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News Briefs

Numbers you Need:

Office/Attendance

390-6470

Day Care/Club

390-8209



Please remember to let us know if your child will be absent, or if they will be late and what they would like for lunch. You may also join them for lunch! Just let us know by 9:00 a.m.

Mission

The mission of Prairie Lane Elementary School, as a Pre-K to 6 grade school, is to provide a positive, safe and supportive learning environment that prepares all students to reach their highest potential, now, and in the future.

* Harvest Hygiene Drive* November 16th - 20th

Westside Staff and students will again be collecting personal items to stock the pantries for district families in need. In the majority of cases these families have a parent with a chronic medical condition or disability, significantly limiting the family's income. November is a perfect time to give and to share!

At Prairie Lane we are assigning each grade level particular items to donate throughout the week of November 16th through the 20th. We thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Kindergarten – Shampoo

1st - Toothpaste

2nd - Toothbrushes

3rd – Body Soap

4th - Deodorant

5th – Conditioner

6th – Laundry Detergent

*Student Council Store will also be open on Friday, November 20th!
Please stop by for trinkets and treasures!



**Please see the flyer and permission slip for
Grandfriends Day, November 25!**

No School November 26-27 Happy Thanksgiving!

Calendar Reminders

November

5	5:00-9:00 pm	Don & Millie's Night
6	Spirit Day!	
19	6:30 pm	4th-6th Music Program @WMS
24	6:30 pm	PLCC Meeting
25	2:00-3:00 pm	Grandfriends Day
26-27	Thanksgiving Break - No School	

December

3	5:00-9:00 pm	Don & Millie's Night
4		Spirit Day!
7	7:00 pm	6th Gr. Band Spotlight Night (Practice, 6pm)

Cold Weather Wear

The temperatures will fluctuate for the next few weeks. Winter is just around the corner! Please make sure your child brings appropriate clothing every morning. Sweatshirts, fleeces, and lightweight jackets are easy to keep in a backpack in case of cooler temperatures at recess time.

Coats, hats and gloves are needed when the cold wind blows.



Recess will be out doors unless the temperatures reach zero.

Box Tops Update

Congratulations to Mr. Micek's class for collecting the most Box Tops! Our next prize will be a Pizza Party! Keep collecting those Box Tops! A new sheet is available now at the front desk and on this newsletter.

- 1) Please be sure to put Box Tops in baggies (any amount- it doesn't have to be 50) or on collection sheets (please do not staple).
- 2) Please include your teacher's name on the baggie or on a slip of paper in the baggie, or write it on the collection sheet.
- 3) Bonus Box Tops should be separate from collection sheets. Please put them in baggies or an envelope with the classroom teacher's name on it.

Good luck classrooms!!!



Thank you!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the audio screening in October!

Rachel Steen, Nicole McCoy, Jen VanBelle, Donna Sommerer, Susie Hutchinson, Jenn O'Neill



**Happy November from the Prairie Lane
SUPER STAFF!**

Counselor's Corner

Hello Prairie Lane families! I want to make you aware that I will be out of school for about a month for medical leave, starting on November 12.

In my absence, Ms. Belva Licht will take my place as school counselor. Belva retired in 2012 after 39 years in the education system and was an elementary school counselor with Westside Community Schools for 14 years. Her home schools were Oakdale, Swanson and Paddock Road. Some of you might remember Belva from when she subbed for me while I was on maternity leave two years ago. Ms. Licht is very familiar with the district and the Guidance program. She will be teaching in some classrooms as well as fulfilling my duties of counseling individuals and small groups. Ms. Licht and I spent a half day together this week. She brings great experience and a loving attitude to this temporary position, and she is a wonderful Guest Counselor. I know she will enjoy her experience at our school as much as I do.

Thank you for welcoming Ms. Licht back to Prairie Lane!

Meghan Martin
School Counselor

All Guests Must Sign In

WHEN STOPPING BY SCHOOL TO...

- HAVE LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD
- BRING A LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD
 - DROP OFF AN INSTRUMENT
- BRING HOMEWORK OR FORMS ETC.

Please DO NOT go to the classroom between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. GO TO THE OFFICE. Mrs. Thompson will give you instructions or take the items for you.

This is for the safety of ALL our students and to prevent unnecessary distractions in the classrooms. Thank you for understanding.

Lunch Reminders

Please remember lunch accounts need to maintain a positive balance. When sending money, please be sure to include your child's name on the envelope or check. You can also deposit money into your child's account online by using MySchoolBucks. Also, please remember that applications for free and reduced lunches are available online via a link on the district website.

Dogs Dogs Dogs

We love your adorable dog as much as you do! But in the interest of child safety, fears and the possibility of serious allergens, we do ask that you leave your pets at home.

