

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

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Prairie View News

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PBIS Update

Our PVE PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Team would like to welcome everyone back for another PAWSOME school year!

As a PBIS School, we have three rules, or behavior expectations, that are used throughout the entire school. Our PVE school rules are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and our students practice following these rules in all areas of the school. All students have also been learning about the Zones of Regulation and have an opportunity to express their feelings and zones throughout the academic day.

This year's theme is : **We are Pawsome Panthers!**

On Friday, September 8th, PVE had an all-school assembly to introduce this year's theme.

Our mascot, Pete the Panther, made a guest appearance to welcome all of our students back! At the assembly, students learned that each month, we will be focusing on a new letter in the word "PANTHERS" that will represent our monthly theme. This month's theme is "PRACTICE." The beginning of the school year, indeed, requires a lot of practice! Students have been doing a fabulous job practicing new routines and following our PVE expectations. At the assembly, students also



learned that they will, once again, be able to earn Pawsome tickets for their "pawsitive" behaviors. We are keeping track of all the pawsome tickets being earned school-wide. Once students reach 1,000 tickets, each classroom will earn an extra recess! Stay tuned for more news of monthly "pawsome" rewards and assembly activities!



Looking Ahead — Important Dates	
Homecoming Parade	October 13, 1:30 p.m.
Empire Photo Retake Day	October 17, morning
No School: Professional Dev.	October 26, 27
No School: Thanksgiving	November 22, 23, 24
No School: Winter Break	December 25-Jan. 1
School Resumes	January 2



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.

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). Please do not phone or email office or teaching staff directly as those messages may not be received by the person verifying attendance.

Important Reminders

- If you need to pick up your child during the school day for an appointment, please call the attendance line and send a note in the morning to the homeroom teacher, as well.
- Please make all after school plans with your children **prior** to the beginning of the school day. **Please don't ask us to relay messages to students for a change in plans or to deliver dropped off items, unless there is an emergency, as it can cause confusion and it is a disruption to the classroom and learning environment. If you have a change from the regular routine, please send a note in the morning for the teacher and inform bus drivers and childcare providers, too.**
- **Children should arrive at school no earlier than 7:35 a.m.** Student supervision is not available before then. The school day runs from 7:50 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. Children should arrive in time to be ready for class to begin at 7:50. **Students leaving before 2:50, will have their attendance marked accordingly.**
- **The school day ends at 2:50.** Children not riding the bus or walking/biking home, **must** be picked up at that time.
- We ask that pets not be brought on school grounds.

Dismissal and Pick-Up/Vehicle Cards

Blue cards were sent home with students to help with pick-up at dismissal time. Please place the card in the passenger window or on the dash in a way that it is visible from the front window. We are finding this really makes the process more efficient. If you need more cards, please let us know or clearly write your child's name and grade information on a plain sheet of paper and it will serve the same purpose. Thank you for your help!

Empire Photo Retake Day and Photo Links

Photo Retake Day is scheduled for October 17. If your child missed having a photo taken or you would like another taken, they may be photographed that morning. Please let your child's teacher know if you are requesting a retake.

Links to order were sent to all of the families that participated. If you did not receive a link to order or if you have any questions, please email Empire at customerservice@empirephotos.com or call at 608-257-2941, 8:30-5:00, Monday through Friday.

Homecoming Parade All-School Field Trip



Oregon School District is celebrating Homecoming October 9-13. PVE is participating in three Spirit Days and attending the community parade.

Homecoming Spirit Days at PVE:

- Wednesday, Oct. 11--Favorite Color Day
- Thursday, Oct. 12--Pajamas Day
- Friday, Oct. 13--Orange and Black Day

Your child will have the opportunity to attend the Oregon High School Homecoming Parade with their class at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13th. The annual Homecoming Parade is considered a field trip for our students. Note that students are not allowed to leave or be checked out directly from a field trip. Students will walk to the Homecoming Parade with their teachers and remain with them during the parade.

If you wish to take your child with you to the parade or pick them up early to participate in the parade, please fill out this [Google form](#) by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10th. Complete one form for each child. Please ask for the confirmation email when submitting the form.

Everyone should dress appropriately for the weather on the day of the parade as we will be walking a couple of blocks and be outdoors for about 90 minutes.



Topics in OSD K-6 Handbook (*handbook here*)

Appropriate Dress

Students should dress appropriately for their wellness, comfort and activity level during the day, whether they are in-person or online.

