



## 2020 Prairie View Elementary News

### PRINCIPAL PATRICE'S PONDERINGS...from Prairie View

♥**Absentees**-Please remember to call the school office by 8:45am if your child is going to be absent. When calling 608-526-1600, choose option 1 for attendance.

♥**Late Arrival**-Please remember when a student arrives after school begins an adult must come into the office and sign that student in.

♥**Early Dismissal**-Winter weather is here and early dismissals from school may become necessary. In the event of Early Dismissal, you will be notified via campus messenger email and the announcements will be made via the stations listed under the Winter Weather Reminders. Children will be released from school and sent home based on the information you provided for Early Dismissal Procedure during online registration.

♥**Lunch Recess**-If you are attending lunch with your child and plan to stay for recess, you must be on the approved volunteer list to go outside and attend recess with your child.

♥**Toys and Electronic Devices**- Please remind your child/ren that our school policy does not allow them to bring toys or electronic devices to school (unless requested by the teacher). This would include, but is not limited to: dolls, trucks, iPods, personal electronics, etc. This policy was created to minimize classroom interruptions, promote a safe nurturing environment, and prevent lost, damaged, or stolen personal property.

*-Dr. Tronstad*

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1 – ESL Family Sledding Day

February 5 – Global School Play Day

February 10 – PTO meeting 4:00pm

February 12 – Early Release (1:40pm)

February 14 – No School

**On February 6<sup>th</sup>,  
we will celebrate  
the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of  
School!**

### SNOW DAYS AND EARLY DISMISSAL NOTIFICATION

Announcements regarding closing or late start of school due to weather conditions will be made frequently via the following Radio stations:

#### Radio Stations:

WQYB	KQ98	98.3 FM
KCLH	Classic Hits	94.7 FM
WIZM-FM/AM	Z-93	93.3 FM/1410 AM
WRQT	The Rock	95.7 FM
WQCC-FM	Kicks 106.3	106.3 FM
WLXR-FM	Magic 105	104.9 FM
WKBH-FM	Classic Rock	100.1 FM
KQEG-FM	The Eagle	102.7 FM
WKTY	Sports Radio	580 AM
WLFN-AM	Today's Talk	1490 AM
WCOW-FM	Cow 97	97.1 FM
WWIB	WOGO	97.1 FM

#### Television Stations:

	WKBT TV Channel 8
	WXOW TV Channel 19

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULING

Parent/teacher conferences will be held

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

**and**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

**from 4:00-8:00 p.m. each day.**

You will sign up via **Pick-A-Time**, which is an online system to schedule your child's conference date and time. Additional information and details regarding sign-up will be sent home soon!

*Pick-A-Time will be available  
Monday, March 2, at 12:01 a.m. and it will  
close on Thursday, March 12 at 11:59 p.m.*

## 2019-20 PRAIRIE VIEW YEAR BOOK

Our yearbook is \$12.00 and is planned to include:

- All Color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Sturdy soft cover including school name and year imprinted in foil
- Add on a Zoom for \$2.00 which includes a full-color current events insert that captures the top news stories of the year

You can order your yearbook by [clicking here](#), or visit <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

**School ID Code: 10413820**

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted up to three nonresident school districts.

Students in 5-year old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. The Open Enrollment application period for the 2020-21 school year is from **February 3-April 30, 2020**. Parents must apply to the nonresident district. A nonresident district is defined as the district you don't live in, but where you want your child to attend.

It is recommended that you apply for open enrollment through the on-line application process by [clicking here](#). You may also download and print a paper copy by visiting the WI DPI Open Enrollment Page by [clicking here](#).

