

Kirsten McNeill- Principal



Prairie Ridge Post



Principals News

Fall is here!

September was filled with great learning and great events. We transitioned the two first grades into three quite smoothly. We also gained a part time teacher, Jeff Cannon, who will be assisting the second grade teachers and students in reading and writing. Welcome to "Mr. C"! The need to add the additional staff was due to our enrollment numbers. Prairie Ridge was approximately 49 students over our projections, which means we are growing which is a great thing. We are doing incredible things for students here! Welcome to Prairie Ridge our new families.

We are excited to show student progress and achievement at our upcoming conferences on October 3rd, 4th and 5th. Your involvement in your student's education is a crucial part of our partnership to help students grow. We hope to see you next week.

Our Jog-a-Thon is tomorrow September 30th. We are hoping to raise \$15,000 to add more technology in our classrooms. I hope to report a successful goal next month. Our goal is to see projectors and document cameras in every classrooms by winter break. Thanks to Sloane Kempf our P.E. teacher, and our incredible PTO who have put in time and energy to make this event a brilliant success!

Safety Concerns:

Please note that parents are not to drop off and pick up in any part of the bus loop. For safety sake we do not want children crossing across the loop as the bus drivers may not see out little people. Also, a reminder that the front drop off lanes are fire lanes, if you abandon your vehicle, you are subject to a ticket. Please park in the lot if you need to. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

I would like to put out a special thank you to the staff of Prairie Ridge. Our school community is so fortunate to have such caring and dedicated employees. Our teachers work tirelessly to make our students learning fun, challenging and successful. Our custodians, lunchroom workers, paraprofessionals and office staff make sure that our Prairie Ridge environment is a warm and caring place to be.

Remember that October 14th is a day off for staff and students.

Have a wonderful start to fall.

Warmly,

Kirsten McNeill, Principal

Important Dates

- 3 Parent / Teacher Conferences
- 4 Parent / Teacher Conferences
- 5 LATE START
Parent / Teacher Conferences
- 14 NO SCHOOL

Looking Ahead November

- 1 PTO meeting @ 6:30
- 2 LATE START
- 7 Hearing & Vision Screening
- 8 Hearing & Vision Screening
- 15 Full-Day K—2nd
All-School Program
- 15 3rd-5th
All-School Program

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Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Oct. 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Your child's appointment sheet should have gone home already. If you did not receive one please call the office 720-494-3641.

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.



Friendly Reminder!

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



Lunchroom News

- **Just a reminder: the cost of lunch as gone up to \$2.50.**
- Please bring in the correct amount to put into your child's account. We cannot make change.
- Pizza will be served for lunch Oct. 4th & 18th
- Ina Juice is sold every THURSDAY for \$1.25. Students need a note to be able to purchase using his/her account.



Library News



THE BOOK FAIR IS OPEN!!!

- ◇ The Book Fair is open now through Thursday, October 6th!
- ◇ We are open for business during school hours, & Conference nights, *only*.
- ◇ Our *ever* so popular, **Grandparents Day Lunch**, was a huge success!!! Thanks to all who came to have lunch with your 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.



Music News

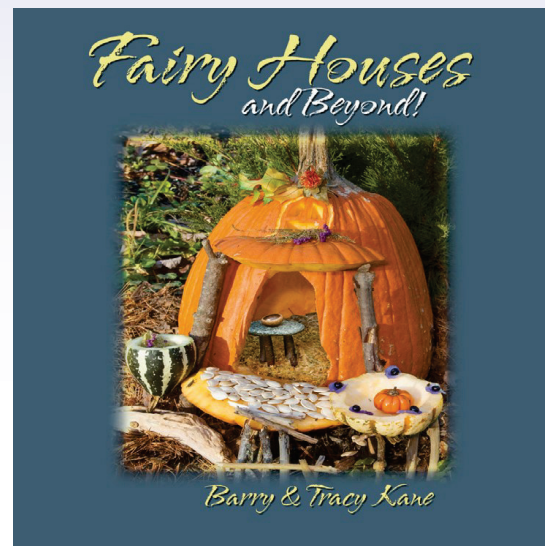
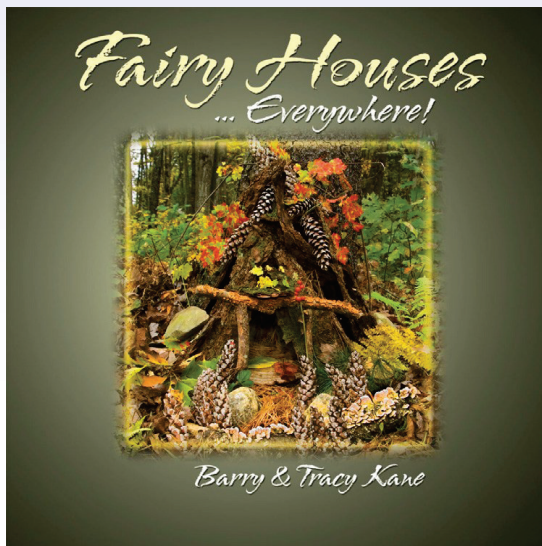
- We will be having a meeting on Oct. 5th @ 5:30pm for those parents who signed up to assist in making costumes.
- **If you have not turned in your commitment form for the All-School Program in November to Mrs. Keller, please do so ASAP.**

If you need a new copy, please go to the music Virtual Campus site @ <http://classes.stvrain.k12.co.us/course/view.php?id=1449>

Build a Fairy House

October 8 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Carbon Valley Regional Library



Before the program, be sure to gather some fairy house materials from nature with your family. Fairy houses are built using only natural, non-living items such as leaves, seeds, dried flowers, etc. Bring them with you on the day of the program to construct your own fairy house. We'll also read a story about fairies.

Go to www.fairyhouses.com or stop by the library for more information and inspiration.



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