

**We are safe,
respectful,
and
responsible.**

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Prairie View News

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PBIS Update

What is PBIS?

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is a process for creating school environments that are more predictable and effective for achieving academic and social goals.

A key strategy of the PBIS process is prevention. All students are specifically taught our three PVE behavior expectations of Being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible in every environment of the school. This year, our universal lessons looked a little bit different and were shared by video. K-2 Phased Restart students learned about our new safety expectations at school and all students learned about digital citizenship, how to be productive during virtual learning, and how to participate in a Google Meet. Through instruction, comprehension and regular practice, all teachers and staff members will use these consistent behavioral expectations. When some students do not respond to teaching of the behavioral rules, we will view it as an opportunity for re-teaching, not just negative consequences.



This Year's Theme!

This year's theme is "Everyone Has a Spot". It is important to us that all students know they have a spot at PVE, even if they are not here with us physically. We have a bulletin board at school with all our PVE friends' names on it. This is a colorful reminder that everyone is an important member of our PVE family, near and far!

New This Year

Each month, the elementary school counselors plan a lesson around "A Little Spot" books. These books tell the story about a character named SPOT who teaches and reminds children how to demonstrate various traits such as kindness, empathy, and responsibility. This month, students will listen to *A Little Spot of Responsibility* and complete a lesson with their teacher.



Looking Ahead — Important Dates

No School: Professional Dev.	Oct. 29
No School	Oct. 30
PTO Meeting	Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.
Supply Pick-Up (3rd, 4th, Online)	Nov. 11
PTO Fundraiser Distribution	Nov. 11
PVE Fall Conferences	Nov. 17, 19
No School: Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 25, 26, 27
No School: Winter Break	Dec. 23-Jan. 1
Classes Resume	Jan. 4
End of First Semester	Jan 15
No School: Professional Dev.	Jan. 18
No School: Professional Dev.	Feb. 15

Attendance Line — 835.4200, Option 1

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is imperative that you call the attendance line (835.4200, Option 1) **BEFORE 8:00 a.m.** for morning in-person students or **12:00 p.m.** for afternoon in-person students.

Please leave a clearly spoken message with your name, your child's name, and the reason for the absence. Last minute calls should come directly to the office (835.4200, Option 0) and should not be left on the attendance line. Please do not phone or email office or teaching staff directly. Those messages are not always accessible by the person verifying attendance. An email to the student's teacher is considered a courtesy and doesn't replace the guardian reporting the absence on the attendance line.

Fourth Grade Assignment Notebooks

Reminder for fourth grade families: If you have not done so already, please pay for your assignment notebook online in the Infinite Campus portal. The cost is \$4.00. If this poses a hardship for your family, please contact the office and we will waive the fee.

Library News

From Mrs. Brauns & Mrs. Walowit

We wanted to reach out with some information about the Prairie View Library.

- You can request library books by using the **Book Request Form** or the **Book Request Form in Spanish** which are also linked on the **PVE Destiny Discover** library page.
- Library curbside pickup/returns for Oregon Online K-4 and Phased Restart 3-4 students are the first and third Wednesdays of the month through December (12-6:00 pm). Please have requests in by the Thursday before each pickup day.
- Library classroom deliveries/returns for Phased Restart K-2 students are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month through December during the am/pm sessions. Please have requests in by the Thursday before each delivery day.
- Tutorials on how to place holds on library books and how to use the request system, as well as links to our weekly Storytimes, can be found on our **PVE Library Tutorials & Read Alouds** page. This is also linked on our **PVE Destiny Discover** library page.

Happy reading!

Important Safety Message — Drop Off Area

The yellow-striped fire lane is for drop off only in front of the school and is not for parking. Please be aware that students should only be exiting vehicles on the curb side and drivers should **not** be getting out of vehicles while in this yellow-striped, drop off only lane. There is no parking allowed here at any time of the day due to this being a fire lane. Please park your vehicle in the lot if you need to get out, unload on the driver side, or escort your child to the building.

PVE Fall Conferences

Fall Conferences will take place virtually on November 17 and 19 between 3:45 and 7:45 p.m. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a time to meet.



Operation Joy

Due to COVID, the Winter Clothing Drive that is sponsored by the Oregon PTO (Operation Joy), will look a little different this year. The PTO would still like to offer winter gear to kids who need it, so here is the plan:

- If you would like to donate to Operation Joy this year, please use this **link to make a tax-deductible donation on the Oregon PTO website**. You can make a note that you would like your donation to be used specifically for Operation Joy.
- This year, Operation Joy will only be able to provide winter gear and clothing for children under the age of 18 in need of items. Jackets and boots will be given first priority. Since we are working with a new system this year, the PTO will do their best to cover as many needs as possible with new/gently used gear and clothing, free of cost to families in need at NKE and PVE. If you are interested in receiving winter gear and clothing through Operation Joy this year, please **fill out this form for Mrs. Canfield by next Monday, November 2**, so that we can begin collecting and purchasing items.
- Your name and information will NOT be shared with anyone. Our goal is to have the

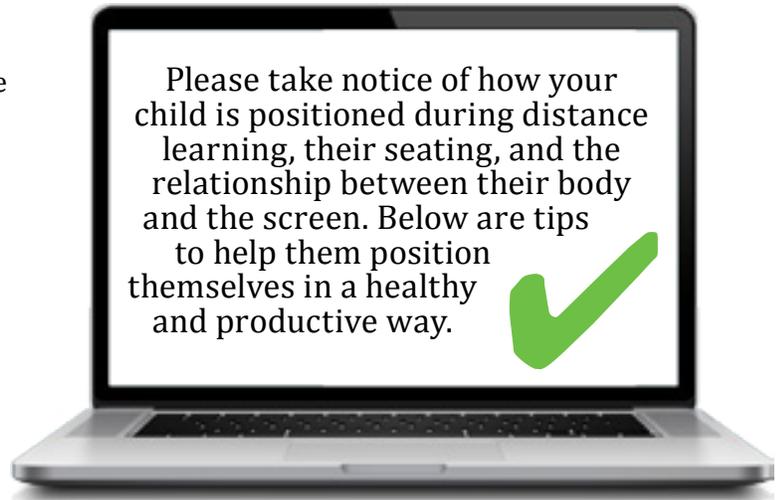
items ready to be picked up and/or delivered to families by Thanksgiving Break, Tuesday, November 24.

We hope that this format of Operation Joy is beneficial for you and your family this winter!

Mrs. Canfield
School Counselor



Seating Tips for Distance Learning



- Observe your child engaging in a virtual lesson. If the computer screen is not at eye level, their neck will be flexed the entire time. If needed, elevate or reposition the computer on books or boxes for the ideal height so their neck is in a neutral position.
- Is their seating appropriate to their size? If the chair is oversized, with them receiving no back support or their feet are not touching the ground, provide additional support with pillows behind them and a foot rest below.
- Consider alternatives to traditional seating.
 - ▶ Prone position with the child lying on their stomach with the device in front of them at eye level.
 - ▶ Seated on a yoga ball or pillow at a coffee table or other low surface. This allows for movement while still attending to the lesson.
 - ▶ Kneeling on a pillow or soft surface with the device placed on a coffee table or other low surface. This is great for core strengthening!

Please take some time to find a comfortable work space without distractions. Make sure your child is positioned so their whole face is visible on the camera. It is very important that they are in one spot for the entire time they are in a Google Meet. Other students are easily distracted when their friends are moving around their room or home.



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PVE mission is to "nurture learning in a safe and positive environment where all can achieve their best and become responsible and respectful citizens..."