Spelling Bee News

On Monday, October 26th, the Prairie Lane Spelling Bee was held at the Westside Community Conference Center. All students in grades 4-6 took a written test prior to this event to determine who would compete. Congratulations to Emma Kopetzky, our school winner and Sarah Peters, who placed second in the competition. Emma and Sarah will move on to the Westside School District qBee, which will be held on November 20th at the Community Conference Center. Tallie Pease and Grace Cannon placed third and fourth respectively, and will also attend the competition to cheer on their school.

Here is a list of the finalists that competed in the Prairie Lane Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all of these fine spellers!

Emma Kopetzky 1st Place

Sarah Peters 2nd Place

Tallie Pease 3rd Place

Grace Cannon 4th Place

Luke Van Belle 5th Place

Evan Yost

Nora Schremmer

Avery Gray

Jordyn Knight

Sarah Lalley



New this year the library is trying out "Tinker Lab" or "Makerspace" for students in Miss King's class. This builds critical thinking skills and provides personalization of learning for students in media. We are taking donations from students if they have "junk" at home they would like to share with the school. Things just need to be washed and cleaned before brought in with a parent's consent. Items we are looking for but not limited to are listed below. As always PLEASE let us know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

- Buttons
- Empty thread spools
- Puzzle pieces
- Scrapbook paper
- Plastic lids (clean)
- Shoe boxes and smaller gift boxes
- Stickers
- Wheels from old toys

Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to Kyle Folda, Evan Yost, Lukes Sokolik and Luke Van Belle for taking 3rd place in the McMillan Magnet Math Quiz Bowl!

Way to go guys!



Have YOU Updated Your Family Information?

We are nearing our goal of 100% of our families completing the InfoSnap Student Information Update.

*****ALL FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE THE UPDATE.*****

If haven't already done so, please go online to update contact and health information for your child(ren).

Log into your Parent PowerSchool Account and click on the InfoSnap link in the lower left-hand corner. It's quick, easy, and ensures that we have the most up-to-date information on file. This system replaces the old paper forms we used to use. Thanks!

Need a Parent PowerSchool Account or can't remember your password? Contact Heather Weist at powerschool.support@westside66.net. Or contact Janis Thompson at 402-390-6470



InfoSnap
Student
Registration

Westside Community Schools does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, disability, age, marital status, genetic information, military or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under law in its educational programs and activities or in admission or access to, or treatment in, hiring and employment.

For inquiries or concerns regarding students or educational programs/activities contact: Coordinator of Student Services (402) 390-2100. For inquiries or concerns regarding hiring or employment contact: Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources (402) 390-2100.

WHS Community Craft Fair

Shop from over 50 Vendors!!



When:

Saturday, November 7th from 9AM - 4PM

Where:

Westside High School

- *\$2 Admissions*
- *Concessions*
- *Bake Sale*

For more information email:

westsidecraftfair@gmail.com

*Or find us on Facebook at: Westside High School
Community Craft Fair*

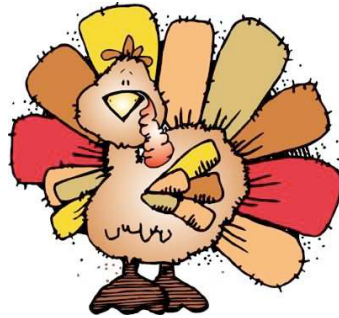


Sponsored By:

WHS Tennis

GRANDFRIEND'S DAY WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 25, 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Grandfriend's Day is a fun and exciting afternoon when students invite their grandparents or a special friend to visit Prairie Lane. Students will show their guests around the school and enjoy refreshments. Make plans now to invite your special grandfriend! The festivities will run from 2:00-3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please feel free to call the office at 402-390-6470.



GRANDFRIEND'S DAY PERMISSION SLIP

Because we will have many guests here at Prairie Lane on this day, parents may wish to change their regular pick up routine and allow their children to leave with their grandfriend(s) at the time of dismissal. If this is your wish, please sign and return the permission slip below so that your child may leave with his or her grandfriend(s) at the end of the day. Please return it to the office as soon as possible.

GRANDFRIEND'S DAY PERMISSION SLIP

My child(ren) _____
may leave school with Grandfriends on Wednesday, November 25.

Teacher's Name _____

Grandfriends' Name(s) _____

PRAIRIE LANE ELEMENTARY

Spirit Night with the

Omaha Lancers Hockey Team!



Friday, November 20, 2015

Omaha vs. Team USA

Mommy Minion Night!

