



# Prairie Elementary School Newsletter



## Hello Prairie Families!!!

We have a couple of reminders for you. All students need to come to school in a clean mask each day. It's essential 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.

This year we are doing something special to help the students at our school celebrate Valentine's Day! On February 12th, we will be sending the Valentine candy grams to the classrooms. Each candy gram will include a treat, a balloon, and a special note. Parents and family members can purchase candy grams for their children, or students can send one to their teachers or other staff members. Each candy gram is \$5.00, and you may purchase as many as you'd like. Order forms/candy grams have been sent home with our students. If you need more candy grams, please contact your classroom teacher. Please return all candy grams, along with the money, BEFORE February 5th (late orders will not be accepted).



Many people think that missing the occasional day at school here and there can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time off can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work and not be able to catch up. If there are gaps in their knowledge, they will suffer when school assessment time comes around. Children who miss school are missing out on social aspects, which impacts their ability to make and keep friends, and it can reduce their confidence in attempting new work and working alongside their peers.

If your student needs to miss school, there are things that they can do at home. Each student had access to their google classroom, where all assignments are listed. If they are well enough, have them log in and complete some work, so they do not fall behind. If your student will be out for an extended time and you do not have access to technology, please contact the school and request a chrome book and a hotspot if needed.

Small changes can make a big difference! Why not pack your child's bag or lunchbox the night before? Set the alarm clock ten minutes earlier? These small changes can help everyone be ready to leave home at a good time, arrive at school punctually, and prepare for the day ahead. Thank you for your support in helping to raise our school attendance.

## What's Happening in February?

### February 10<sup>th</sup>

Count Day

### February 11<sup>th</sup>

Surviving Virtual School for Parents  
Class @ 7:00-8:00pm

### February 12<sup>th</sup>

Half Day Dismissal @ 12:10 p.m.

## VALENTINE EXPLOSION

It's that time of the year to show our teachers how much they are appreciated by filling their posters with heart stickers.

Stickers are .25 cents each! Starting February 1, bring in .25 cents for a sticker and place your sticker on any teacher's poster, which will be hanging on their door (it does not have to be your current classroom teacher). The teacher that collects the most stickers by Friday, February 12, will receive a box of chocolates.



### GG's

We are learning to play.  
We are playing to learn.

The Girl's Group is set up to teach students to get along with one another. It also allows students to interact during this time of COVID. We meet twice a week as a small group class. Last year the girls named themselves the GG's.

We are playing, learning, talking, and planning on what we want to be when we grow up. We talk about what we need to do to reach these goals.

As you can see by the girl's faces that we are having fun learning to play.

Dear Families,

During this challenging time, our teachers and students need more help than ever. No matter what school looks like, Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to help out from home.



The Box Tops program has been around for over 20 years, and it really works. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost a billion dollars to schools since 1996. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital so that you can earn for your school with just the touch of a button.

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Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. Little by little, we can help make a big difference.

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**Wednesday, February 10th is Count Day:**  
**Let's Make Sure We're Here!**

**February 10th is one of the two big days of the year for Michigan school districts, since the enrollment counts determine how much state aid our school will get.**

**Attendance counts each and everyday, but on Wednesday, February 10th attendance counts for 90 percent of state funding for schools.**