

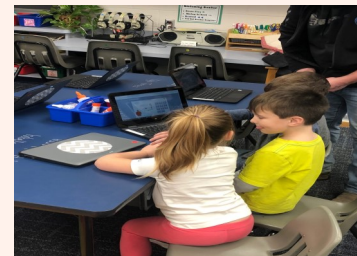
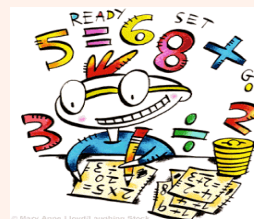
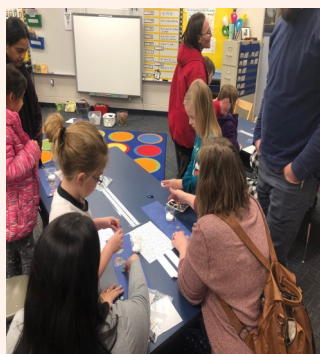
# PRAIRIE POINT EXPRESS



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## REDISTRICTING

### Stay Informed on the Redistricting Progress

The Park Hill School District is in the process of redistricting due to the opening of Hopewell Elementary School and Walden Middle School at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. It is important that you stay informed with the process as it may impact where your child will attend school next year. For information on the redistricting and to view the proposed scenarios please visit [www.parkhill.k12.mo.us](http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us).

For more information on the redistricting process or to leave any feedback, please visit the Park Hill web site: [www.parkhilllistens.com/redistricting-feedback](http://www.parkhilllistens.com/redistricting-feedback)

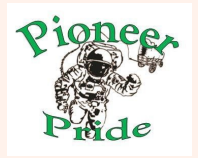
The Park Hill Board of Education is planning to act on the redistricting proposals at its December 13th meeting at 7:00 pm at the District Office.



### Third Grade Music Program December 4<sup>th</sup>

Third grade students will present the musical "Freeze Frame" on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the school gym. We ask that those attending this performance not arrive prior to 6:00 PM due to our Adventure Club program still in session until this time. Parents should actively supervise their child in the gym (Have your child sit with you, please do not allow your child to run around in the gym or halls for their safety and the safety of our arriving guests) until 6:15 PM when students may go to the cafeteria to prepare for the program and be supervised by their teacher.

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## December Early Release



Our December Early Release for staff Professional Development will be on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM. If your child's method of transportation home changes on this day, please call the school office and notify your child's teacher.



## Winter Weather May Cause School Cancellations



With winter weather upon us, severe weather may cause school to be released early or cancelled for the day. When school is closed or canceled due to inclement weather or an emergency situation, an official announcement will be issued through the news media. Parents should monitor local media outlets such as TV stations to determine if school is closed or will be released early. Whenever possible, the district will also utilize the "First Hand" notification system to alert community members by email and text-messaging. To sign up for the "First Hand" email or text-messaging-notification, visit the district website at [www.parkhill.k12.mo.us](http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us).



## Winter Recess

Students are expected to go out to recess each day. Appropriate clothing and shoes should be worn for outside activities. On days when the temperature and/or wind chill is above 20 degrees Fahrenheit and the playground is cleared of most snow and ice, there will be outdoor recess.

If your child is to be excused from recess, a note explaining why is required. To be excused from recess for more than three days, a written doctor's note is required.



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Prairie Point NEEDS more volunteers to participate in our **Watch DOGS** program! Watch DOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school. WATCH D.O.G.S., a K-12 program, invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child's/student's school during the school year. WatchDOG dads and volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

## Engineering at Play

Every time your youngster has fun on the playground swings, he has engineering to thank! Let him explore engineering for himself by constructing a play swing set. He might use craft sticks for the frame, yarn for the chains, and cardboard for the seat. How could he make a swing that gives a longer "ride"? Suggest that he adjust the length of the chain and then test it each time. He can set a timer for one minute, pull back the seat and count the swings per minute. What does he notice? (The shorter the chain, the more swings per minute).

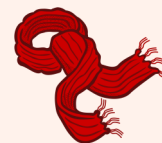
## Taking the Lead

You may have heard the phrase "a born leader." But leadership skills such as speaking up and taking initiative, can be learned. Encourage your youngster to practice during group projects. For example, she might suggest a way to divide up tasks or offer to give the introduction during the group's class presentation.

## Prairie Point's Annual Mitten Tree

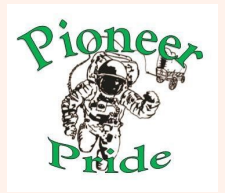


Prairie Point will again have the annual mitten tree this year for donations to Prairie Point students and the Park Hill Clothing Center. Please consider donating new hats, mittens or gloves, scarves or girls and boys underwear. We are collecting donations from December 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. If there is a Prairie Point student that is in need of some mittens, a hat or scarf, we will assist these students first and then all remaining donations go to the Park Hill Clothing Center. Thank you for your generosity during this holiday season.





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**E-Backpack Link: Click on the link to access school fliers.**



**Prairie Point Mission:** To create a safe and caring student centered environment, to empower students to be independent learners, problem solvers, and responsible citizens in the 21st Century.

**Prairie Point Vision:** Prairie Point Elementary School provides all children with a safe, caring educational environment that focuses on high expectations and promotes lifelong learning.

**Prairie Point Values:**

Keep the focus on the student

Continuous learning and professional growth


Warm, caring, open-minded environment

High expectations for all students and adults

Teamwork and collaboration

Empathetic approach with our actions

These are posted on the bulletin board in the hall outside the front office.

<p><b>Welcome to Prairie Point Elementary School</b></p> <p><b>Three ways to help you connect with Prairie Point Elementary School</b></p>	
<p><b>1. Follow us on Twitter</b> <b>@PrairiePtElem and</b> <b>use #PioneerPride</b></p>	<p><b>2. Follow the Prairie Point PTA on</b> <b>Facebook</b> <b><a href="https://www.facebook.com/prairiepointpta/">https://www.facebook.com/prairiepointpta/</a></b></p>
<p><b>Check our website for information, events and school happenings</b> <b><a href="http://prairiepoint.parkhill.k12.mo.us/">http://prairiepoint.parkhill.k12.mo.us/</a></b></p> <p></p>	