

PIRATE'S PRESS



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Message from the Principal...

Jerome Prairie families,

This is my third week and I see now why so many people love Jerome Prairie School! There are so many good things going on for kids at this school. I am proud and pleased to see the efforts of students to be respectful, responsible and safe at school. They are eager learners, participating and working hard to fill their minds with knowledge! I have met many loving, concerned parents who are volunteering time to the school to help us improve our ability to grow kids. I have also been blessed with the parents I have met who are willing to support us with follow through at home when their child is struggling at school. What more could a principal ask for?

The Jerome Prairie staff has already shown themselves to be caring and committed individuals who put students first each day at school. Together as partners we will have success!

As always I want you to feel free to call or set up an appointment to meet with me if you have a concern or an idea you want to share to help us serve students better. Our PTO meetings and site council meetings are always open to interested parents so come on down if you wish! You are welcome!

Ever yours, for our kids,

Lise Van Brunt
Principal

Dear Parents,

A great suggestion was made at our last PTO meeting to help foster a community writing project for our students. One of our PTO parents, Mrs. Ann Heins, will be providing a mail box that will sit in our entryway at school until the end of January. Our students are being challenged to show caring for a deployed U.S. soldier by writing a letter or making a Valentine card for at least one soldier. This is an at home project to teach our kids the importance of supporting the men and women in the Armed Forces who protect our freedom. This is a wonderful opportunity for each of our Jerome Prairie families to unite and touch the lives of soldiers currently serving away from their families. We hope this project will brighten their lives. We also hope it will help our students to grow as good citizens and caring people. This is a small sacrifice of some paper and a few minutes of time to make this project successful. If you are interested, please get on board and send in one or more cards by the end of January. It is important that no addresses, phone numbers or email addresses be provided. This is for the safety of our students and the soldiers. The cards will be stamped with the school's address. Letters or cards can begin with the greeting: Dear U.S. Soldier. Kids can also include a drawing with their letter or card. Mrs. Heins will address the cards correctly so they get to soldiers overseas. Enjoy!

JANUARY EVENTS

- 3rd Classes Resume
- 12th Site Council Meeting – 2:00 PM
- 17^h Martin Luther King Day -
No School
- 19th PTO Meeting – 2:00 PM
- 28^h 2 hr. Delayed Start
PBIS Award Assembly – 1:00 PM



A BIG THANK YOU....

The Christmas Program put on by the whole school was a great success and well attended. The students and teachers worked hard on their performances.

A great 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 super job!



PARENT REMINDERS

- Please put your student's name on P.E. 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, home 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, 541-476-2802, 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 CANNOT BE CONTACTED.

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)

Jerome Prairie gives the DIBELS assessment three times per year – Sept., Jan., and May.

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 and 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"**.



Congratulations to each of you!

Education of All Disabled Children/Young Adults



Public law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults ages 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21, who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is 862-3111.

MESSY WINTER

Winter months can be hard on our students! With our playground forming puddles, often students will need to change to dry clothing, and/or dry shoes. We are very happy to provide students with these supplies, however, it is important that we have these items returned to the school, so that we do not run out. If your child comes home with something we have “loaned” him/her, please make sure that the item is washed and returned to school promptly. This will help to keep our supply closet well stocked and available to all of our students. We will happily accept your donated “gently used” clothing in sizes that would fit kindergarten through fifth grades. Thank you for all of your past donations, too!

Attendance

A parent must excuse student absences. It is required that you let us know when and why your child is absent. You can help us with this in two ways. You can call us the day of the absence and tell us why your child is out, or you can write a note and send that in on the day your child returns to school. Absences are only excused for illness, Doctor’s appointments, death in the immediate family and family emergencies. All other absences are unexcused. Make sure you have contacted us within 48 hours or your child’s absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.

Our new Synrevoice communication system calls every parent each day that a child is missing if the absence has not been excused. **Please make sure that you say “Hello” to activate the message. Also, please keep the office up to date when phone numbers change, etc.**

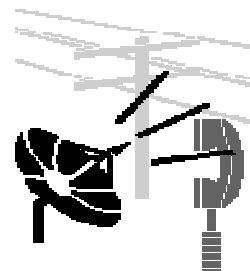
PBIS: DEC. AWARDS

Life Skill (Caring)

Strangis	Otto Miller
Lovell	Christopher Mills-Price
Coppes	Desire Harp
Brucher	Weston Flow
Kenney	Isaiah Chambless
Richardson	Alesha Brown
Harrington	Jennifer Black
Katz	William Wood

Student of the Month

Strangis	Madison Somerville
Lovell	Ethan Allen
Coppes	Whitney Harris
Brucher	Elijah Haley
Kenney	Annika Sellke
Richardson	Jonathan Byrd
Harrington	John Heins
Katz	Abigail Huff





Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI	Channel 5
KDRV	Channel 12
KTVL	Channel 10

Very Important Weather Information

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. **It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.**

1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our new "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. **You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message.** If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you followed all of these steps, and you did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.
3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

KAJO	1270 AM	476-6608
		476-5256
KLDR	98.3 FM	474-7292
KRWQ	99 FM	474-3026
KRRM	94.7 FM	479-6497
KBOY	95.7 FM	779-2070

4. **Contact the school only as a last resort.** First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. There are only two phone lines available.

Sometimes we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.

