



MAY NEWSLETTER



The month of May is here, and I can't believe the school year is almost over.

The first week of May we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Students and parents certainly showed our staff just how much they appreciated them, and I thank you for your kindness to our staff.

We will complete End-of-Year assessments during the first two weeks of May.

As we enter the final stretch of Trimester 3, I would like to share my appreciation of your unwavering support for Prairie Rose Elementary as this is an Awesome Place to Be! Please continue to assist us as we enter our final month of school:

Stay in contact with your child's teacher
Make sure you have updated any contact information with our front office (ie. phone numbers, addresses)

I hope everyone has a wonderful month ahead and before we know it, it will be May 27th and we will be officially on summer break.

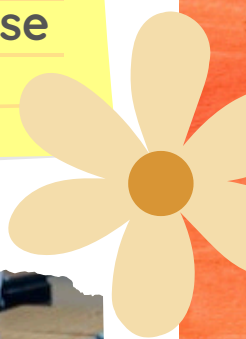
Ms. Weiler - Principal
Prairie Rose Elementary



LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL

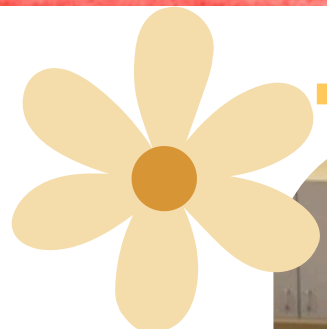
May 23rd

Early Release
1:00pm



RASP Summer Program

Just a reminder sign up is May 1st if you would like to get your child in the summer RASP program. Summer RASP will be held at Hagen. To sign your child up for the summer RASP program, please [click here](#).



It's hard to believe we're approaching the end of the school year! Let's make the most of our remaining time together by continuing to support one another, meet our goals, and create lasting memories. I would like to say a huge thank you to our students, parents, and staff for your continued support and contributions to this year's success. Your hard work and dedication make our school community truly special. Let's end the year with the same energy and enthusiasm we started with—together, we can make it a fantastic finish!



Ms. Berglund - Assistant Principal
Prairie Rose Elementary

**HELLO
SPRING**



IMPORTANT DATES:

5/3- Family Movie Night PRE Gym

5/7- Reading Rodeo 4:30-5:30pm
back playground

5/21- 5th grade Promotion Ceremony
2:00pm

5/23- Last day of School - Early
Release 1:00pm

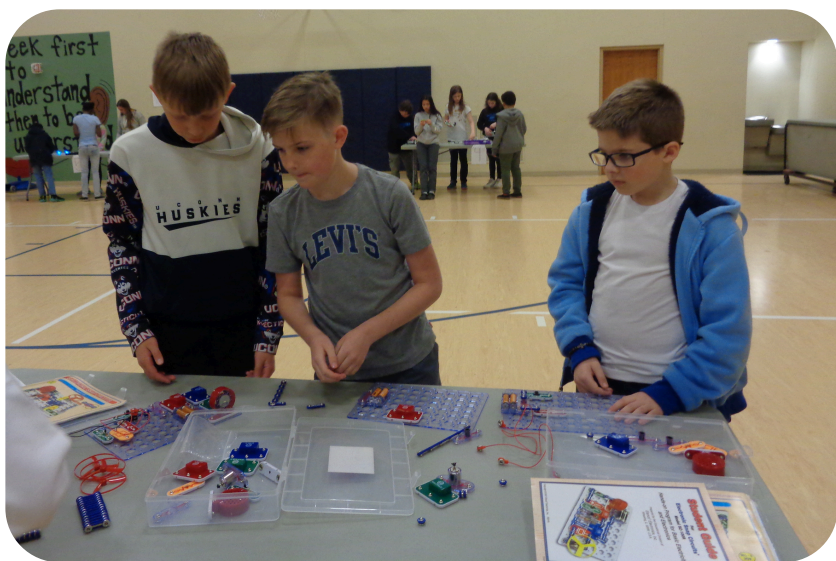


5th grade Commencement

Attention 5th grade families! Believe it or not, it's almost time for our kids to finish their time at PRE and move on to middle school. **SAVE THE DATE** for a fun ceremony to celebrate our 5th Graders: Tuesday May 21st at 2:15PM. There will be a ceremony in the cafeteria each student can have two guests attend.