***The open enrollment application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.***

## UPCOMING MUSIC PROGRAMS

**March 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at 6:00 PM**

**March 20 – Kindergarten at 2:15 PM**

**April 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at 6:00 PM**

**April 16 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 7:00 PM**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Family Fun Fair**

**Thursday, March 12  
More details will come soon!**



## Elementary Summer School

July 20 – August 6, 2020

Morning Hours

Prairie View Elementary

**Priority given to students who could benefit from additional support in the areas of reading and math**

### **Four-Year Old Kindergarten (4K) Registration**

The School District of Holmen will begin accepting enrollment for the 2020-2021 Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) Program on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Any child, who is four-years-old on or before September 1, 2020 and lives in the school district boundaries, is eligible to participate. We encourage early registration in order to help us plan accordingly for the 2020-2021 school year. **Note: All enrollment is done online – [www.holmen.k12.wi.us](http://www.holmen.k12.wi.us)**

### **Important 4K Information:**

- 4K classes are currently held at two elementary schools in the district: Prairie View Elementary School and Viking Elementary School
- AM Session: 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- PM Session: 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Site/session is based upon transportation needs. We notify families of class placements during the first week of August.

If you have any questions please call our Public Preschool Office at 608.526.1381.

## Movement and Mindfulness for SUPER Students

Imagine a classroom where upon entering, you are greeted by calming music and comforting lighting while students peacefully and confidently engage in movements that bring them comfort and enhance their concentration. Thanks to the Holmen Area Foundation and the LaCrosse Community Foundation, Mrs. Wilber's classroom has grown to better support her 2nd graders through the implementation of yoga and mindfulness. The grants have supported the purchase of student yoga mats, mindfulness books, salt lamps, and so much more. Students also share their yoga skills at home with the assistance of Meddy Teddy, a yoga bear that can perform yoga poses with the student. According to Harvard Medical School, a growing body of research has already shown that yoga can improve focus, memory, self-esteem, academic performance, and classroom behavior, while also reducing anxiety and stress in children. This year, students in Mrs. Wilber's class aren't just learning academics but also becoming more mindful, balanced humans thanks to generous donations.





# Justin D.

Prairie View's Head Custodian

## In the Spotlight

**Where is your favorite place to be?**

My favorite place to be is at home with My wife Katie and my two daughters Candace and Chloe

**Where is the best place you traveled?**

Two years ago I went fishing in Canada, I have never felt so at peace with no one for a 100 miles around. We had to take three planes to get to burnt lake, the last being a water plane. No electronics, no running water, just you and nature.

**Tell us something that might surprise us about you?**

There are two things that might surprise you about me. First off I LOVE singing, Karaoke is one of my favorite things to do with friends Secondly I owned a successful mobile DJ service for 15 years, I hung up the headphones shortly after my first daughter was born.

**If you could learn to do anything what would it be?**

I have always wanted to learn how to dance. The only dance moves I have is the Polka

**Do you have any pets?**

My family and I just got a Chocolate lab right before Christmas named Molly. Molly is absolutely adorable, she was born on November 1st and has learned how to sit, shake, and ring a bell when she needs to go potty outside.

**If you could have any superpower what would it be and why?**

My superpower would be similar to one Inspector Gadget, that guy could do anything. The reason why is I could reach anything I wanted no matter how high, as well as I wouldn't have to get out of bed in the middle of the night to let our dog Molly out. I would just have to yell GO GO GADGET ARMS



## Library Learning

### Accepting Donations:

LEGO bricks for the LMC and the LEGO/Tech Club

Gently used books for the Little Free Library

### Other news in the LMC:

- Barnes & Noble Book Fair- This event is one of the prime sources of the LMC's MakerSpace materials. In the past we have purchased Ozobots, Circuit kits, LEGO kits, and more. The kids and I truly appreciate the funds received from this PTO event. Please spread the word to your distant relatives. Purchases made online count too! Let's fill Barnes & Noble with PV families on Thursday, January 30th from 4:30 - 7:00 PM.
- LEGO/ TECH Club - Interested 4th and 5th graders will have an opportunity to participate in LEGO building and coding this spring. The club will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:40 - 5:15 starting on February 17th - March 25th. We do not meet on ER Wednesdays, March 23, and we do not make up any missed dates due to inclement weather. More information and permission slips will be coming soon!
- Battle of the Books - Third grade students were introduced to Battle of the Books (B.O.B.) and are currently reading through the selected books on their list. Fourth and 5th grade students have been reading and studying the books on their lists and are participating in some serious battling.
- Tracy Maurer, author, will visit Prairie View on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Students will attend a 45 minute presentation with Ms. Maurer. The cost of the author visit is funded partially with Scholastic Book Fair profits, and we are fortunate that PTO assists with the remaining expenses. A selection of her books will be available for purchase. More information is forthcoming.
- Scholastic BOGO Book Fair We will have our spring book event on March 19th and 24th from 4:00 - 7:30 PM in the LMC. Due to the BOGO sale, online shopping will **not** be available. In addition, we will not be able to be open on the option night, March 23rd. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes. We sincerely hope you take time to join us for a while at the March Book Fair.
- Miscellaneous Students are exposed to more and more about war and violence through the news. Here is a resource that may help you have conversations with your child. [How, and when, to address it](#)