It is the student's and family's responsibility to make choices that ensure physical safety and wellbeing while outside. Therefore, please help your student make good choices based on daily weather conditions. We recommend hats, mittens, and coats throughout the winter months.

Allowable Dress and Grooming

- Clothing must cover undergarments.
- Fabric covering all undergarments must not be see through (opaque).
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
- Headwear must allow the face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff.

Bringing Items To School

Phones and Other Electronics: To provide the best learning environment, all cellular phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices must be turned off or silenced during the school day. They should be secured in backpacks or lockers.

To protect student confidentiality, there shall be no recording by students, families or other members of the public while at school except for events open to the public.

If a student needs to contact a parent/guardian while at school, the student should talk with a staff member for assistance.

Toys/Athletic Equipment: All items such as Pokemon cards, baseball cards, fidget toys, stuffed animals, electronic devices, matchbox cars, rainbow looms, legos, action figures and personal athletic equipment may not be used during the school day. These items must be secured in the student's backpack upon arriving at school.

OSD will supply all playground equipment that students may use.

OSD will not be responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen items if a student chooses to bring an item to school.

Oregon PTO October Updates

The 2023-24 Oregon PTO Board is so excited to be working with you and your schools this year to support students and families, and teachers and staff!

October kicks off with our biggest fundraiser of the year through **Club's Choice**! Look for catalogs and order forms to come home with your children soon!

Wednesday, October 11 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. is our Dine Out at Panera Bread in Fitchburg. Diners must have the flyer advertising the event or can use code FUND4U for online ordering. We will receive 20% of sales. Flyer can be found **here**.

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Oregon Panther Spirit Wear Fundraiser! We exceeded our fundraising goal and are excited to see everyone in their Spirit Wear at Homecoming! If you purchased Spirit Wear during our sale, you will be contacted separately with instructions about pickup.

We are looking forward to sharing many fun events and opportunities with you for the 2023-24 school year! We hope to see you all at our upcoming meeting on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the NKE library. If you are unable to join in person, you may also join via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/uzd-pxno-ioy>.

With sincere appreciation,

Julie, Denise, Laura, and Mickie

Reminder About Visiting Schools

If you are visiting our school, please remember that you must check in at the main office. On your first visit, you'll be required to present a valid photo ID and have your photo taken on our check-in kiosk. After that you'll simply check in at the kiosk when you arrive. Our front office staff will be here to assist you!

Affordable Home Internet Service

The newly released **Internet Discount Finder** helps eligible Wisconsin residents quickly find low-cost home internet service and discount programs. When you enter an address and choose eligibility criteria the tool will display available plans and describe next steps for enrollment in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). At most addresses, the Discount Finder will find plans for \$30/month or less, even before the ACP discount is applied.



From the Reading Corner

September is a magical month filled with changing weather and seasons and the fun of getting back into the school routines!



One of our favorite activities, of course, is reading, and we have enjoyed seeing our learners with good books in their hands, enjoying time to read by themselves or with a friend.

We know that when children spend more time with books, their reading skills continue to grow and strengthen. Reading together is a wonderful way to bond as a family. While it can feel cumbersome to add in one more activity into already busy afternoons and evenings, please consider ways to enjoy good books together as a family. Whether it's snuggling and enjoying adventures before bedtime, reading outside in the beautiful weather or listening to an audio book while riding in the car, there are so many possibilities! For more ideas about building reading habits at home, check out the [National PTA website](#).

Happy reading!

COVID-19

Oregon School District continues to follow the advice of public health agencies in regards to COVID-19. For more information or other questions, click here: [COVID-19 Resources/Health & Safety](#) or contact your school nurse.

School Picture Voucher

Picture day was September 12th. There are school picture vouchers available for those who could use financial assistance. Photo vouchers can be used for \$16 off any order. If you would like to receive one, please contact the school social worker, Daniela Arevalo at dcarevalo@oregonsd.net or 608-835-1361.

Winter Gear

Although the school year is just beginning, we are planning ahead for the winter season. If you are in need of winter coats, snow pants, boots, and or gloves for your student(s) please contact the school social worker Daniela Arevalo at dcarevalo@oregonsd.net or 608-835-1361.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that after a year of piloting new English Language Arts (ELA) materials for K-5, we have selected EL Education as our new ELA curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year. Our staff has worked tirelessly to review and assess several different curricula to ensure that we chose the program that best aligns with our district's educational goals and our students' needs.

