

Kirsten McNeill- Principal



Prairie Ridge Post

Principals News

Hello September!

We have had a fantastic start to the school year. Staff and students are already in their daily classroom routines. When I walk through classrooms, I can see students engaged in learning already. Thanks to students, parents, and all of the Prairie Ridge staff for such a smooth start of the year.

We have many new faces and families this year. WELCOME! We are 49 students over our projection which is allowing us to add an additional first grade classroom. Please welcome Ms. Wendy Grunthal to our community. She comes to us from Loma Linda Elementary in Longmont and has much experience to share. I am hoping to acquire some more support for some of the other grade levels as well. It is great to be in a community that is growing.

A gentle reminder that we would like to keep students off the playground before school begins. This is for the safety of our students. I would also ask that the playground be closed from 8:45-3:45 to siblings as well. We simply want to keep the playgrounds clear for our Prairie Ridge students during school hours. We have also been advised from Risk Management at the District level to keep any dogs off the school grounds for the safety of all. Thank you for any and all cooperation with these items. I just want to ensure the safety and learning of all of our "Prairie Kids!"

There are many exciting events planned for this year. We will be posting the post and other information on the website and my virtual campus page throughout the year. If you do not have access to the internet, please let the office know so we can provide you with a hard copy. Be sure to read the post *every month* and check Thursday folders *each week* to keep yourself informed!

Please remember that my door is always open. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I am constantly impressed with our students and their families. It makes my job such a pleasure. We would not be celebrating success and our wonderful community without the help and support of all of our families.

Thanks for all you do, and I am looking forward to a fantastic year.

Warmly,

Kirsten McNeill

September

Important Dates

- 12 9/11 Heroes Assembly
- 14 ProKids Parent Night Assembly
- 20 Preschool Pictures
- 21 K-5 Pictures
- 23 Art to Remember packets go home
- 30 JOG-A-THON!!!



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Lunchroom News



- 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
- Inta Juice is sold every THURSDAY for \$1.25. Students need a note to be able to purchase using his/her account.
- Students may bring money on a daily basis or they can pay in advance.



Library News

Soon you will be receiving a sign up sheet in Thursday folders for the Book Fair! If you so desire, *please* pick a job and time that will be convenient for you! Return forms ASAP!

This year, I am so excited to have a Chairperson, Terry Rives! She will contact you once she has received the volunteer sheets.

Sign up to volunteer as soon as you can! This will be a fun-filled fair! Whew! Say that three times fast!! Times slots fill up quickly!

Book Fair Dates –arrives Sept. 28th(it arrives) through Oct. 6th!

We will be open for business during school hours, excluding Conference nights, of which we will be open in the evenings.

Plus, we will have our ever so popular, **Grandparents Day Lunch!**

Music News

Mark your calendars for the All-School Program entitled, "A Small Part of the World."

- ♦ Full-day Kinders, 1st & 2nd graders will perform Tuesday, November 15th
- ♦ The 3rd, 4th & 5th graders will perform Wednesday, November 16th .
- ♦ Both concerts will be held @ Coal Ridge Middle School @ 7pm

Thanks to all costume volunteers!!!

LATE START WEDNESDAYS

Along with the other schools in the St. Vrain Valley School District, Prairie Ridge will be holding 8 Late Start days this year. We will use these days for staff development purposes specifically focusing on more narrowly defining the learning expectations, aligning them with our curriculum, designing assessments to gauge our successfulness, and creating a school wide approach to address student achievement. On these days, school will start at 11:35am. Buses will run 2.5 hours late. We are very excited about this opportunity again this year; in order to dedicate time to focus on the learning needs of students.

From the Health Clerk



Medications:

If your child regularly takes prescription medication, it is *mandatory* that a permission form be completed, and medicine must be delivered to the school in an original pharmacy-labeled container. This applies also to "over-the-counter" medicines, such as pain relievers & cough syrup. Please contact the school office if you need a form. Chapstick & cough drops may be used in the Health Office if a parent sends a signed note.

Immunizations:

The immunization laws are being strictly enforced statewide. The law states that if your child is not fully immunized, they may be excluded from school. Notes will be coming home soon, notifying you if your child is at risk. If you have not yet turned in your child's current immunizations, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call:

Dyann DeFalco at 720-494-3641.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

After School Plans:

- These 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 and we will notify your child.



9/11 Assembly

PRE will host a 9/11 Heroes Assembly on **Monday, September 12th @ 9:15a.m.**

to honor our local and national first responders.

To show our support, students and teachers are wearing red, white and blue. Parents are invited to attend to help show our patriotism as we remember the 10th anniversary.

PARKING LOT 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:** drop off/pick up only along curb in front of school NOT in driveway
- * **DO NOT** leave car or stay at the curb for long periods

PTO News

Our 1st PTO meeting will be
 Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 6:30pm.
 Come and meet our new PTO staff.
 Childcare will be provided.
 We will be sending out information on
 Our Jog-a-thon!

G.T. ANNOUNCEMENT

Each year elementary and middle schools in St. Vrain Valley School District complete a process to identify students in grades 3-8 who demonstrate exceptional ability or performance in one or more academic areas and may therefore qualify for Gifted/Talented educational services. These students usually perform at least two years above grade level in their strength area(s) and require additional academic challenges in order to support their continued educational growth and progress. In addition, they usually demonstrate characteristics of unique creativity and high motivation in their strength areas.

The search for gifted/talented students begins with an opportunity for parents and/or teachers to refer students for review. Once referrals are received, a team of educators reviews student CSAP data, standardized test scores, rating scales and other school data to determine student eligibility.

If you believe that your child qualifies and would benefit from district Gifted/Talented services, please pick up a nomination form from your school office, or contact your school's Gifted/Talented liaison.

Thank you, Mrs. Kay

ProKids Assembly

The ProKids Assembly will be at 9:15am on Wednesday, September 14th for all students. The FAMILY NIGHT Program will be held @ Legacy @ 6:30pm.

You don't want to miss this FREE SHOW (paid for by the PTO)! It's a great character building assembly.

Friendly Reminder!

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



SOARING EAGLES CHILDCARE

Soaring Eagles Before and After School Child Care Program is now accepting applications for the 11/12 school year.

Please visit our website

@ <http://pres.stvrain.k12.co.us>

for current prices and information. If you have questions please contact the Community School office

@ 720-494-3645. Come check us out!
 We're more than just child care!!

Individual Student Photographs Taken by Studio 5 Portraits.



- ♦ Preschool Sept. 20th
 - ♦ K-5 Sept. 21st
- Payment envelopes will be sent home.