



# Prairie View News

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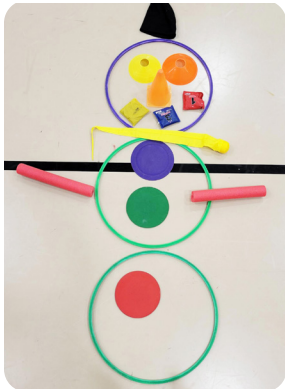
## PBIS Update

Wow! Just like that we've made it to winter break!

December was a month full of fun and energy at Prairie View. This month we focused on teamwork. We talked about teamwork being a part of everyday life, and one of the many 21st century skills. Our monthly POP gathering featured a short video of teamwork followed by four of our amazing teachers showing trust in an activity where they all balanced in the air.

In POP groups we worked to build towers with our marshmallows and toothpicks.

Our students all worked together, as a school, to earn 2,000 pawsome tickets in order to earn a "Movie Day" on December 22 AND board game time on January 2!



We had a BONUS assembly this month. At this assembly we honored our Shining Stars at PVE. Our shining star awards were handed out based on teacher nominations of students who are: Helpful, Have a Positive Attitude, Respectful, Kind, Friendly, Thoughtful, and Have an Optimistic Smile.



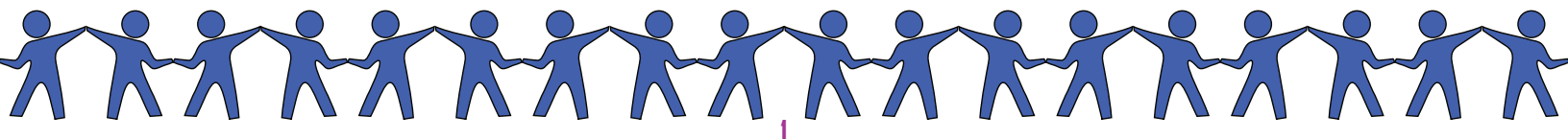
In addition to our shining star awards, teachers participated in a snowperson relay, where they showed teamwork and sportsmanship to build a snowman from PE equipment.

We are looking forward to what 2024 will bring!



## Looking Ahead — Important Dates

No School: Winter Break	December 25-Jan. 1
School Resumes	January 2
No School: Professional Dev.	January 15
No School	February 16
No School: Professional Dev.	February 19
No School: Spring Break	March 25-29



## Snacks

Please send your child with a snack each day, if your family is able. Consult the classroom teacher for specific routines regarding snacks. PVE will provide them for hungry kids in need.

## Attendance Line — 608.835.4200, Option 1

**If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is imperative that you call the attendance line (835.4200, Option 1) BEFORE 8:00 a.m.**

Please leave a clearly spoken message with your name, your child's name, and the reason for the absence. Last minute calls should come directly to the office (835.4200, Option 0). Please do not phone or email office or teaching staff directly as those messages may not be received by the person verifying attendance.

## Important Reminders

- If you need to pick up your child during the school day for an appointment, please call the attendance line and send a note in the morning to the homeroom teacher, as well.
- Please make all after school plans with your children **prior** to the beginning of the school day. **Please don't ask us to relay messages to students for a change in plans or to deliver dropped off items, unless there is an emergency, as it can cause confusion and it is a disruption to the classroom and learning environment. If you have a change from the regular routine, please send a note in the morning for the teacher and inform bus drivers and childcare providers, too.**
- **Children should arrive at school no earlier than 7:35 a.m.** Student supervision is not available before then. The school day runs from 7:50 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. Children should arrive in time to be ready for class to begin at 7:50. **Students leaving before 2:50, will have their attendance marked accordingly.**
- **The school day ends at 2:50.** Children not riding the bus or walking/biking home, **must** be picked up at that time.
- We ask that pets not be brought on school grounds.

## Weather Concerns

With the advent of cooler weather, inclement weather, and unsafe driving conditions, it does become necessary at times to start school late, dismiss early, or not be in session at all. The Oregon School District will communicate school cancellations, delays, or early releases in the following ways:

- Campus Portal message alerts-alerts you receive are based on your selected preferences
- School District website: [www.OregonSD.org](http://www.OregonSD.org)
- Local news stations
- District Facebook page

## Cancellations and Late Starts

If school will be delayed or closed for the day, the District will make every effort to make the decision by 5:30-6:00 a.m. (the normal timeframe for closures). We understand that many families prefer to make plans for school closures as far in advance as possible; however, weather patterns are not always predictable and weather-related impacts for schools are not often clear until early morning hours on the day of the potential closure. We thank you for your understanding on these days of potential weather-related closures.

At all times and in all cases, families make the final decision on attendance at school on inclement weather days. If no school delay or cancellation is issued and you believe the conditions (e.g., road conditions, temperature) are not appropriate for your student, you are free to keep your student home and the absence will be excused. If you choose to keep your student home, please call the PVE Attendance Line to report the absence. If an announcement is made stating that school is to start late, bus drivers will make arrangements to pick up students one or two hours later than their usual pick up time (ex: with a one hour delay, the bus will pick up students one hour after their usual time, a two hour delay will be two hours after their usual pick up time).

