

PRAIRIE VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2011



From the Desk of Ms. Roth, Principal

It is truly amazing that December is already here! At Prairie View activities abound during this festive month. Please take a moment to peruse our calendar to identify important dates of events for your student and your family. In December, our music department will be showcasing their talent in a choral concert here at Prairie View on December 6th at 7:30 p.m. Our Concert and Symphonic Bands will be playing at Prairie View on December 7th at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, our Cadet and Jazz bands will be performing their beautiful music selections on December 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Grissom Middle School. Please take an evening to come and witness these nights of musical festivity.

Please be aware that we will have a ½ day of attendance as Winter Break begins and that students return to school on Monday, January 9th. Hopefully the break will be a time for rest and rejuvenation for all of our Prairie View families and staff. I look forward to Winter Break being a time not only for rejuvenation of the body but of the spirit as well. I will spend a great deal of my time appreciating my children during our family holiday activities, reflecting on the past year, catching up on readings that I have longed to complete and finally setting my short term goals in preparation for the months to come.

I feel overwhelming gratitude at this time of year as I truly do appreciate the opportunity I have been given to work with the 682 students here at Prairie View. Every day brings an unexpected delight when I walk into the various classrooms, student support, or find myself in a conversation with one of our students in the hall or lunchroom. Through the gifts and contributions that have flooded in to help our various drives, I witnessed the power of the collective generous spirit in our community. It is so very true what Robert F. Kennedy once said, “You’re happiest while you’re making the greatest contribution.” I find myself beaming with happiness, as I cannot fathom a greater contribution than working with your children, our youth, and tomorrow’s leaders to try to help them reach their highest potential.

It is with this desire that I ask that every family take a moment over this winter break and help their children to reflect on how they can make their greatest contribution. This is the time of year that some students may start to stagnate; to rest on the laurels of their achievements thus far this year. Lee Iacocca once said that the ability to concentrate and to use your time well is everything if you want to succeed in business—or almost anywhere else for that matter. Student Support was founded on this premise. It is a place that students can go to do just that, concentrate and use their time well. They are able to ask for assistance from our staff or have a quiet place to complete their work. Please encourage your children to take advantage of this valuable program but also to respect the purpose, to work diligently. At this time of the year too, some students may view Student Support as a place to “hang out” until the basketball game. This is not acceptable as it detracts from the students who are actively seeking help or a quiet place to finish their reading. In the event that a student chooses to be disruptive or detract from the educational setting, they will be asked to leave Student Support, report to the office and will not attend the sporting event. If a student continually chooses to be disruptive, they will lose the privilege to attend Student Support in the future.

On behalf of myself as well as the entire staff at Prairie View, have a wonderful winter holiday!

Fondly,
Ms. Roth



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News from Deborah Broadwell, Assistant Principal

It's December – already! December ushers in all of the flurry of activity and high spirits of the holiday season. This is often the time of year when focusing on school can be challenging as students look forward to holiday preparations and the two-week winter break. Please make every effort to help your child stay focused on their assignments and projects during the next few busy weeks.

The holiday season is the perfect time to remember all of the people that add so much to the richness of our daily lives. While I am grateful for my own family and friends, I am also truly appreciative of the Prairie View community. The 682 students make it a pleasure to come to school each day. Their friendly greetings as they enter the building, their smiles during passing periods, and their pride in their numerous accomplishments are gifts which they have shared with me over the past few months. I am grateful to our dedicated staff whose work with the students is characterized by integrity, enthusiasm, and professionalism. The support afforded by you, the parents and guardians of our students, is yet another gift for which to be thankful. Whether you are encouraging your child to engage in learning, driving your child to and from extracurricular activities, and/or working in a volunteer capacity, you can be sure that your contributions really do make a difference.

I wish you a restful, healthy, joyful holiday and winter vacation and a wonderful new year!

Mrs. Deborah Broadwell

NURSE'S CORNER

An **impact to the head** is an injury that may occur during a school activity or an after-school sport. Perhaps as a parent, you have had difficulty deciding when and if to seek a medical evaluation. Let's review some information from the American Academy of Neurology and the CDC regarding concussions.

"There is no such thing as a minor concussion."

American Academy of Neurology.