RETURN LIBRARY
BOOKS

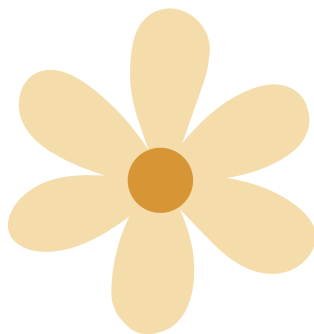
May 13th



3/11-5/3- NDSA Testing Grades 3-5

5/1-5/15- NWEA Testing

5/6-5/17-Dibels Testing





IPAD/CHROMEBOOK DAMAGES & FEES

As we near the end of the school year, we will begin inspecting student devices and chargers for damage. Please be sure to read the information below.

If a device or accessory repair is required due to negligent use and/or intentional damage, all repair and/or replacement costs are the responsibility of the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s). The district will have the damage repaired or replaced and bill the parent(s)/guardian(s). Examples of device and accessory damage: cracked or scratched screens, damaged keyboards, stripped/broken/lost charging cords.

REPORT CARDS
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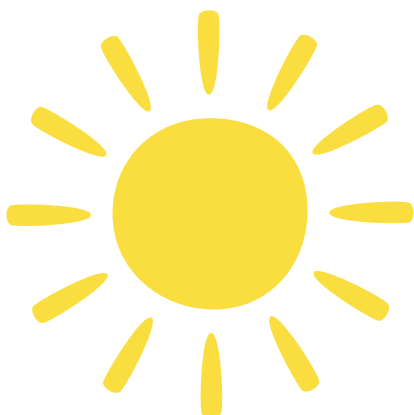
Lunch Balance

Please remember there is less than a month left of the school year. Unused lunch balances will carry over into the next school year. If your child has a negative balance, please submit payment soon. All charges must be cleared before the last day of school. If you know your student will not be attending Dickinson Public Schools this fall, please notify the office so we can issue a refund to clear the account 701-456-0016.



Summer School

A link was sent to parents for students who would qualify for summer school. In order for your child to attend summer school, they must be nominated by their teacher. Students who attend summer school must meet specific qualifications. If you have any questions regarding summer school, please contact Sara Berglund at sberglund@dpsnd.org.



May is National Speech Language Hearing Month

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has declared the month of May as National Speech, Language, Hearing Month which is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the profound influence and dedication of individuals within the field of Speech/Language Pathology. The speech/language pathologist at Prairie Rose Elementary is Ellen Getz.

She, along with two certified speech/language paraprofessionals (Malia Pederson and Rachel Zarak) provide services to many students in our school. So

what do SLP's and SLPP's do anyway???

- Help students learn to pronounce sounds correctly
- Increase students' vocabulary and learn what words to use and in what order
- Help students with minimal speech find ways to communicate- such as using computerized devices or picture communication systems
- Help students develop skills for comprehension, answering questions, understanding relationships between words and concepts, defining words, summarizing information, and following directions
- Help students learn social rules of communication
- Help students that stutter make their speech more fluent
- Help students that struggle with getting their thoughts out, whether verbally or in writing

SLP's also have training in the rehabilitation of swallowing problems, stroke damage, and traumatic brain injuries. Besides the schools, you will find SLP's in hospitals, nursing homes, rehab facilities, early intervention, outpatient settings, home health, universities, and private practice. SLP's have undergraduate degrees in speech/language/hearing sciences and are required to have a master's degree in speech/language pathology as well.

Take some time this month to celebrate communication!



