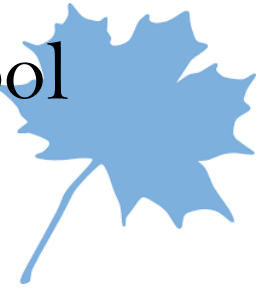




Prairie Elementary School Newsletter



Hello Prairie Families!!!



We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas holiday and that everyone is staying safe. We have a couple of reminders for you. All students need to come to school in a clean mask each day. It's important to make sure masks get washed each night so that any germs have been cleaned off. If your child forgets their mask, we will get them one at school. Also, please make sure that your child's water bottle is washed and returned to school daily. Along with the winter season, winter clothing is a must for all of our students. Students go outside for all recesses with weather permitting.

Winter parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for January 20-21st. Your child's teacher either has been or will be setting up times via google meet or phone call for you to discuss your child's progress that week. We ask that you are available during the scheduled conference times they set up with you. A reminder note will be sent home the week before. Please be sure to be available to hear the great progress your child is making. If your phone number has changed since our last conferences and you have not updated it with the school, please email your updated phone number to phayes@adrian.k12.mi.us or call (517)265-5082.

Congratulations to our Citizen of the Month Sergio Martinez

Sergio Martinez a third grader with Mrs. Yatzek is Prairies Citizen of the Month showing integrity... Mrs. Ogren shared that Sergio is always honest and shows integrity not only in the classroom but outside of the classroom as well.

As a Kindergarten student Mrs. Holtz shared.. I think that Sergio Martinez is an excellent choice, he is an all around outstanding citizen at Prairie! He has always been a model of integrity from the very beginning, when he started kindergarten here at Prairie. Sergio is a very honest student that does the right thing throughout the school day. Sergio demonstrates integrity by completing his work without reminders. He is very hard working in every subject area. Sergio is a great friend to his classmates. He not only shows integrity, but encourages others to do the right thing as well.

Mr. VanEtten was Sergio's first grade teacher and he shared...Sergio is a good choice. Sergio is often waiting long after the other students have left for his ride home. He is always calm and understanding of the situation. Thinking back to his first grade days, I remember him being an excellent role model as he would follow the routine with next to no reminders. There were times he would tell his peers to stay on task and recap the importance of school work. He is a neat kid. BV

Sergio's current teacher is 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Yatzek and she shared.. he continues to work hard in school, after starting out as virtual. He often will pick up on things no one else does and continues to surprise me! He always has a positive attitude in all he does and consistently does the right thing.

What's Happening in January

January 11th

NWEA Testing Starts
K-3rd Reading Only

January 18th

No School

January 20-21st

Parent /Teacher Conferences

January 22nd

Half Day Dismissal @ 12:10 p.m.

Weather Update Information

A majority of the bad weather still lies ahead. If you are wondering about whether or not we will be having school you can turn on the T.V. to channels 11 or 13, as well as listen to 103.9 WLEN or 1490 AM, WABJ. Also, a message from Adrian Public Schools will be sent to you as well and be posted on: <https://www.adrianmaples.org/>. We will also post on our Prairie Facebook page. Make sure that your contact numbers are up to date for weather alert phone calls from Adrian Public Schools.



Thank You Headband Ladies

We here at Prairie want to put a big shout out to the Headband Ladies for their generous donation of winter headbands for our students! Everyone of our students received a headband!



**THANK
YOU
HEADBAND
LADIES**



**WE ARE SO
GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching our 100th day of school! It is at this time that we want to remind everyone of the importance of excellent attendance. Attending school on a regular basis is important for children's social, emotional, and educational development. Children with chronic absences suffer in the long term from significant gaps in their learning. We need your support to ensure that your student's education is not affected. It's very critical to send your children to school every day, all day to get the most out of their education. Did you know that:

- Attendance matters for doing well in school and life starting in Kindergarten.
- Foundational reading skills are taught at the Kindergarten level. Missing out on these early reading lessons due to absences can create gaps in their learning that are harder to fix later.
- Early childhood is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance.
- Absences can add up before you know it. Just missing 10% of the time can equate to **18 or more days of lost instruction**. *That's just two days each month!*
- Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom, creating disruptions and slowing down instruction.

Because attendance is so important to the well being of our students, we have decided to do a drawing for a **\$10 gift card** to reward families for good attendance. In order to be in the drawing your student must have only 1 attendance occurrence for the month of January. Attendance occurrences include tardies, unexcused absences, sign out early, and late arrival absences. If you have any questions concerning attendance, please feel free to contact me!

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NWEA Is Coming For K-3rd Grade

(Reading Only)

Parents You Can Help Your Child Succeed

NWEA Tips for Parents

Parents can make an invaluable contribution to improve NWEA scores by helping your child/children come to school on NWEA days prepared for success.

- Make sure your child is well rested.
- Make sure your child is not hungry. High protein meals are recommended.
- Students should prepare by reviewing learning in the academic areas to be tested.
- Students should come to the NWEA tests relaxed, but also understanding the importance of staying on task and doing their best.
- Avoid scheduling medical, dental, or other appointments on NWEA days. Research shows students do better when tested with their class than in a make-up session.

Students

The night before... get plenty of rest.



**The morning of the test ...
eat a healthy breakfast.**



Arrive to school on time.



Permission Slips for Chromebooks

Thank you to everyone who signed and returned your Chromebook permission slips. This document is a permission form to allow your child to have a Chromebook assigned to them for home use should a time occur when their classroom is shut down. Having permission prior to any potential shutdown will create a better process if such disruption were to occur. If you haven't returned it yet, please do so. And let us know if you need another form. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lewandowski at (517) 265-5082 ext. 3401.