EL Education is a research-based curriculum that emphasizes real-world, hands-on learning experiences that promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. We believe that this curriculum will not only enhance our students' language and literacy skills but also foster a love of learning and a desire to explore and understand the world around them.

We are excited to begin implementing EL Education in our classrooms this year and are confident that it will provide our students with a challenging and engaging learning experience. We are planning to have an opportunity for you to look through the curriculum during Ready, Set, Go conferences this fall. We thank you for your continued support of our school and our commitment to providing the best possible education for our students. For more information, visit [Eleducation.org](https://www.eleducation.org).

Sincerely,

Kim White (K-8 Literacy Coordinator)

Darci Jarstad Krueger (Assistant Director of Learning and Student Achievement)



Healthy Active Kids Are Better Learners

Update Regarding K- 6 Snacks and Celebrations for 2023-2024

Dear Kindergarten-Grade 6 Families,

We are excited to welcome you and your child(ren) back into our schools! As we begin the school year, we want to share important information about celebrations and snacks. The guidelines below are designed for the health and safety of all learners in our classrooms.

We ask that any food sent to school is healthy and for YOUR STUDENT ONLY.

- **Please send healthy snacks** for your students so they have the nutrition they need to optimize their learning!
- Any food sent to school must be for your student only, unless pre-approved by the classroom teacher. Your teacher will let you know of any class allergies (e.g., nut free classrooms).

Ideas for Birthdays and/or Classroom Celebrations

We are requesting that birthday or other celebrations be observed with **non-food options only**. Here are some ideas:

- Students may request to be the **teacher helper for the day, choose an active classroom break, choose a game for the class to play, choose to learn outside or extra recess for the class.**
- **Donate a book** to the class library in your child's name.
- **Donate to an organization** of the child's choice in the classroom's name.
- **Donate plants, seeds or bulbs for the school garden.** Pick your child's favorite vegetable to plant!
- **Decorate a birthday box** and send it into the classroom. Include index cards or small pieces of paper. Have the teacher ask each child to write something positive about the birthday child and put it into the box (or you could use an autograph book). The box will go home with your child.
- **Volunteer at recess or in your child's classroom.**

We appreciate your support as we all work together to model healthy choices and regular physical activity with a goal of lifelong wellness for all of our students.

Healthy Active Children Make Better Learners!

Sincerely,

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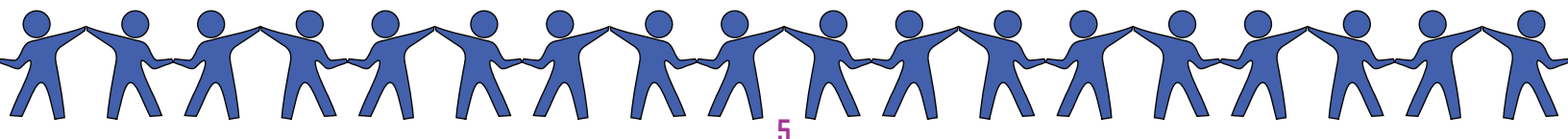
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Important Attendance Information

Hello Families of PVE Students!

Regular school attendance allows students the ability to take full advantage of every learning opportunity, and ultimately, reach their highest potential in school and beyond. For this reason, we are eager to partner with you on your child's attendance.

In the State of Wisconsin, schools legally have to notify families once 10 days of absences have occurred. The notification is by mailed letter. In Oregon, we call families if five days have been reached prior to the end of first semester. This is an opportunity for us to partner together and/or problem solve if necessary to help get your child to school.

The primary attendance contact at PVE is Dan Hillgartner. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns about your child's attendance at any time. We look forward to partnering with you on your child's attendance this year.

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ORCHARDS Study

If your student is experiencing respiratory symptoms, your family may be eligible to participate in the UW Oregon **Child Absenteeism due to Respiratory Disease Study (ORCHARDS)**. This study looks at household transmission of COVID-19, Influenza and other respiratory viruses. If eligible, research staff will drop off study materials outside of your home for completing three nasal swab collections over a two week period. Since this is a research study, COVID-19 results may not be received as quickly as they would be at general testing sites. Your family will receive a \$50 gift card for participating in this study. Call 608-265-3164 for more details.

Our Children's Safety is EVERYONE's Responsibility!

As we begin the school year, we urge drivers to be vigilant and watch for students while driving. Please review this **Bike Safety PSA** for more info! Thank you to OCA Media for creating this video with reminders on ways to keep our kids safe!



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