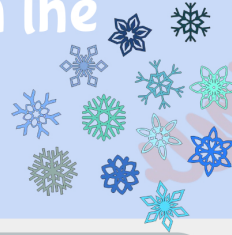
Caregivers, please make sure that you have turned in your early closing plan that was sent home earlier this year, in case an early dismissal is called. Also, inform your child of the plans, if you haven't already done so.







# December Newsletter from the Reading Room



Dear Families,

We have many great reading resources to share with you!

We hope you find this newsletter helpful.

As always, please let us know how we can help you support your reader at home and beyond!

-Susan Ashmore, [sea@oregonsd.net](mailto:sea@oregonsd.net)

-Andrea DeNure, [akdenure@oregonsd.net](mailto:akdenure@oregonsd.net)

Reading Teachers, PVE



## Free Audio Book Links!

Did you know that the Indianapolis Public Library has an AMAZING collection of free children's audio books?

Take a look!

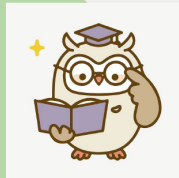
[Free Read Alouds](#) - many popular picture books!

[More Free Read Alouds!](#) - more popular picture books!

[Reading Aloud](#) - Dav Pilkey, author of [Dog Man](#) and many more, reads his books!

## What to Do If I Get Stuck while Reading:

- ★ Look Closely at the Word
- ★ Put your Finger Under the Word
- ★ Slide your finger
- ★ Blend the sounds out loud
- ★ Ask yourself, "Did that make sense?" "Is this a sight word or heart word?"
- ★ Re-read the Sentence



## Winter Break Reading Challenge:

- [Bingo \(includes both English and Spanish\)](#)



Here are some nice activities to Support Your Child's Reading at Home (ideas by grade level):

[Home Reading and Phonics Ideas](#) from the US Dept of Education

## Building Time Spent Reading

Building reading stamina is an important skill for readers to develop. Here are some tips for working on reading stamina at home:

- Set aside a regular time for reading each day.
- Help your child find books they enjoy and are interested in.
- Eliminate distractions during reading time.
- Read together as a family. Take turns reading pages aloud.
- Keep it fun: Try audiobooks, area library visits, reading to your pet or someone special over the phone or Facetime
- Set small goals and track progress.

Developing reading stamina takes time and consistency. But it's a worthwhile effort that will serve students well as they develop into proficient readers.

## Winter Gear

If you are in need of winter coats, snow pants, boots, and or gloves for your student(s) please contact the school social worker, Daniela Arevalo, at [dcarevalo@oregonsd.net](mailto:dcarevalo@oregonsd.net) or 608-835-1361.

## Winter Break Reading List

Looking for books to read over winter break? **Check out these titles**, linked to what we are studying at school, and then explore our public libraries, too!

## Oregon PTO Updates

Quickly approaching is our most popular event — Fosdal Home Bakery Donut Delivery! Orders may be placed via Google Form January 22-February 16 and will be delivered to your door the morning of Saturday, February 24.

Coming up January through March, Infinity Martial Arts offers a Beat the Winter Blues Special! For \$35, students receive six weeks of lessons and a uniform. Lessons can be started anytime, and all funds go to whichever PTO the registrant selects (Brooklyn PTO, Forest Edge PTO, or Oregon PTO).

We are having our very first PTO Social on January 25 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Bodihow! There will be no agenda items to discuss...just a chance for everyone to socialize! Please join us, even if you've never attended a meeting before!

May 11 will be our third annual Community Fun Run/Walk — more information to come soon!

Our next official meeting will be Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the NKE library. If you are unable to join in person, you may also join via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/uzd-pxno-ioy>. Additionally, please subscribe to our mailing list for information on events and updates at <https://www.oregonpto.org/join-mailing-list/>. We are also on both <https://www.facebook.com/OregonPTO> and <https://www.instagram.com/oregonpto/>!

~Julie, Denise, Laura, and Mickie

## ORCHARDS Study

If your student is experiencing respiratory symptoms, your family may be eligible to participate in the UW Oregon **Child Absenteeism due to Respiratory Disease Study (ORCHARDS)**. This study looks at household transmission of COVID-19, Influenza and other respiratory viruses. If eligible, research staff will drop off study materials outside of your home for completing three nasal swab collections over a two week period. Since this is a research study, COVID-19 results may not be received as quickly as they would be at general testing sites. Your family will receive a \$50 gift card for participating in this study. Call 608-265-3164 for more details.

## Dress for the Cold Weather

The cold weather has arrived. Please dress your children appropriately for outside play. We all go outside for fresh air

and fun unless the temperature is below zero. Children need to have a winter coat, mittens, hat, snow pants, and boots at school each day.

When there is snow, children play only on the blacktop unless they are wearing

snow pants and boots. **Please label all winter gear with your child's name** and be sure to check the lost and found bins if you're missing items.

