

Kirsten McNeill- Principal



Prairie Ridge Post



Greetings, Prairie Ridge!

With a month into 2012, we are focused and ready to continue our learning during the winter months. We have some fun things coming up this February here at Prairie Ridge. Perry Conway will visit us on February 8th, and the PTO will be having their annual family dance on February 10th. Make your reservations for the dance soon! I can't wait to see everyone dressed from the 70s! Thanks to the PTO for all that they do. They make field trips, Perry Conway and many other classroom donations possible.

TCAP (formerly CSAP), the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program will soon be upon us. Dates, and times for the fourth and fifth grades will come later this month. Third grade will take their reading tests on the 28th and 29th of February. More information about what you can do as a parent to support your student will come at a later date.

Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kempf and the students have been working hard on their folk dance unit. They will perform the dances on Fri., February 3rd. Information was sent out in last week's Thursday folders!

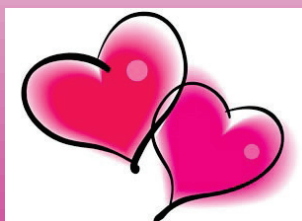
Just a reminder that February 20th is a non-contact day, students and teachers will not attend.

FACEBOOK users! "Like" the Prairie Ridge Principal Page to get updates and information in a timely manner. This page is meant to share information, celebrations and overall positives about our great school community.

Have a wonderful month!

Warmly,

Mrs. Kirsten McNeill



- February**
- Important Dates*
- 1 LATE START
 - Musical Auditions
 - 3 Folk Dance
 - OPEN HOUSE
 - 8 Perry Conway
 - 9 10 PTO Dance
 - 20 NO SCHOOL
 - 23 PTO Meeting
 - 27-28 3rd Grade TCAP Reading



- Looking Ahead*
- 2 NO SCHOOL
 - 7 LATE START
 - 13-15 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades TCAP
 - 20-22 4th & 5th Grades TCAP
 - 23 Pay for PJs
 - 26-30 SPRING BREAK

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Folk Dance Open House

Family & friends are invited to the...

Folk Dance Open House

This Friday, February 3rd

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

**Please check the flyer for grade levels' times.

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. Thank you!



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*.
- ◆ Students must know how they are getting home each day.
- ◆ Students are to be picked up at 3:40 when the bell sounds.
- ◆ If you are running late, please contact the office **BEFORE** the dismissal bell.
- ◆ **School begins at 9:05am,**
- ◆ Students are to arrive **NO earlier than 5-10 minutes** before the bell.
- ◆ **Supervision begins at 8:55a.m.**

Don't FORGET!



• 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.

• Please remember that **school begins at 9:00** and that 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 8:50a.m.**



Lunch Room News

Now you can check the balance of your student's PRE lunch account! Go to www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com. Getting started is easy. In order to access this information, you will need your student's I.D. number. From there follow the instructions on the website. If you need further assistance you can come in or call Donna Jordison to find out the amount in your child's account. She is available from 7am-2pm.

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!



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.





BoxTops News

There are many ways to earn BoxTops for our school!

1. Keep on clipping and bringing in Box-Tops. There are over 1,000 products!
2. Register at 2ways2earn.com. Our school gets 5 eBoxTops just by registering. And we get Bonus Tops when you refer a friend or family member.
3. Sign up for the promotions 2ways2earn.com, and every month will be a different promotion with Safeway. This month, buy 5 General Mills cereal and get 20 bonus eBox-Tops! That's \$2.00 for Prairie Ridge!

FEBRUARY is our BoxTop LEAP-a-Thon!

Bring in BoxTops to your classroom & watch the hallways for the LEAPING FROG to mark your progress towards our goal!

The class that brings the MOST BoxTops will win a LEAPING surprise!

The final day to bring in BoxTops for this Competition is LEAPDAY (of course)!

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!

BoxTops Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. Olsen's 3rd grade class for winning the December Box Tops Competition, And to Ms. Stephen's class for the November Box Tops competition! Both classes won a "Reverse Field Trip!"