Doors Open: 6 PM

Puck Drop: 7:05 PM



EASY Online Ticket Purchase by going to:
fanstreamm.com/prairielane

- Tickets are only \$13 each for adults and kids and NO service fees apply! Kids 3 and under get in FREE, if sitting on a parent's lap.
- The Lancers are giving \$6 per ticket purchased BACK to the Prairie Lane Elementary School!
- Guaranteed to sit together with other Prairie Lane Elementary students and families if you purchase early!
- Deadline is 11-19-15 @ 4 PM, but purchase early to sit together!
- Enjoy the game and THANK YOU for supporting Prairie Lane Elementary Spirit Night on Friday, November 20th!



PURCHASE NOW AT:
fanstreamm.com/prairielane

Ralston Arena, 7300 Q Street, Ralston, NE 68127

CALLING ALL DANCERS!



A chance to be part of the Westside High School Dance Team and perform at halftime of a Varsity Girls Basketball Game!



What: Westside Varsity Dance Team's Annual Warrior Dance Clinic

When: Saturday, December 12th

Who: Any students Pre K (must be 4 years old) - 6th Grade (do not have to be in District 66)

Where: Check-in will be located in the main entrance of Westside High School from **2:15-2:30pm**

Clinic will run from 2:30-5:30pm

Girls Varsity Basketball game begins at 5:30pm

*All participants will perform at halftime of the girls basketball game

Registration Fee: \$30 (includes clinic, healthy snack and t-shirt)

What to Wear: Shorts or jazz/athletic pants, comfortable top, jazz or tennis shoes

Questions? Please contact Coach Allen at allen.april@westside66.net

Registration Deadline: Monday, December 7th, 2015

***Please complete the form below and send with cash/check**

same-day registration will be available for \$30, but t-shirts are first come first served

Dancer's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____

T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL S M L

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fee of \$30 Enclosed: (circle one) Cash Check

***** Checks Payable to Westside High School *****

*Mail to: Westside Middle School
Attention: April Allen
8601 Arbor Street
Omaha, NE 68124*



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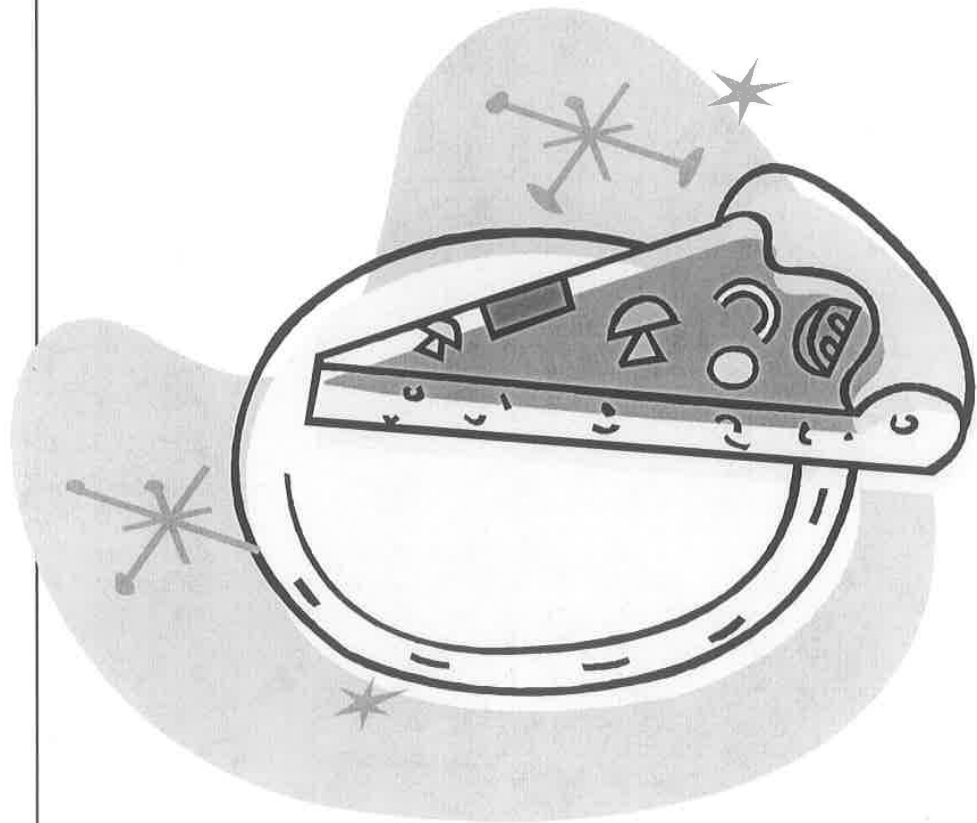
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PIZZA PARTY

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The classroom which has collected the most Boxtops will receive a pizza party with soda.