The AAN **defines concussion** as a trauma-induced alteration in mental status that may or may not involve loss of consciousness. The AAN guidelines break down concussion into three grades:

✦ **Grade 1:**

- Transient confusion;
- NO loss of consciousness;
- Concussion symptoms **clear in less than 15 minutes.**

✦ **Grade 2:**

- Transient confusion;
- NO loss of consciousness;
- Concussion symptoms or mental status abnormalities **last longer than 15 minutes.**

✦ **Grade 3:**

- Any loss of consciousness, either brief (seconds) or prolonged (minutes).

Also recognized as a serious complication is **Second-Impact Syndrome** where an individual sustains a second blow to the head before symptoms from an initial injury have cleared.

Students involved in contact sports are at higher risk for concussion, so always be aware of any injury, take seriously reported symptoms, and see your Doctor for further evaluation.

Mrs. Bihl RN CSN

Purk Team 8-1

Math

By now, all math students have taken the placement tests for Andrew H.S. However, there is still so much more to learn in math this year! Algebra students are completing their work with equations and inequalities in Chapters 3 and 4 during the month of November and then continuing in Chapter 5, Functions. Pre-algebra students will be finishing our chapter on ratios, proportions and percents before learning how to solve equations with rational numbers. Students should be working on math homework 4 nights a week. Remember, extra help is available before and after school. Study sessions are offered before each quiz and test.

Social Studies

Social studies classes have been learning about some major changes affecting the United States at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century. Westward expansion, growing cities, new technologies, and immigration all combined to remake the nation. Women took on important issues and became leaders in pushing for many reforms enacted during the Progressive Era. Meanwhile, the U.S. expanded trade, acquired an overseas empire, and showed an active interest in Latin America. We will soon examine the decisive role Americans played in fighting World War I and building peace afterward.

Reading/Language Arts

As we complete Unit 2 in our Reader's Journey, we end our challenge with the Big Question: Can All Conflict's Be Resolved? It is always a struggle to find a compromise that all involved can live

with, but compromise is the road to resolution. Our students have analyzed through workbook selections and anchor books this question of conflict and have had many discussions.

Our next unit moves to understanding informational text. This will be our first look at how to decipher this type of text. Analyzing facts, stats, and opinions, along with causes and effects, all keep us focused on the Unit 3 Big Question: How Much Information is Enough?

Keep checking your student's assignment book. It is a tool for information linking learning and what daily and weekly tasks are assigned. Every student should routinely be engaged with their Anchor Book at home.

Science

In science, we have begun our second unit, Chemical Interactions. In Chapter 1, we will review the structure of an atom. We will also explore the Periodic Table of the Elements.

When we return to school in January, we will sharpen our laboratory skills before studying the formations of compounds, and the reactions between different types of matter.

Remember that there is science homework daily. If no written homework is assigned, student should be studying their element flashcards, or reviewing their notes and the text.

Nichols Team 8-2

As we move into the month of November, the holiday of Thanksgiving brings many thoughts. Have we taken the time to count our many blessings? Have we taken the time to thank all the people for these blessings? The team would like to thank our veterans for their unselfish service to our country. The sacrifices of these fine men will take on more meaning as we begin to study the period in time when America comes of age.

Social Studies

The First World War will occupy the minds of our students during the month of December. The students will focus on the alliance system and the political entanglements involved. The students will discover how our country emerged as a dominant world power and how this propelled the United States onto the world stage. We hope the students can learn from the mistakes of the past so they will not make them in the future.

Language Arts and Reading

The language arts students on the Nichols team will be studying verbs and writing compare/contrast and expository essays. In reading, the classes will continue to focus on literary elements such as irony, characterization, inferences, foreshadowing and flashback as they finish Unit 2. The students will

also continue practicing their reading strategies as they complete their Anchor novels and participate in literature circle activities.

Math

The pre-algebra students will begin the new year studying 2-step equations. Algebra students will be working with slopes, equations of lines, x & y intercepts, graphing equations, and using graphing calculators. Winter recess is a good time to make sure you have plenty of pencils and a spiral to last through the remainder of the year. Once again, Mrs. Ware is available every morning at 8 A.M. for extra help. Have a great holiday season.

