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Parent Involvement in School

As a parent, your involvement with the school is key to your child's success. Here are some ways you can increase your involvement in your child's education.

- Become a member of the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)
- Volunteer in your child's classroom by contacting their teacher and scheduling a day/time you can help
- Help with a project in or out of the classroom
- Attend school sponsored events, talk with your child about the importance of school and how they should behave safe, respectful and responsible at school

If you are going to volunteer in a classroom, chaperone field trips, assist students during the school day etc., **you must be an approved volunteer in the district.** A Volunteer Registration Form must be completed annually. To verify that you are an approved volunteer, you can check for your name on the School District of Holmen website, Community tab and click on Volunteers ([or click here](#)). You can enter your information to verify you are an approved volunteer before you volunteer your time at school.

Our website contains monthly newsletters, calendar of events, lunch schedules, breakfast and lunch menus, staff contact info, forms, and much more! [Click here](#) to visit the website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 11– **EARLY RELEASE**
(1:40pm)

Sept 9 – PTO Meeting
(6:30 p.m.)

Oct 4th – Homecoming
Parade at 1:15 p.m.

Handbook

The Elementary Handbook is posted on the Prairie View website under the Parents tab and is updated throughout the year as changes are made.

LOST AND FOUND

Students in elementary school misplace many items, therefore, we have a lost and found box near the entrance of the school. If your child has lost something, please have them check for the item or you can check when you visit the school. We ask that you help by labeling your child's items so we can return them if they are misplaced.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is essential to the successful completion of an education. The student's attendance record is one of the most frequently used parts of a school record.

At Prairie View, the school day starts at 8:40am and ends at 3:40pm.

Students should not arrive earlier than 8:15am, which is when playground supervision starts.

If your child is going to be late or absent for the day, you need to call the Prairie View Office **by 9:15am** at 608-526-1600 (select option 3 for attendance) to notify us of the absence. If your child's teacher has marked them absent and you have not contacted us, we will call you to verify the absence.

Weather Information:

On days when the weather is threatening, remember to listen to 106.3 FM, 104.9 FM, 102.7 FM, 100.1 FM, 93.3 FM, 95.7 FM, 98.3 FM, 94.7 FM, 1490 AM, 1410 AM, 580 AM or Television Stations WKBT channel 8 or WXOW channel 19 for school closing announcements. Any information will be given as early as 6:00 a.m. and as frequently as possible over the radio.
Please DO NOT call the stations.

FROM THE NURSE:

Health Requirements:

Medication

Area school nurses have designated a MEDICATION PERMISSION CARD that will be used by the school district. The cards will be available in local clinics, physicians' offices, and all school/health offices. A Medication Permission Card **MUST** be filled out and returned to the school **BEFORE** medication is administered at school. **ALL** prescription medication must have a card filled out completely by the parents/guardians and doctor.

If it is non-prescription medication, parents/guardians only need to fill out the card. Cards must be filled out with each new medication and/or change in dosage. Your student should never bring medication to school in his/her pocket, purse or lunch box. All medications, in their ORIGINAL container, will be stored in the health office for safety. It is the student's responsibility to come to the health office to take medication as times designated by the physician and/or parents. Please discuss with your student the importance of this and also why he/she is taking the medication. In the case of long-term medication, it is the parent/guardians' responsibility to bring medication when it is needed at school. If you have any questions, call the health office at 608-526-1600 x1605

Vision Screening done in the school (grades 1,3,5 and as per request) is a simple screening and should not take the place of regular professional vision examinations by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist. It is suggested that children have their first vision exam prior to starting school. Your child's success in school may be affected by his/her vision. If your child already wears glasses, please follow the advice given regarding follow-up visits. It is also recommended that your child's teacher(s) be aware of his/her vision needs in order to cooperate fully for the student's benefit.

Dress Guidelines for Elementary Students

The word “appropriate” is the key word in deciding what your child should wear to school. In order to give you some guidelines, we have considered the students’ health, safety, and learning environment. The following basic guidelines are based on these factors:

1. Students are expected to come to school neat and clean, wearing clothing that provides for safety as well as their comfort and freedom of movement.
2. Parents/guardians are asked to dress their child in proper clothing for the season. In early fall and spring, students may wear shorts and tops (NO short-shorts, see-through mesh tops, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, midriffs, etc., are allowed).
3. Caps, bandanas, colored hair or make-up that are distracting are not to be worn in school.
4. Footwear is to be worn at all times. No convertible shoes to rollerblades are allowed. Flip flops are discouraged on the playground. Students are to have tennis shoes at school on days they have physical education class.
5. Students should not wear clothing or accessories which could be hazardous. Students and guardians will be notified of special event days that may require special attire, ex: sock day, T-shirt day, etc.
6. Girls are encouraged to have a pair of shorts to wear under dresses or skirts for physical education class.

