

Pioneer Log

Prairie Center Elementary
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AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH!

We will be having an assembly on Monday, April 27th to recognize Autism Awareness Month. Our staff that work with our student's with Autism will lead the assembly. Our focus will be on Asperberger's, a form of autism. We will have a guest speaker who has lived with Asperberger's and will tell about what it was like for him when he was in school and how things are now as an adult. Parents are encouraged to attend the assembly. We will have 2 sessions, one at 9 am for our K-2nd grade students, and one at 9:30 am for our 3rd-6th grade students. We hope to see you there!

Also, next Saturday, April 18th some of the staff will be walking in the KC Walk for Autism Awareness. We encourage you to sign up and walk with us! The website to register is: <http://www.autismalliancekc.org>

Once you get to the site, scroll down a little and you should see in red "Sign Up On Line", click on that and then the registration page should show up. Do an individual registration and towards the bottom of the form there will be a spot for "Team Lookup". Click on that and the alphabet will show up, click on the "P", and then click "PC Autism".

I hope you can join us! ☺

SOAPS:

If you have a pre-schooler who will be at PC next year as a kindergartener, don't miss our SOAPS program! I have **attached a flyer** with more information! Here are the dates: **Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

We encourage Parents and Students to attend BOTH sessions.

FINE ARTS NIGHT:

Come see all of the great work your child has been doing this year. We will have 2D and 3D artwork displayed. While you're here, stop in the MPR to listen to the 5th and 6th grade Strings students perform at 6 PM, the 2nd graders will be singing at 6:30 PM and at 8 PM you won't want to miss our Special Chorus perform!

FAMILY LUNCH DAY:

Family lunch day is right around the corner. Please join us on Friday, April 24th to enjoy lunch with your student(s). You should have already received a flyer that

was sent home with your children to sign-up. If you plan to attend, please contact Penny Freeman at pfreemanpc@olatheschools.com or call 913.780.7610. We hope to see you there!

PC WEBSITE INFORMATION:

<http://schools.olatheschools.com/prairiecenter/>

Please go to our school website for information about events at Prairie Center Elementary School. You can click on the link above and then click on Calendar and all of the events planned will appear. If you need more information about the events listed on the calendar, click on the event and a box with more information will appear giving times, places, etc.

CARNIVAL: The Carnival is May 1 and we will be asking for volunteers soon to help us in several areas. Food will be back this year, so do not worry about dinner. Please consider helping for 20-30 minutes. It is important to have volunteers to make the carnival successful, safe, and fun for our students at Prairie Center! Information will be coming home soon!

From 5:00-5:30 pm we invite our student's with Autism **and their peer models**, to join us for some time without a building full. We also will have the GYM designated for ONLY those students Kindergarten and under, and our students with autism.

Our Carnival is for those students that ATTEND PC and their YOUNGER siblings. Older siblings are welcome to come and eat and to volunteer to work the activities.

PTC INFO:

PTC general meeting on March 30th passed the 2009-2010 Proposal which will be our guide for our goals next year. If you are interested in reading it, please go to the Prairie Center home page and click on PTC. Thanks for everyone's support this year. Our last PTC general meeting in May will include election and building team committees. Look for more information coming home soon.

Prairie Center will be selling tickets for the **summer movie series**. This is optional and being sold as a service to any family wanting to have tickets in advance for the summer. The cost will be \$12.50 for 8 movie passes to be used anyway you wish. They are valid for June and July, Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Look for information coming home with your child soon. Any questions contact Sharon McCartney or Shannon Kauffman.

BOX TOP NEWS: We have done an awesome job this year with Box Tops. Our current totals stands over \$2400. In March we gave away a Webkinz fish, and 2 sets of free laser tag games. And the top winner in each class won a Hershey

candy bar. Next month will be our last drawing for the school year. All classes are trying to earn a snow cone party on May 15th. Each class that has reached \$100 total for the year will earn the party. (To check your child's class standing, please go to the Prairie Center website and look under the PTC tab.)

There will be a drawing for two winners in May that will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Jose Peppers.

The top contributor from each class will win a 2 week family pass at the YMCA. So turn in those Box Tops to your class collection bin.

HAND SANITIZER: We are looking for donations for some hand sanitizer. If you are willing and able, please send in a bottle with your child. The bottles with the pump work great, but any kind you can donate will be appreciated!!!

WATCH DOGS FOR THE REST OF APRIL:

April 13th Stuart Mallory for Canyon and Phil Streiff for Jesse

April 16th: Dean Uhlman for Alisa and Matt Magle for Logan

April 20th: Patrick McCartney for Hannah and Rebecca and Damien Horosz for Isabel and Levi

April 21st: Jay Barnickol for Logan and Carson

April 23rd: Paul Buhl for Elsie and Phoebe

April 24th: Andy Covault for Gavin

April 27th: Dan Anderson for Abby and Ally

April 28th: Bill Simmons for Janae and Tre

April 29th: Mike Houdeshell for Rilee

April 30th: Tim Bishop for Alyx

KEEP THE DATE 😊:

April 14th: District Math Wings Competition 4:15pm at ONHS

April 15th: Special Chorus Tour during the day and performance at 2 PM

April 16th: 6th Grade to the Cosmosphere
1:30-2:30 PM SOAPS

April 17th: **NO SCHOOL! PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

April 20th: Fine Arts Night from 6-8 PM

April 21st: Band Tour during the day, perform at OT at 7 PM

April 22nd: Spring Picture Day!!!! Secretaries Day!!!

April 23rd: 1:30-2:30 PM SOAPS

6:30 PM Informational Meeting for parents of students going

to Forest View next year

April 24th: Family Lunch Day!

April 28th: Strings Tour

April 30th Kindergarten students eat lunch at PC

Quote of the week: “The great tragedy of life doesn’t lie in failing to reach your goals. The great tragedy lies in having no goals to reach.” ~Benjamin Mays

Enjoy the rest of your weekend!
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