Science

The students have been learning all about the nucleus, DNA, chromosomes, and how cells form new cells. This process is called mitosis. Sponge Bob genetics will take students into the month of December. Students will be learning about dominant and recessive genes. Sponge Bob gets married and students study how traits are passed on to their offspring.



Capadona Team 7-1

As we are in the beginning of second quarter please check that your child has all the necessary supplies needed for all classes. We still have students walking around without paper, pens, and pencils. Perhaps some students would like to get some holiday presents that include highlighters, pens, pencils, rulers, markers, spirals and paper!

The Capadona Reading/Language

The blocked classes have finished presenting their demonstration essays to the classes. Though the presentations themselves were wonderful, some of the written papers were rather lack-luster.

We'll be revisiting basic sentence structure and grammar to assist student with their next essay. The elements of literature were thoroughly reviewed and students did well on their finals.

The Language class has adjusted to the pilot text and is doing very well with both grammar and writing. Their demonstration speeches were creative and well written.

Wasilewski Reading and Language

Hard to believe that first quarter has come to an end, and so has Unit One of our new Reading/Language Arts series, *The Reader's Journey*. Unit Two takes us on a new quest: Does Every Conflict Have a Winner? Students will have their choice between three anchor books through which we will learn and apply reading and language concepts and strategies. Parents, look for your child's new novel sometime within the next couple of weeks!

Math

The students in Course 2 finished up Hands on Equations and are working through chapter 2 in their math textbook. They are gaining experience solving equations and inequalities and showing all of their work. The Pre-Algebra students are finishing up their study of integer operations. They will move onto solving algebraic

equations. The students will use algebra tiles to aid in their understanding of finding the value of the variable.

Social Studies

The students learned how the 13 Colonies came about as we forged from Britain and settled into North America. Students learned about "push" factors—things that make you leave your homeland and "pull" factors---things that pull you to another country. Whether it was for religious freedom, economic opportunities, or for trade, colonists had to learn to survive in their new surroundings. Large 13 colony maps were constructed to see what types of land features there were in America, what type of colony it was, what economic factors were involved, and of course, who founded the colony and in what year. After the move was made to America, a government had to be established---hence the creation of the Declaration of Independence. We have analyzed this document and discussed its importance in history. Aside from all of this, students created their own geography picture dictionaries, helping them to learn about the various land formations. We will be studying the Revolutionary War and our struggle for independence..

Finally Science!

We are wrapping up our Stellar Space Unit with a research assignment on constellations. Where did your little earthing come from? We will start working in Force and Motion upon our return from Winter Break. The kids were absolutely wonderful during our astronomy units and I look forward to working with them on our future fun science units!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

We have before school student support Tuesday – Friday mornings from 7:30-8:30 and after school support Monday – Thursday from 3:15-4:10. ... Is your child making the most of their time?

Merino Team 7-2

The Merino team Course 2 math classes will continue their studies on fraction operations during the month of December. Once we finish fractions, we will move on to the exciting world of geometry where the students will find that geometry is all around in our every day life. Please make sure to replenish any supplies such as pencils, pens, and notebook paper if your child is in need of them.

Pre-algebra classes will continue to explore equations as well as factors, fractions, and exponents. We will spend most of the month studying fractions and how they are used in our everyday surroundings. Please make sure to replenish any supplies such as pencils, pens, and notebook paper if your child is in need of them.

Our reading and language arts classes have begun a new unit in *The Reader's Journey*. This unit challenges students to evaluate whether or not every conflict has a winner. Students were able to choose their anchor books for this unit. Among the choices were Mildred Taylor's *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Gary Paulsen's *Hatchet*, and Mike Lupica's *Heat*. Students will

be meeting in literature circles to discuss their anchor books as well as exploring various topics discussed in *The Reader's Journey*.

Parents and students may access *The Reader's Journey* online by going to <http://phschool.com> and entering in web code euk 1001.

The social studies classes will be learning about the forming of the new nation's government which led to the writing of the United States Constitution. This discussion will lead into our study of the Illinois State Constitution and the Illinois Constitution test.

In science, we will learn how the earth and the moon move in predictable ways as they orbit the sun. As we continue through our study of space, we will learn about the solar system. Students will recognize the four giant planets in the solar system. They will be able to describe what the atmospheres and the rings of the giant planets are like. Students will determine why the moon has phases, what causes eclipses, and why Earth's oceans have tides.