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- ✓ The Exact School Supplies Your Teacher Requested
- ✓ Name Brand Products Like:



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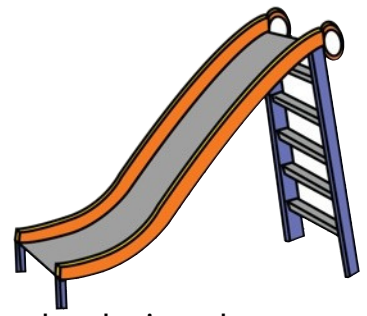
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Order by:
July 1st

1stDaySchoolSupplies.com



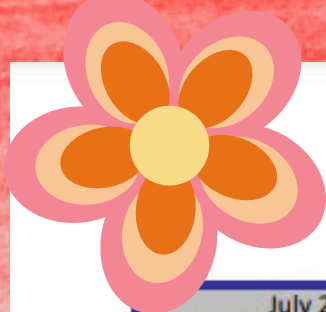
Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
 - 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That’s huge! If reading isn’t one of your child’s top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
 - 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
 - 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
 - 5** Read with your child –explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
 - 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
 - 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the “8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities” on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
 - 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.
- Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.





2024-2025 School Calendar

July 2024						
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August 2024 = 7 Days						
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September 2024 = 19 days						
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September 2 - Labor Day Observed

October 2024 = 21 days						
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October 17 and 18th - Administrator Conference Dates

November 2024 = 16 days						
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November 11 - Veterans Day Observed

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

December 2024 = 15 days						
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Flexible Teacher Work Day... Week of Aug. 12-16, Aug. 21, and May 23
 Inservice (No School).....Aug. 19 and 20th
First Day of School.....Aug. 22
 Labor Day (No School).....Sept. 2
 Inservice Day (No School).....Sept. 30
 Administrator Conference (No School)... Oct. 17 & 18
 Inservice Day (No School).....Nov. 1
 Veterans Day Holiday (No School).....Nov. 11
 Parent/Teacher Conf Comp Day (No School)..Nov. 27
 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School).....Nov. 28
 Thanksgiving Break (No School).....Nov. 29
 Holiday Break.....Dec. 21-Jan. 1
 School Resumes.....Jan. 2
 Inservice/Martin Luther King Day (No School) Jan. 20
 Presidents' Day Observed (No School).....Feb. 17
 Inservice Day (No School)March 10
 No School.....April 17
 Good Friday Holiday (No School).....April 18
 Parent/Teacher Conf Comp Day (No School)..April 21
 Early Release Day (School Dismisses at 1:00)....May 2
 Early Release Day (School Dismisses at 1:00)..May 22
Last Day of School.....May 22
Flexible Teacher Work Day... Week of Aug. 12-16, Aug. 21, and May 23
 Graduation.....May 25

***Early Release Dates for Students (1:00 p.m. release)
 May 2, 2025 and May 22, 2025.**

Student/Teacher Contact Days.....**173 days**
 Inservice Days..... 6 days
 Parent/Teacher Conference Compensatory days...
 (November 27 and April 21).....2 days
 Holidays – Veterans Day (Nov. 11), Thanksgiving
 (Nov. 28) & Good Friday (April 18)..... 3 days
*Flexible Teacher Work Day... Week of Aug. 12-16, Aug.
 21, and May 23.....1 day*
Total Days..... 185 days

See Individual Student Handbook for Parent/Teacher
 Conference Schedules and Grading Periods

- Student Contact Days
- Parent/Teacher Conference Comp. Days
- Professional Development Days
- Flexible Teacher Work Day: Week of Aug. 12-16, Aug. 21, and May 23
- Holidays

January 2025 = 21 days						
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January 1-New Year's Holiday

January 20 - Martin Luther King Day observed

February 2025 = 19 days						
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February 17 - Presidents' Day Observed

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April 2025 = 19 days						
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April 18 - Good Friday Observed

May 2025 = 16 days						
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May 26 - Memorial Day Observed

June 2025						
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