

## **Prairie View News**

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### **PBIS** Update

For the month of November, Prairie View Pawesome Panthers have been focusing on being "nice". This includes treating others the way we would like to be treated, greeting adults and students we see throughout the day, and helping others. It is inspiring seeing the kindness that is spreading throughout our classrooms and hallways.

Our assembly that kicked off the month featured fourth grade Student Leadership Members. Members who wanted to participate practiced a skit that showed a "nice" action. They did an amazing job! After the Assembly, we had our second P.O.P. meeting of the year. P.O.P. groups discussed ideas they could use to practice our "nice" theme. Then they enjoyed playing a bingo game that reinforced all of the nice actions brainstormed.

This month our goal was to earn enough Panther Tickets for a rotations combo day! Students participated with their whole grade in the gym which was filled with activities they could choose. Thanks to our rotations team for putting this fun reward together!







Looking Ahead — Important Dates	
No School: Winter Break	December 25-Jan. 1
School Resumes	January 2
No School: Professional Dev.	January 15
No School	February 16
No School: Professional Dev.	February 19
No School: Spring Break	March 25-29





### 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.

### Do You Know Who's Marketing to Your Child?

Marketers want your child's attention and they know how to get it. You already know about the ads they see in kid-friendly TV shows, but have you looked over their shoulder when they're on YouTube or playing an online game? Have you noticed how products are shown within shows? Ads and product placements aren't always aimed at adults. Some parents use them as an opportunity to talk about how an ad might be targeting young people or what the downside is to using a product that the ad doesn't show. Want to learn more? Visit CommonSenseMedia.org for reviews, ratings and more.

Want to learn more about parenting? Visit **OregonAreaCares.org/resources**.



### Oregon PTO December Updates

Thank you to everyone that ordered from our Club's Choice Fundraiser in October! If you purchased items, pick up will be Wednesday, December 6 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at RCI. Also, if anyone placed an order supporting your student, you will need to pick up the items and deliver them accordingly.

On Sunday, December 10, Infinity Martial Arts will be hosting a Drop & Shop from 1:00-4:00. Parents drop their school aged kids off at the studio and get to enjoy some "kid-free time." Kids will play games, do some holiday crafts, eat snacks, and watch a holiday movie. The event costs \$35 and all funds go to whichever PTO the registrant selects (Brooklyn PTO, Forest Edge PTO, or Oregon PTO).

Our most popular event is our Fosdal Home Bakery Donut Delivery! Orders may be placed via Google Form January 22-February 16 and will be delivered to your door the morning of Saturday, February 24. More information to come!

Coming up January through March, Infinity Martial Arts offers a Beat the Winter Blues Special! For \$35, students receive six weeks of lessons and a uniform. Lessons can be started anytime and all funds go to whichever PTO the registrant selects (Brooklyn PTO, Forest Edge PTO, or Oregon PTO).

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm at the NKE library. If you are unable to join in person, you may also join via Google Meet: **Meet - uzd-pxno-ioy (google.com)**. Additionally, please subscribe to our mailing list for information on events and updates at Join our mailing list! – Oregon PTO. We are also on both Facebook and Instagram!

### Weather Concerns

With the advent of cooler weather, inclement weather, and unsafe driving conditions, it does become necessary at times to start school late, dismiss early, or not be in session at all. The Oregon School District will communicate school cancellations, delays, or early releases in the following ways:

- Campus Portal message alerts-alerts you receive are based on your selected preferences
- School District website: www.OregonSD.org
- Local news stations
- District Facebook page

### **Cancellations and Late Starts**

If school will be delayed or closed for the day, the District will make every effort to make the decision by 5:30-6:00 a.m. (the normal timeframe for closures). We understand that many families prefer to make plans for school closures as far in advance as possible; however, weather patterns are not always predictable and weather-related impacts for schools are not often clear until early morning hours on the day of the potential closure. We thank you for your understanding on these days of potential weather-related closures.

At all times and in all cases, families make the final decision on attendance at school on inclement weather days. If no school delay or cancellation is issued and you believe the conditions (e.g., road conditions, temperature) are not appropriate for your student, you are free to keep your student home and the absence will be excused. If you choose to keep your student home, please call the PVE Attendance Line to report the absence. If an announcement is made stating that school is to start late, bus drivers will make arrangements to pick up students one or two hours later than their usual pick up time (ex: with a one hour delay, the bus will pick up students one hour after their usual time, a two hour delay will be two hours after their usual pick up time).

Caregivers, please make sure that you have turned in your early closing plan that was sent home earlier this year, in case an early dismissal is called. Also, inform your child of the plans, if you haven't already done so.

## Dress for the Cold Weather

The cold weather has arrived. Please dress your children appropriately for outside play. We all go outside for fresh air and fun unless the temperature is below zero. Children need to have a winter



coat, mittens, hat, snow pants, and boots at school each day. When there is snow, children play only on the blacktop unless they are wearing snow pants and boots. Please label all winter gear with your child's name and be sure to check the lost and found bins if you're missing items.



# Drop & Shop BENEFITTING THE

## ORE/BKE/FES PTO's

Want to go shopping without the kids? Maybe decorate for the holidays or even go to a movie? For a \$35 donation to any of the

Oregon PTOs, we'll learn about RESPECT, Self Defense, play

karate games, do holiday crafts, decorate cookies, have some snacks and watch a PG holiday classic!

FOR AGES 4+, REGISTER ONLINE & CHOOSE YOUR PTO

SUNDAY 1-4PM

# DECEMBER 10th

INFINITY MARTIAL ARTS OREGON 787 N. MAIN ST



SPACE IS LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY SCANNING THE OR CODE!





Infinity Martial Arts has been teaching discipline, respect, focus and fun to the Oregon area since 2015.





### From the Reading Corner



Building reading stamina is an important skill for students to develop. Here are some tips for working on reading stamina at home:

- Set aside a regular time for reading each day.
- Help your child find books they enjoy and are interested in.
- Eliminate distractions during reading time.
- Read together as a family. Take turns reading pages aloud.
- Make reading fun! Some ideas: do funny character voices, act out scenes, use silly props.
- Set small goals and track progress.

Developing reading stamina takes time and consistency. But it's a worthwhile effort that will serve students well throughout their education. Some day, it will be hard to pull them away from a book they love!

### 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!

### Winter Gear

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.

### **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.

### Thank You PTO!



Thank you to the PVE PTO families who brought in snacks for our teaching staff during conferences! The snacks and beverages were awsome! We greatly appreciate your kindness!



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