# Prairie View's Staff

## VABBulous Vikings



### September 2019

**Amy Lathrop**

**Amy Wink**

### October 2019

**Lindsay Ipavec**

**Angela Simonson**

### November 2019

**Jeff Davis**

**Justin Drury**

### December 2019

**Dave Balts**

**Cory Mueller**

A VABBulous Viking is a student or staff member of the School District of Holmen that has a talent/skill that should be celebrated. This talent/skill is what makes the individual or group special and should be shared with others. In simple terms, VABB challenges us to learn about the hidden talents, interests, and challenges that make each person special in their own way.

### PBIS Presents:

Prairie View is proud to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a multi-tiered system of behavior interventions. Each tier provides more intensive levels of support. We recently attended a training to educate us on implementing the next level of support and are ready to get started! We are calling this program PV PALS. PV PALS reinforces our students being safe, respectful, and responsible across their day in all settings. If your child will be participating in this program, you will receive a call from their classroom teacher and additional information will be sent to you. We are excited to offer this new program and are confident that it will have a positive impact on our students!

### *COUNSELOR CONNECTION*

It's been a great start to the New Year here at Prairie View! The PVer have been busy learning about Diversity and appreciating our differences in January. In February, we will be exploring career planning in the upper grades and we will be introducing self-management and self-awareness in the lower grades.

Our PBIS team has been undertaking a Tier 2 training this year and have been working hard to implement a new layer of support to our kids utilizing our new behavioral data management system, EduClimber. Educimber is "a data platform to aggregate, visualize, and analyze academic and behavioral data, support PBIS and RtI strategies, and collaborate with data faster and more easily--all in one place. The result is actionable data that allows educators to make informed decisions that will help students succeed." We are excited to roll out our new check in/check out system this month to best serve our students. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or if I may be of service to you and yours at (608) 526-1600 or [eikbre@holmen.k12.wi.us](mailto:eikbre@holmen.k12.wi.us).

Have a great February!

Find the Home & School Connection on our website



Imaginations will soar this summer in the all-new Camp Invention® program, Elevate!

Campers in grades K-6 will spark their creativity and build collaboration skills while controlling their very own flight simulation robot, protecting Earth's ecosystems, designing the ultimate sports complex and learning the value of their ideas! Local educators will lead fun, hands-on STEM activities inspiring children to ask questions, overcome obstacles and be confident in their innovative ideas.

Visit [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp) or call 800-968-4332 to register. Use promo code SUM25 to save \$25 (expires 3/31) or SUM15 to save \$15 (expires 5/12).



# Harvest of the Month



February



Potatoes



## **Pick:**

- Choose firm, smooth-skinned potatoes, free of wrinkles and sprouts.
- Discard potatoes with soft or rotten spots as the flavor will be affected.

## **Store:**

- Depending on variety, potatoes can be stored for up to a couple months in a cool, ventilated area.
- Do not store whole potatoes in the fridge.

## **Prepare:**

- Wash and scrub the potatoes before use.
- For quick cooking, simply pierce a washed potato with a fork & place in the microwave for 3-5 minutes or bake at 375 degrees for 15-30 minutes, or until soft.

## **Nutrition Info**

One medium potato has 150 calories and provides vitamin C, potassium and fiber.

## **Fun Facts**

Of the more than 5,000 varieties of potatoes in the world, the most common is the red potato.

The Irish called the potato a “spud” after the spade that was used to dig them, called a “spudder”!

