

# PIRATE'S PRESS

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## Message from the Principal...

### What does getting involved in your Child's Education mean?

It means working with your child's school to ensure the best education possible. Children benefit greatly when parents take an active role. They are more likely to: enjoy learning and school life, improve their skills and attitudes, do better in school, develop confidence in themselves and become better prepared for the future. You will benefit too, knowing that you are helping your child get a good education.

**How can I get involved? It takes working with your child and his or her school. The keys are to:**

**1. Start at home! Help your child get the most from studying.**

Make your home a good place to learn and study. Set aside a quiet time. Choose a time that is good for the whole family. Turn off all TV's and radios. Have your child study, do homework or read.

Provide interesting reading materials. Use school and public libraries to find good books, magazines and newspapers. Ask teachers for their suggestions. Read together every day. Read to younger children or listen to older children read. Set a good example by reading yourself. Make a study center. To set up a good place for studying, use a desk or table. Make sure there's good lightning. Provide paper, pencils, a dictionary and other needed supplies. Help with homework. Review homework with your child, but don't actually do the work – that is his or her responsibility! Help your child prepare for the next days' lessons. Help him or her break up large projects into smaller tasks.

**2. Get to know your child's teachers, principal and other staff members.**

Attend Open House and other school events.

Schedule parent-teacher conferences. Build a good relationship with teachers and other staff members. The better they know you and your child, the more they can help. Let them know about: stressful situation that may be affecting your child (such as a divorce or death in the family). Stay in touch with teachers and other staff members throughout the school year. For example, you can: write notes or talk on the telephone, email, meet with them (call to arrange a convenient time). Talk about any concerns and about what your child does well. Ask how you can help your child at home, too.

**3. Take part in school activities. Volunteer as an aide. Visit the classroom.** This will help you learn more about your child's school life. (Please arrange a time with the teacher). Attend school function and support fund-raising events. Join the parent-teacher organization.

**4. Show your child that you value education. Be a positive influence and a Role Model.**

Your attitudes and actions influence your child at home and at school.

Encourage, don't discourage.

Help your child be independent.

Set goals together.

Show your love by spending time and talking with your child.

Quality education takes a team effort! Everyone has something to offer. Work with the school staff to find a way to get involved!

## JANUARY EVENTS

- 4<sup>th</sup> Classes Resume
- 5<sup>th</sup> Site Council Meeting – 2:10 PM
- 6<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting – 2:10 PM
- 18<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day -  
No School
- 29<sup>th</sup> 2 hour Delayed Start



## WINTER CARNIVAL

The annual Jerome Prairie Winter Carnival is set for Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun event for the whole family. It takes a big effort on everyone's part to put this together so help is needed. If there is anyway you parents or grandparents could help our PTO, we would surely appreciate it. There are so many things to do to put on this carnival event that any and all volunteers would be welcomed. Please contact Megan Beck at 479-4836 if you can help.

## PARENT REMINDERS

- ◆ Please put your student's name on tennis shoes, lunch boxes, and articles of clothing, especially jackets, coats and sweaters.
- ◆ If your child is to go home with a friend, we need notes from **BOTH** sets of parents, phone calls will not qualify.
- ◆ If your child normally rides the school bus, but you plan on picking him/her up on a particular day, please notify the office **in writing**. If it's a last minute decision you must either be here before school is out, 1:55 PM or call the office,

476-2802, before school is out. Your child will not be released to anyone unless that person's name is on the child's enrollment form or a note is received from you, the parent.

- ◆ If you are on the school campus for any reason, please check in at the school office first. "Visitor" tags must be picked up on arrival and fastened in plain sight on your clothing. Please return it when you leave the school grounds
- ◆ **This is crucial in case of an emergency!**  
***PLEASE KEEP THE OFFICE UP TO DATE WITH ANY CHANGES IN PHONE NUMBERS, AND NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF YOUR CHILD'S EMERGENCY CONTACT IN THE EVENT YOU CAN NOT BE CONTACTED.***



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

During adverse weather conditions, please tune into Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJQ, KLRD, or KBOY. Television Stations KOBI (Channel 5), KDRV (Channel 12), or KTVL (Channel 10) or the Three Rivers School District Web page for information on school closures and bus schedules.

Weather conditions leave may some roads blocked or unsafe to travel, but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be in effect and you will find this information on the web page or radio/TV stations. **Remember** that Jerome Prairie is in the Hidden Valley Attendance Area.



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If you live on one of the affected roads the buses cannot travel, you may bring your child to the nearest intersection or main road drop off.

<u>Route</u>	<u>Street Name</u>
B13	All roads will be traveled
B14	Midway(south of Jerome Prairie Rd.), Sleepy Hollow Loop, Carrollwood Dr., Neill Rd. (Bring to Redwood Hwy.
B15	All Roads will be traveled
B16	Riverbanks Rd., Marcy Loop, Dutcher Creek, Dutchy
B17	Slate Creek Rd., Round Prairie, Minnow Lane, Firview

**OPTIONS:**

1. School may be delayed by two hours
2. School may be closed for the entire day.
3. We may operate on a limited bus route as described above.

There may be times that because of weather the school will have to close early in order to get the children home safely. We will make every attempt to notify parents or the emergency number that is on your child's registration form. Please keep the phone number and emergency contacts up to date. Your student needs to know what to do and where to go in case this happens. Children need to be aware of what is expected of them if the need arises.

***\*Please keep this sheet handy so if inclement weather occurs you will be aware of the different routes.***

**DIBELS**, (DYNAMIC INDICATORS OF BASIC EARLY LITERACY SKILLS).

The DIBELS measures were specifically designed to assess 3 of 5 Big Ideas of early literacy: Phonological Awareness, Alphabetic Principle, and Fluency with Connected Text. The measures are linked to one another, both psychometrically and theoretically, and have been found to be predictive of later reading proficiency. These measures include: Initial Sounds Fluency, Phonemic Segmentation Fluency, Nonsense Word Fluency, and Oral Reading Fluency. These measures link together to form an assessment system of early literacy development that allows educators to readily and reliably determine student progress. This is just one way to evaluate and individualize instruction to better serve each child at Jerome Prairie where: **“There’s No Better Place to Learn”**.



**A BIG THANKS TOO!**

The Christmas Program put on by the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes this year was a huge success and well attended. The students and teachers worked hard on their performances.

A big Thank you to the parents who decorated the gym for the evening, and to the students who participated...our hats are off to you! All of you did a great job.

Another big Thank you to everyone who donated stuffed animals for our toy tree. “Toys for Tots” picked them up on Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. It’s a good feeling to help others whenever we can, and especially during the holiday season.