be selling Marcus Movies Tickets throughout the year. These tickets offer you significant savings at the box office, while still helping to support our school! You will get a Marcus Snack Cash with every 2 tickets you buy! Tickets prices are \$8.00 for VIP Platinum tickets (good at anytime), and \$6.00 for VIP Silver (good anytime, except after 5:30 p.m. on Saturday night only). Please see the PTO section of the virtual backpack for more information and order forms. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Campbell at (708) 532-8084.

Turn-in dates for this year are: Friday, December 2nd, Friday, March 9th & Friday, May 11th.

See you at the Movies!



Golden Opportunities Coupon Book is back!

Great features of the 2011 Book:

Packed with over \$17,400 in savings-Discount movie tickets-Attraction and Shopping Discounts-
Over \$10,000 in Travel Discounts

This book makes a great gift...Hurry! Start saving today and THANK YOU for supporting the
Prairie View PTO!

Contact Theresa Markus 349-6503.

Take Charge of Education

Help us help your favorite school. Choose your kids' middle school or any other eligible K-12 school. We'll donate 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target and Target.com. It's that simple!



Thanks to the Prairie View families who use their REDcard every time they shop at Target! In the last 12 months Prairie View Middle School earned \$589.10.

Campbell's Labels

Please continue to send in your Campbell's labels. Our school can earn many educational items! **Please note that whole labels are no longer accepted.** Here is a list of what to save:

Campbell's soup or chili cans: UPC code
Campbell's ready to serve soups in plastic container: Lid
Franco American products: UPC code
Pepperidge Farm products: UPC code
Swanson products: UPC code
Market Day products (select Campbell's items): UPC code
Prego sauces: Lid
V8 plastic bottle products: Lid
Campbell's food service products: 2 code numbers from outer case

There is a special collection bin located outside the main office to put these items in. Thanks for your support!

LOOK FOR THESE PRODUCTS WORTH 5 POINTS!

Campbell's specially marked 10 ounce soups: UPC code
Campbell's Chunky soup or chili bowls: UPC code
Campbell's Soup at hand: UPC code
Campbell's Super Bakers: UPC code
Campbell's Select bowls: UPC code
Campbell's Soup to go: UPC code
Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers: UPC code
V8 Splash (16 oz. and 64 oz.): Lid

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Purchase a Krispy Kreme card for only \$12.00. With the Krispy Kreme card, you get a free dozen Original Glazed doughnuts with the purchase of a dozen of your choice. The card gets punched each time it is used and it can be used up to 10 times (limit 3 free dozen per visit). (Only good at the Krispy Kreme Donuts stores, not at grocery stores.)

Please help support our school. Cards are on sale all year...for additional information contact Theresa Markus, 349-6503, tmmom24@comcast.net.

Community Discount Card

Save hundreds of dollars in discounts at these local businesses! Discounts are reusable until the printed expiration date. SHOW your card, GET your discount, KEEP your card and USE IT AGAIN NEXT TIME! The card pays for itself the first time it is used.

Our goal is to raise money to support our school. Each card costs \$10, with \$5 of it going to our school. Please make checks payable to Prairie View PTO. Any questions contact Theresa Markus 349-6503.

The following businesses are listed on the card: Frankie's Ristorante, McDonald's, Durbin's, Pop-eyes, Sanfratello's Pizza, Culver's, Pop's, Subway, Aurelio's, Oberweis, TOP DOGS ETC., Great Clips, Blarney Stone Pub, Nancy's Pizza, Al's Beef, The Ashford House, Arby's, Egg Headz Café, Sport Clips, Burger King, Creamery, Sam & Jakes, DQ, Schoops Hamburgers, The Skillet House, Dunkin Donuts, and El Burrito Loco.



Market Day

During our Market Day November Sale, we will be participating in Market Day's Dessert promotion. With each purchase you will be contributing to Prairie View and helping to achieve our objectives.

Our goal is to sell 500 desserts. If each student sells just one dessert, we will reach our desired level. Please keep in mind that for the safety of our children we strongly discourage door to door sales. However, we would like you to offer the opportunity to purchase delicious Market Day desserts to your family, friends, and coworkers who will feel good knowing that their purchase is helping to support our organization. Product description and photos are also available on marketday.com.

Payment Information: payment should be collected when dessert orders are placed.

Makes checks payable to: Prairie View PTO

Return the entire form with payment enclosed by the Market Day **Oct 28th** cutoff to the Prairie View office.

All dessert orders must be **picked up** at your November Market Day sale date of **Nov 2nd**, between 5-6pm at Prairie View Middle School.

If you're not able to pick up your order at this time, or have any other questions, please contact Terri Herald, MD Chairperson, 708-444-7951.



We are continuing the online, monthly newsletter calendar...

We want to keep parents informed with the most up-to-date information therefore, we have included a link that will take you right to our Prairie View calendar online.

For the latest calendar information, please visit ksd140.org or **click here to view the Prairie View Calendar.**

GO EAGLES!!