Many people believe potatoes to be the root of the plant, but they are actually a tuber – an underground stem.

## **Uses**

The entire potato is edible! Wash well, but keep the skin on for added fiber.

Instead of using butter, sour cream and cheese, try spicing up potatoes with olive oil and seasonings such as black pepper, rosemary, garlic, or basil.

## **Family Friendly Activities**

Check out the following books at your local library:

*One Potato, Two Potato* by Cynthia De Felice

*Pigs Love Potatoes* by Anika Denise

*Potatoes, Potatoes* by Anita Lobel

## **Farm2School Update: Served at School Served at Home!**

Try Fifth Season Cooperative's Potato Fusion Blend. A colorful blend of Wisconsin red, white and gold potatoes with skins on for a rustic and high contrast look. The blend is diced, blanched and frozen, ready to toss with seasoning and roast to finish or add to recipes for a color and nutrition boost.

This kid-friendly, local, frozen veggie blend is used in school cafeterias and is now available at retail locations (Festival Foods and the People's Food Co-Op)! Look for it in the natural foods frozen section.

## **Garlic Potato and Cauliflower Mash**

*Serves 12 (1/2 cup per serving)*

### **Ingredients:**

4 large russet potatoes, peeled and chopped into medium chunks  
2 medium heads cauliflower, cut into quarter size florets  
2 Tbsp. butter  
½ cup plain Greek yogurt  
¾ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. dried thyme  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
½ tsp. ground black pepper

### **Directions:**

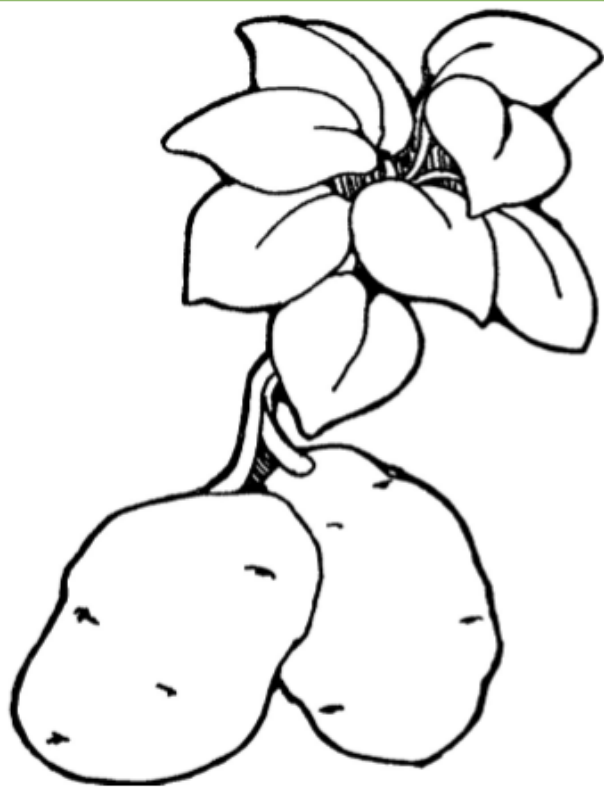
Bring water to a boil in two medium sauce pots. Boil potatoes and cauliflower in separate pots until each are fork tender, about 10 minutes; remove from heat and drain. Place cauliflower in a food processor and process until smooth, about 2 minutes. Place potatoes and processed cauliflower into a large bowl and mash using fork or potato masher. Add the butter, yogurt, salt, thyme, garlic and black pepper. Mix until all ingredients are well-incorporated, about 2 minutes.

### **Nutrition Facts**

Per Serving ( ½ cup): 81 calories, 2 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 3 g protein, 13 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 184 mg sodium

*For more information on Farm2School visit:  
[www.laxf2s.org](http://www.laxf2s.org)*

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Potato  
Plant!**



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# YOUR SUMMER STARTS HERE

Camp Invention® is a nationally acclaimed summer program where STEM concepts come to life. Children entering grades K-6 **gain confidence** as they participate in **hands-on activities** inspired by world-changing National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductees! Our 2020 program activities are ALL NEW, **led by experienced local educators** and grouped by grade level.