Clothing or Accessories which are too revealing or have objectionable pictures, sayings or gestures that promote violence, sexual permissiveness or substance abuse (tobacco, drugs, alcohol) are prohibited. Students wearing this type of clothing will be asked to change or cover-up. If this is not possible, parents will be called to bring in appropriate clothing or students may be asked to turn the clothing inside out. Also, while students are inside the school building, they are to keep coats, hats and book bags at their coat rack. If there is a disagreement between students/parents/guardians and the staff regarding the appropriateness of appearance, the principal will use his/her discretion to make the decision.

(Refer to School Board Policy ~Student Dress Policy/Guidelines #443.1)

Harvest of the Month

As part of the School District of Holmen’s Farm to School program, different fruits and vegetables are featured monthly.

Students learn about these fruits and vegetables along with having them served in the cafeteria.

Information regarding this month’s Harvest of the Month can be found on the School District of Holmen’s website, Departments/Nutrition Services, or [click here](#).

Prairie View PTO

The first PTO Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30pm at the school. Childcare will be provided. All parents/guardians and staff are invited to attend. The more in attendance, the better we are able to represent the families of Prairie View. Please come and see what the Parent Teacher Organization has to offer.



Don’t forget to check Virtual Backpack for educational opportunities, activities, and events available in our area. The link to Virtual Backpack is located on the front page of the Prairie View Elementary website.

Some upcoming events include:

Discovery Girl Scouts, First Annual HoCo Luau for Littles, BadgerCare Plus, PTO Meetings, KAMO and much more!

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NUISANCE ITEMS/TOYS

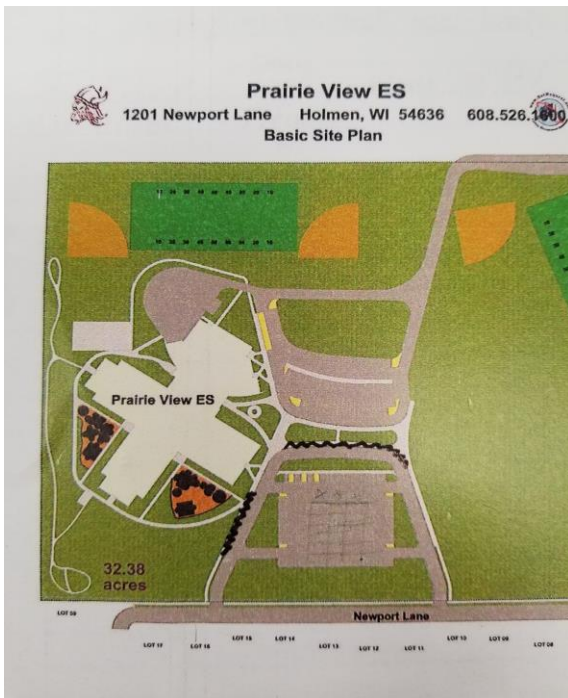
Nuisance items include anything that is found to be distracting to the classroom or school atmosphere. These items should be left at home unless a request is made by the teacher to have them brought to school. Such nuisance items include, but are not limited to the following: electronic games/equipment, trading cards, cell phones, collectibles and toys.

Family Resources

At Prairie View we strive for all students to be safe, respectful, and responsible. We know that students and families need basic necessities in order for children to be ready to listen and learn at school. If your family is looking for resources offered in our area, a pamphlet has been created for you! On the Prairie View website, under the [Parents-Home & School Connection tab](#), you will find local resources you may access: medical, dental, vision, food, transportation, clothing, salon services, and outreach. We hope you find this helpful!

Focused on Safety

In an effort to increase student safety at the end of the day Prairie View is making a few changes this year regarding the pick up procedure.



Park in the parking lot in designated spaces if you intend to get out of your vehicle to pick your child up from school. (Designated pick up areas are either at the flagpole/bell area or by the K/1 wing exterior doors.)

Remain in your car along the curb of the "loop" (see the black zigzag line on the map) if you intend to have your child enter your vehicle curbside. Continue immediately to Newport Lane once your child has entered your vehicle.

The crosswalk area will be extended. Please keep that area free of vehicles and obey any crossing guard directions.

You may notice new signage this school year, these are in place to serve as reminders for drivers.

Use the [zipper merge method](#) as vehicles enter the flow of traffic from the parking lot.

In the next few weeks be aware that if you are not following these procedures staff members will be asking you to either get into your vehicle and remain in the loop until your child has entered your vehicle or we will ask you to go park your vehicle in the parking lot. There should be no unattended vehicles parked along the loop.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance with this change.

Prairie View Staff

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QUESTIONS/CONCERNS? REACH OUT
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OR
608-526-6610



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SHORT NOTES

Be considerate

Family meals offer plenty of chances for your youngster to practice being considerate. As you serve yourselves food, you might say, "Make sure to leave enough so everyone gets some." Or if there's one piece of chicken left, encourage your child to ask if anyone wants to split it instead of taking the whole thing for himself.

Tired after school?

As your youngster gets used to the routine of a new school year, she may be more tired than usual. Be sure she's getting 9–11 hours of sleep each night. Also, try to keep evenings low-key by not planning too many activities.