Klozik Team 6-1

Reading and Language

In reading and language our classes will be continuing our studies in Unit 1. Students should still be reading their fiction or non-fiction anchor books, while they are journaling and completing novel packets. Language Writing Skills packets continue to be handed out weekly to develop and enhance the students' skills in vocabulary, writing, grammar, and reflection.

Math

Students have been working hard to master concepts of prime and composite numbers, divisibility patterns, and factors/multiples through the month of November. In December, students will be studying operations of fractions. We will be making connections to the real world and how fractions are everywhere!

Science

In the month of December, the students are studying science applications. We're experimenting with alternative energy sources and other ways to conserve our earth's natural resources. We'll be testing solar energy and reusing and reducing lunch garbage. Families can reinforce these ideas at home by recycling and im-



plementing ways to lower utility bills. Students will be given extra credit for presenting science articles found in the news. Students will need a new composition booklet by November 16.

Social Studies

In November, we traveled back in time to the ancient Egyptians, learning about how Egyptian achievements impact our lives today. Our next stop is India and we might start our unit on China right before Winter Break. As we learn about the different ancient civilizations we continue to make connections to prior civilizations we have studied.

As our team reached the end of the first quarter, the students who completed homework consistently and exhibited school appropriate behavior had the opportunity to participate in an incentive. Students who participated seemed to really enjoy the relays and games. Please continue to check your child's assignment notebook daily for blue marks (missing assignments). It is important that students are continuing to fill out their Reading Calendars. Please work with your child on flashcards for multiplication and division facts to help strengthen those skills.

Kumzi Team 6-2

In science, students are continuing their study of the environment. After discussing methods of solid waste disposal and the importance of recycling, students made recycled paper. Many also helped the environment by bringing in a waste free lunch. Currently students are learning about sustainable practices...ways of living that use natural resources without using them up. Students have many good ideas related to sustainable practices. Now they should pick one of these ideas and practice it so they can help the environment too.

WOW! Can you believe how fast the year is flying by? The students are keeping very busy in class. We just finished the prime time book and all classes are immersed in fraction territory. Thank you to those parents who are continually working with their student on the basic multiplication and division facts. It is really helping your child be successful in class. Please check with your child about supplies. Many need to replenish the pencils and

spirals. Keep up the good work!

We are continuing our journey through ancient civilizations and making a stop at India and China. We plan to examine how these growing civilizations prospered and became influential on the world. Throughout these chapters, will we look back and compare these civilizations to previous examples we have studied. This will take us into the holidays.

In reading, the students will continue reading their self-selected anchor book. Also, they will student the skills of conclusion, plot, reader's theater, and analyzing media messages.

In language arts, the students will continue working on grammar skills such as verbs. Students will take that skill, put it into a writing activity, and share it with the class. The students will be participating in creative writing and active expressions. Please continue to check your child's assignment notebook and sign it at night.

THE PRAIRIE VIEW PLAYERS FALL PLAY, *SPY TV, A SMASH HIT!*

The Prairie View Players showed our audience what really goes on at a typical high school. At Bradbury High School, Principal Orwell, having signed with a cable TV company so that home viewers could get a live, unedited view of school life, ended up regretting his decision. Through our humorous, lively, and thought-provoking production, the “popular kids,” and “the less-than-popular” finally agreed that reality TV isn’t so real after all!

Thank you to all Kirby School District 140 community members for your continued support of the arts in our schools!

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 Noah Marshall
FOLLOW SPOT:	Joe Vogler
SOUND/VIDEO OPERATION:	CJ Marshall Mike Bialka Joe Skvarla
BACKSTAGE:	Paige Smith Chris Volk Kevin Gallagher
MAKEUP/ COSTUMES:	Claire Cavaretta
VIDEO PRODUCTION:	Lauren Uhlean Erica Sanchez

News from the Media Center

Winter season is upon us and winter break is a great time to curl up with a good book. Stop by the Media Center and check out one of our new titles or a Rebecca Caudill book.

Remember to voice your choice and vote in the Rebecca Caudill state contest.