## CREATE

Become a confident entrepreneur as you sketch, prototype, protect and pitch the next great invention.



## COLLABORATE

Team up to play hybrid hover ball games, trade inventor playing cards and design the ultimate sports complex.



## PROBLEM SOLVE

Tackle environmental challenges while you compete in zipline races and build parachutes to airdrop animals.



## TAKE-HOME FUN

After experimenting with rockets and planes, bring home your own customizable LINK robot!

## SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Camp Invention® is for children entering grades K-6th.

**Location:** Prairie View Elementary  
1201 Newport Lane, Holmen, WI 54636

**Date:** June 15 - 19, 2020

**Time & Cost:** 8:30am - 3:00pm | \$235 (before discount)

**Camp Director:** Brian Sime | [simbri@holmen.k12.wi.us](mailto:simbri@holmen.k12.wi.us) | (608) 526-1600

*This event, class, or activity is not supported or endorsed by the School District of Holmen and is not printed at the district expense.*

**SAVE \$25!**  
**WITH PROMO CODE**  
**ELEVATE25**

*Offer expires March 31st.*

*If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.*

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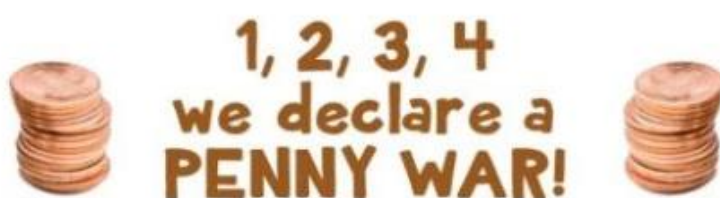
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# Coins for Community, Open Your Hearts to Holmen's Hope Penny Drive

Holmen's Hope is a non-profit organization serving all within the Holmen School District. It is a volunteer organization that serves over 200 people a meal the last Tuesday of the month at the Holmen American Legion. Holmen's Hope also delivers 60-70 sack lunches five days a week to three locations throughout the Holmen Community during the summer months. Recently, they have also provided a backpack of non-perishable food items on Fridays to over 60 children identified by the school district as children in need. The Student Council would love to support this organization for the amazing things it does for all the people in our community!



**Rules:** Each wing (K/1), (2/3), and (4/5) will have their own jug in front of the office for collecting money. Gain points by adding pennies and bills to your wing's jug. Lower other wings' points by adding silver coins to other wing's jugs.

**Penny Wars will run from Feb. 3rd – Feb. 28th**

## Pennies & Bills

All pennies and bills  
ADD to the wing total.

## Silver Coin

All silver coins SUBTRACT from  
the wing's total.

Points	
ADDING	SUBTRACTING
Pennies +1 points	Nickles -5 points
\$1 bill +100 points	Dimes -10 points
\$5 bill +500 points	Quarters -25 points
\$10 bill +1000 points	
\$20 bill +2000 points	

**All money collected will be donated to  
Holmen's Hope and the winner of Penny Wars will receive a  
popcorn party!**



School District of Holmen

# WE ARE HIRING!

**\$20.98/hr Substitute Bus Driver  
(cdl required)**

**\$14.42/hr Substitute Van Driver  
(cdl not required)**

**\$14.40/hr Substitute Custodian**

For more information, please visit:

[www.holmen.k12.wi.us](http://www.holmen.k12.wi.us) and select EMPLOYMENT

To submit your WECAN application today, please visit:

[www.wecan.education.wisc.edu](http://www.wecan.education.wisc.edu)

Contact Wendy McCoy with questions:

[mccwen@holmen.k12.wi.us](mailto:mccwen@holmen.k12.wi.us)

608-526-6610 between 7:30 am-4 pm

The School District of Holmen is an EOE

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

Please join us to learn more at our next meeting, February 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Prairie View LMC. Child Watch will be available. All parents/guardians and staff are invited to attend. We are always in need of volunteers, as many hands make light work!

**Like us on facebook!**

Check out our district's wonderful Nutrition Services on Facebook: by searching for Holmen Nutrition Services or by [clicking here](#).

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