Cardboard box "origami"

Before tossing boxes in the recycling bin, use them to build your child's spatial sense and math skills. Have him pull each box apart at the seams and lay it flat. Can he tape it back together? *Idea:* Challenge him to make a mini pizza or cereal box using construction paper and tape.

Worth quoting

"Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."
Fred Rogers

JUST FOR FUN

Q: How many eggs did the farmer collect from his biggest rooster?

A: Zero. Roosters don't lay eggs!



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The ABCs of school success

School success begins at home! While your child is learning her ABCs, 123s, and much more, she can get the year off to a great start with these *other* ABCs.

Attend every day

More time in class = more learning. Help your youngster attend school regularly by scheduling doctor appointments and family vacations outside of school hours. Also, she can cut down on sick days by eating her fruits and vegetables, washing her hands often, and getting plenty of physical activity.

Be organized

Forgotten homework? A backpack that doubles as a black hole? Good organizational skills prevent those problems. Together, brainstorm ways for your child to get—and stay—organized. For instance, she could choose a special folder for bringing home and returning homework and use a zipper bag to store pencils and other supplies.



Check in daily

Designate a time each day to sit down with your youngster, talk about what she did in school, and review papers she brought home. You might read a story she wrote or look over her math test, for example. This simple routine shows her that you care about what she's learning. Plus, you'll notice where she's doing well or if she's struggling with anything so you can follow up with her teacher. ♥

Back to school...for parents

School rules keep students safe and let teachers do their job. Show your youngster that parents can help by following rules—just like he does. Here are a few examples:

- Check in at the office as soon as you enter the school building, and be prepared to show identification.
- If you drive your child to school, be familiar with drop-off and pickup procedures. For instance, stay in your car, obey staff and patrol officers, and help your youngster exit the car quickly and safely.
- Follow rules for sending food to school. Is there a no-peanut policy? Are birthday treats allowed?
- Contact the teacher to arrange visits ahead of time rather than dropping in. ♥



Getting out the door

Mornings help to set the tone for your child's school day. Consider these ideas for a routine that will send him off to school relaxed and ready to learn.

Add a "cushion." Does your youngster need to walk out the door at 8 a.m.? Have him pretend he has to leave by 7:45 a.m. and adjust his routine accordingly. If he's ready early, great! The cushion of extra time will make the morning feel more relaxed—and maybe even give him time to read for pleasure or review spelling words.



Simplify breakfast. Make healthy, ready-to-eat breakfast items ahead of time with your child. Overnight oatmeal, hard-boiled eggs, cheese cubes with fruit, and favorite sandwiches are all good bets. *Idea:* Let your youngster eat breakfast at school. Enjoying a hot, healthy meal with friends is a nice way to start the day.

Use a musical countdown.

Suggest that your child create a song playlist that fits the amount of time he has to get ready for school. Then, turn on the music when he wakes up. Once he's familiar with the order of the songs, he'll know how much time he has left just from listening to the music.♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Basket of clues

My daughter Aisha loves that her teacher begins each morning by giving the children clues about what they'll learn that day. At back-to-school night, the teacher mentioned that this lets them practice reading and thinking logically, so I decided to try it at home.

The next Saturday morning, I left a basket of clues on the coffee table about what our family would do in the afternoon. It included a finger puppet, a tote bag, and a book-mark. I added a message: "We will have fun at this place *and* bring some of the fun home in the bag." Aisha figured out that we were going to the library to watch a puppet show and check out books.

Now on Friday nights, Aisha asks me to make a clue basket. Sometimes, she even thinks of an activity she'd like to do and writes clues for me.♥



ACTIVITY CORNER

Time out for nature

Time spent enjoying nature has been shown to reduce

stress and improve children's—and adults'—mental health. The outdoors is a great place to learn, too. Enjoy these five activities with your youngster.

1. Search for spiderwebs, and let her "collect" them by taking photos with your phone.
2. Find a place to sit quietly and listen to the birds. Can your child spot the birds that make each sound you hear?
3. Take a few deep breaths, and tell each other what outdoor scents you smell (pine trees, flowers).
4. Look for different types of rocks. She can sort them according to size, shape, or color.
5. Explore favorite outdoor places in all kinds of weather. Splash in puddles on a rainy morning. On a sunny afternoon, observe the shadows that leaves make on the ground as the breeze blows them around.♥



Q & A

Persistence pays off

Q: My son is always eager to try activities, such as karate or student council. But then he'll ask to drop out because they're "too hard" or "too much work." How should I handle this?

A: Many youngsters are surprised when something that looks easy turns out to take hard work. Learning to find ways to overcome challenges will help your son stick with activities—and develop persistence.



When he mentions that a karate move or a student council job is taking too much effort, ask him what, specifically, is challenging. Then together, think of solutions. For example, if he's struggling with karate moves that involve balancing on one foot, brainstorm fun ways to improve his balance.

Over time, your child will get in the habit of looking for solutions instead of giving up.♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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