

Kirsten McNeill- Principal



Prairie Ridge Post

Welcome 2012! Happy New Year!

I trust that you all had a wonderful winter break. We are back at work and are hitting the ground running! Teachers and students are refreshed, rejuvenated and ready to soar in 2012. Students have started to prepare for TCAP (formerly CSAP) and working hard to be successful in all academic areas.

Our annual Prairie Ridge Pride Night (Parent Update Meeting) will be Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. I encourage parents to come to the informational meeting while students will have a P.J. party in their classrooms with guest readers. School and district employees will share celebrations and information about Prairie Ridge. See you there!

I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, WATCHDOGS, and community members that give their time to Prairie Ridge. It is because of you that we continue to have a successful learning community.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on January 30, 31 and February 1. Conference appointment notices will come home soon. It is critical for parents to be a part of your child's learning, so attending conferences keeps you informed about your student's education. We hope to see you all during those three nights.

Facebook users can "Like" my Prairie Ridge Principal Page to access information and celebrations on a regular basis.

I would like to wish all a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Warmly,

Kirsten McNeill

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Important Dates

- 9 Folk Dance Begins
- 12 Parent Night Rescheduled
- 16 NO SCHOOL
- 27 5th Grade to the Symphony
- 28 All-State Choir
- 30-1 CONFERENCES

1 LATE START
 3 Folk Dance
 OPEN HOUSE
 10 PTO Dance
 20 NO SCHOOL
 21 23 PTO Meeting

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BoxTops News

Want to help our school earn BONUS Box Tops? Register at www.btfe.com and check out the

Bonus Sweepstakes

It is easy! - Just a few clicks and maybe you'll be the lucky winner of 50,000 BONUS Box Tops! While you are there checkout the COUPONS tab. There are free, printable grocery coupons for foods



We would like to thank all of the families and friends of Prairie Ridge who donated so graciously to our Tri Town Area Food Drive!

Thank You

From the Health Office

- * The cold and flu season is upon us. We are encouraging students to cough into their elbows and wash their hands. Cough drops are allowed at school. Parents must provide the cough drops along with written permission. The cough drops will be kept in the Health Office and dispensed according to directions by the Health Clerk.
- * If your child is sick, he/she may *not* return to school until he is 24 hours fever free without medication.



PTO NEWS

You're invited to the...

70's Theme

Family Dance

Friday, February 10th

Come enjoy a night of dancing, food, & fun!

Start of the School Day

The front office closes at 4:00 p.m. *daily*. Make sure students know how they are getting home each day. Students are to be picked up at 3:40 when the bell sounds. If you have an emergency and are running late, please contact the office **BEFORE** the dismissal bell rings.

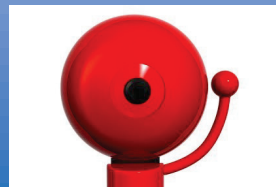
Thank you for your cooperation.

School begins at 9:05am,

Students are to arrive **NO earlier than 5-10 minutes** before the bell.

We have had students who come more than a half hour early.

Supervision begins at 8:55a.m.





• As winter approaches, please remember to send your students dressed appropriately for the chilly weather! Coats, hats, gloves, and boots when appropriate will help keep them warm at recess time. Unless the office tells them it's too cold to be outside, they will be going outside for recess.




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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

After School Plans:

- Plans need to be set *before* a child comes to school. Be sure your child  knows if he/she is to walk, ride the bus or wait for his/her ride. If your plans change, please notify the office before **3:15**. We will notify your child.
- Please refrain from bringing dogs or other pets onto school grounds, including during recess and especially before and after school. Dogs are NOT allowed on school property for your safety and for the safety of the students.

PARKING LOT & DROP-OFF LANE GUIDELINES

Parking spaces for parents are in the main lot. Staff and parents may also park in the lot installed by the Town of Firestone west of our playground. Pick up and drop off will continue to follow the same guidelines:

- * **RIGHT LANE:** This is a drop off/pick up only along the curb, and NOT in the driveway
- * **LEFT LANE:** For thru traffic *only*.
- * **DON'TS:** Do not leave your car parked, OR linger at the curb.
THIS IS A FIRE LANE.

Friendly Reminder!

Absolutely no moving traffic while crossing guards are in the street!
Thank You for your patience!



OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment for St. Vrain Valley School District began on Dec. 1st.

If you are currently open enrolled at a school in our district, you do NOT need to re-apply.

If you have moved out of the attendance area for your school, or are registering at a school who's attendance area you don't live in, forms are due to the office of that school **between Dec. 1st, 2011 and Jan. 15, 2012.**

Carbon Valley Student Art Exhibit

The Carbon Valley Student Art Exhibit is coming!

February 6th - 20th.

A few hand-picked students from each of the Carbon Valley Schools, including Prairie Ridge, will have artwork displayed at the Bella Rosa Golf Course.

Come check it out!

LSO 5th Grade Concert

The 5th grade students are cordially invited to attend the Longmont Symphony Orchestra concert.

Fri., January 28th @ 11am

As this is a special event for all 5th graders in the district, students are asked to wear "extra nice clothing" to the concert.

Folk Dance Open House

Family & friends are invited to the...

Folk Dance Open House
on February 3rd

To enjoy performances by each grade level, featuring various folk dances from around the world.

**Information will be sent home regarding each grade level's performance time.

Date: ,Thursday, January 12, 2012

Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Prairie Ridge Pride Night

(Parent Update Meeting Rescheduled)

Special Performance.....*RELM DeBord will perform to kick off our evening!*

For the Parents...

Celebrations: *We have a lot to celebrate at Prairie Ridge!*

Updates: *Celebrations and information will be presented by Mrs. McNeil & Prairie Ridge staff members.*

Drawings: *Special prizes will conclude the informational meeting!*

For the Students...

Come for a pajama party in your classroom! Wear your pajamas and listen to stories read by special guest readers! Milk & cookies will be served.

**Free childcare will be available for children 3 and under.

Special Class Prize...

The class with the most adults in attendance will win a PJ, popcorn and movie party provided by Mrs. McNeill.