Voting will take place in February for those students who have read at least 3 of this year’s Rebecca Caudill nominees. The last day to take an AR test will be February 14th to qualify for voting and to receive any Rebecca Caudill incentives.

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night took place on Thursday November 17th. Books were raffled off by grade level to those students who turned off their televisions and computers and read. Congratulations to our winners!

Attention 6th Graders

It is your last year to participate in the Six Flags Read to Succeed Program. Look for details after winter break.

Don’t forget to use our great online resources located on our Prairie View Resource Page_ <http://destiny.ksd140.org> Login Information

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



DISTRICT 140 BAND NEWS

The Symphonic, Concert, Cadet, and Jazz Bands are hard at work in preparation for their Winter Concerts. The Concert and Symphonic Bands will perform at **Prairie View Middle School** at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The Cadet and Jazz Bands will perform at Grissom Middle School at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Refreshments will be served at Grissom after the concert. The Band Parents will provide coffee and lemonade. We ask that each family donate a treat to be served. Group band portraits will also be taken at each concert date. The photos will be available for purchase after the concerts. Cash or check will be accepted for payment that night. Please invite your friends and family for an enjoyable evening of festive music to begin your holiday season.

The Dist. 140 Band Parents will be selling car window decals for \$5.00 each. The black, red, and white decals will be sold at the winter concerts. This is a great way for everyone to show their support of the District 140 Band Program!

The Holiday Ensemble performance at the Tinley Park Holiday Market will take place on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 4:00 PM. Please come out and support our children as they bring holiday cheer to our community.

All Concert Band and Symphonic Band students will need to have their uniforms hemmed and ready for their winter concerts. If you have any questions regarding the uniforms, please contact Chairperson Debbie Puckett at 403-4832.

We would like to extend our thanks to all of the families who participated in the Band Parents' successful Fall Fund-raiser. Without your continued support the band program would not be as successful as it is. Again, we sincerely appreciate your efforts!

Solo and Ensemble Contest information will be available to all Cadet, Concert, and Symphonic band students soon. The contest date will be Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Grissom Middle School.

Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

December 4, 2011– Jazz Band performance at the Holiday Market in Tinley Park at 4:00.

December 7, 2011 – Concert and Symphonic Bands Winter Concert at **Prairie View Middle School** at 7:30 PM.

December 14, 2011 – Cadet and Jazz Bands Winter Concert – Grissom Middle School at 7:30 PM. Don't forget to bring your baked treats!

January 9, 2012– District 140 Band Parent Meeting – Grissom Middle School at 7:00 PM in the band room. All parents are invited to attend. We will be discussing the upcoming contest season, including the solo and ensemble contest. We hope to see you there!

January 18, 2012 - Beginning Band Demonstration at Prairie View Middle School at 7:30 PM.

February 11, 2012 – Solo and Ensemble Contest at Grissom Middle School.

The District 140 Band Parents Association and the Directors would like to wish all of our band families a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Dist. 140 Band Parents

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

STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS

Winter Dance

Friday, December 9, 2011 6:00-8:00pm

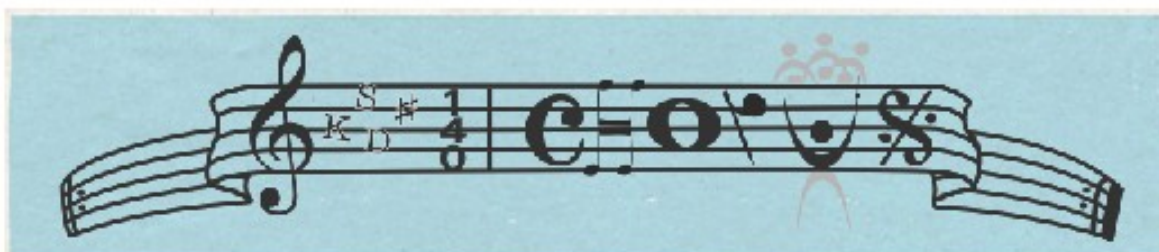
Spirit Days

Thursday, January 26: Black & Gold Day

Tuesday, February 14: Red Day

Tuesday, February 28: Black & Gold Day

Monday, March 19: PV Spirit Day
Tuesday, March 20: Living in the 80's
Wednesday, March 21: College Day
Thursday, March 22: Dress Up Day
Friday, March 23: Fashion Disaster Day



KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT #140 CHORAL DEPARTMENT NOTES

DECEMBER EDITION

KSD #140 Choral Students: Music-Makers Together

When the announcement was made that the Prairie View and Grissom choral programs would be combined into one District Choral Program, many students, parents, and community members seemed wary. Though our new format is not without its challenges, it seems that the students who have stuck it out through the changes have risen to the occasion of singing great music with their neighbors across town and between schools. This exemplifies some of the 21st century dispositions our students need to succeed: cooperation, collaboration, responsibility, and flexibility, which most of our singers have demonstrated in abundance. I appreciate the opportunity to work with them, and I am pleased with the progress and growth they have shown, and I look forward to marvelous things in the future!

~Miss Elizabeth Tuazon, Director



THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK PROJECT was one in which students were able to learn historical songs by Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, and Rodgers & Hammerstein. We performed selections at our fall concert on October 12th, and we have been working to produce a CD of the students singing these songs.

But we need your help! We need a few more sales before we can realistically produce a CD. If you are interested in hearing our young singers on tunes such as "Anything You Can Do" & "Do Re Mi," as well as the pros such as Frank Sinatra & Rosemary Clooney, please support our Choral Program and buy a \$15 CD, order form in the Virtual Backpack! All proceeds support our choral activities.



The 2011 WINTER CHORAL CONCERT will be held in the Prairie View Middle School Gym at 7:30pm, before or after which parents can pick up their Greens Fundraiser Orders by checking out in the Commons. The spring musical will be announced at the conclusion of the concert - don't miss it!



PROJECT SNOWMAN is well underway! This group of creative students meets once weekly to work on a project whose purpose it is to perform for elementary-school-age students in our community. Stay tuned for our tour date(s)!



SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST, to be held at Grissom on Saturday, February 11th, is the next project we will be preparing for after our winter performances. This activity is not required, but students who are interested in preparing a solo or a small group number for a judge will want to get started picking their music before winter break!

[Click Here to go to the Choral Order Form](#)

Prairie View PTO News

December 2011

If it's not too late.....

FAMILY NIGHT OUT FOR DINNER



We Lay It On Thick!

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

9515 W. 191st St
Mokena, IL 60448
708-479-7600

www.beggarspizza.com

HOT LUNCH TALLY DAY... COMING UP

Our Tally Day for next semesters lunches will be in January. We will need parents to help us tally up the orders for Hot Dog, Pizza and Hot Lunch. The date is January 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. We meet in the Media Center. If you would like to help us out, please call Jan Lynch @ 460-3331 to volunteer. Thank you so much!

SPIRIT WEAR

The **last** Spirit Wear order for this year was 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 is enjoying their Holiday Season.

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

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 School earned \$589.10.



Target credit & debit cards



Are you having a hard time finding the perfect gift for this upcoming holiday season? Did you know that magazines and Restaurant.com gift cards make the perfect gift for all ages? You would also be promoting the gift of reading. Shop now and have the item in time for the holidays. The website is also open year- round. Our group will make 40% off of your purchase. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our annual magazine drive!

Go to www.qsp.com and click on SHOP NOW.

Enter account number 1176453.

Many thanks,

Prairie View Middle School PTO



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.

Box tops



Collect Box Tops and drop them in the box located next to the office in an envelope with your name and team. The top three students with the most box tops sent in, will win! The contest will end on March 1st. Good Luck!

School Supplies 2012

**Starting with the 2012-2013 school year
Prairie View PTO will be having GRADE SPECIFIC
school supply kits.
More information in the coming months.**

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

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

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

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.

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. **Or just click here to be linked to the Virtual Backpack.** 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!



This month the date for Market Day has changed. The cutoff date for ordering is Friday, December 2nd and pick-up is Tuesday December 6th from 5-6p.m. Thank you to those families who helped support the Pie fundraiser. With each purchase you contributed to Prairie View and helped us to achieve our objectives!

Every purchase from Market Day is helping to support our organization. Product descriptions and photos are also available on marketday.com.

Remember you can order on-line at your convenience and your order will be ready on the sale date for pick-up!

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 want to continue 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!!

