

# PRAIRIE ROSE NEWSLETTER

Welcome back, Prairie Rose students, families, and teachers, to 2024! We hope you all were able to have wonderful celebrations with family and friends over the holiday break.

Despite challenges, there are always splendid things to celebrate! Now that the holidays are behind us, we come to the heart of our school year. Teachers are conscientiously teaching, and students are learning, the core content that students should know in each grade level.

Attendance is crucial for optimum learning, and this is a critical time for students to attend every day possible in school. Parents, please discuss the importance of your child being at school on time, and we all must take extra precautions to ensure the good health of our students. With the many viruses and illnesses that accompany the winter months, please encourage good eating, sleeping habits, and hand washing. If your child is showing symptoms of illness, please keep them at home until symptoms subside.

Thank you, again, for the rich and inspiring support you bring to our school community. Our school could not be successful without your input and team effort. We are proud of our students, teachers, school programs, and community strength. Together we will continue to educate our youth and prosper in a new and promising New Year.

Ms. Weiler  
Principal - Prairie Rose Elementary



## January Important Dates:

01/ 15- NO school

01/26-Reading Connects  
(1st, 3rd, 5th) 2:40-3:00pm

1/30-Parent Teacher Conferences and  
Gateway to Science Event 3:30-6:30pm

1/30-2/01- PRE Book Fair 3:30-6:30pm

2/01- Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-  
6:30pm

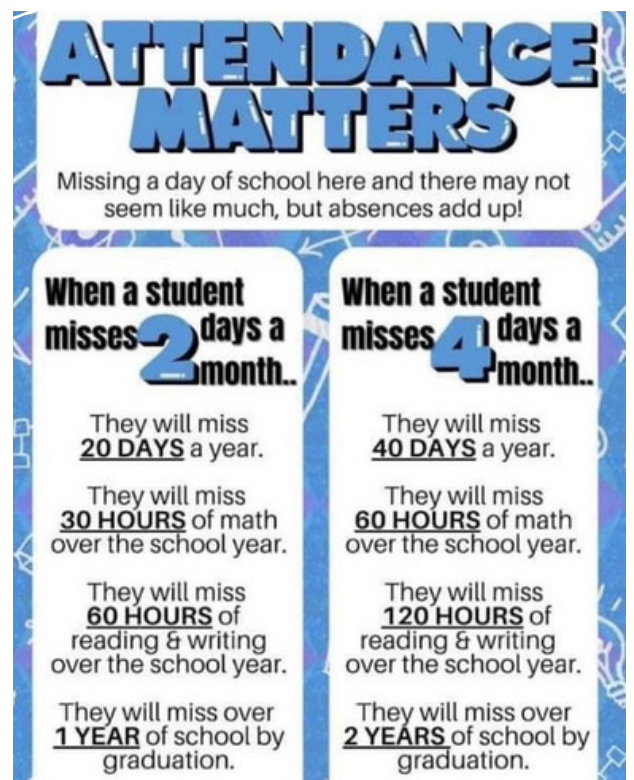
WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
AS THE HOLIDAY SEASON COMES TO A  
CLOSE, WE EAGERLY WELCOME ALL OUR  
STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF BACK  
TO SCHOOL FOR AN EXCITING NEW YEAR  
OF LEARNING AND GROWTH!

JANUARY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A  
FRESH CHAPTER FILLED WITH ENDLESS  
POSSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES. AS  
WE EMBARK ON THIS NEW CHAPTER  
TOGETHER, LET'S EMBRACE THE  
OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE AHEAD,  
NURTURE CURIOSITY, AND SUPPORT EACH  
OTHER IN REACHING FOR NEW HEIGHTS.  
THANK YOU FOR BEING A VALUED PART  
OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

SARA BERGLUND  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-PRAIRIE ROSE  
ELEMENTARY

### ABSENT STUDENTS

Please call the school office in the morning  
if your child will be absent. If you plan on  
picking up your child for an  
appointment/illness,  
we ask that you come to the office.  
In the event your child is late for  
school, an adult will need to walk them into  
the building and sign them in.  
We appreciate your cooperation and  
support.



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses <b>2</b> days a month..	When a student misses <b>4</b> days a month..
They will miss <b>20 DAYS</b> a year.	They will miss <b>40 DAYS</b> a year.
They will miss <b>30 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.	They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.
They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <b>120 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <b>1 YEAR</b> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <b>2 YEARS</b> of school by graduation.

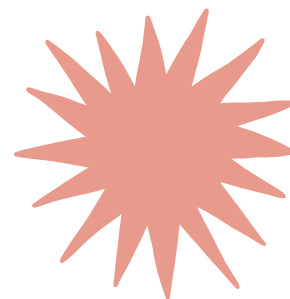
# PRAIRIE ROSE BOX TOPS PROGRAM

HELLO PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY FAMILIES!  
MY NAME IS KAYLENE G. AND I AM THE BOX TOPS FOR  
EDUCATION COORDINATOR FOR OUR SCHOOL.

BOX TOPS IS A FAST AND EASY WAY FOR YOU TO  
SUPPORT PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP US REACH OUR GOAL:

- BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS, SCAN YOUR RECEIPT WITH THE BOX TOPS APP WITHIN 14 DAYS OF PURCHASE AND EARN FOR PRAIRIE ROSE ELEMENTARY WITH EVERY BOX TOPS PRODUCT YOU BUY.
- REFER YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND OTHER PARENTS IN THE SCHOOL TO DOWNLOAD THE APP. YOU'LL EVEN GET BONUS BOX TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL WITH EACH REFERRAL THAT SUCCESSFULLY SCANS THEIR FIRST RECEIPT.
- TURN ON NOTIFICATIONS IN YOUR BOX TOPS APP TO GET SCAN REMINDERS AND STAY UPDATED ON SPECIAL OFFERS, NEW PRODUCTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN FOR OUR SCHOOL. GO TO YOUR COMMUNICATIONS SETTINGS BY TAPPING ON THE PERSON ICON IN THE UPPER-RIGHT CORNER OF THE APP.

A graphic with the words "EXAM Day" in a stylized, bold, black font. "EXAM" is in all caps and "Day" is in a cursive script. The text is set against a white background with a black outline, all contained within a large, white, star-shaped outline.

**EXAM  
Day**

## MIDTERM & TESTING INFORMATION

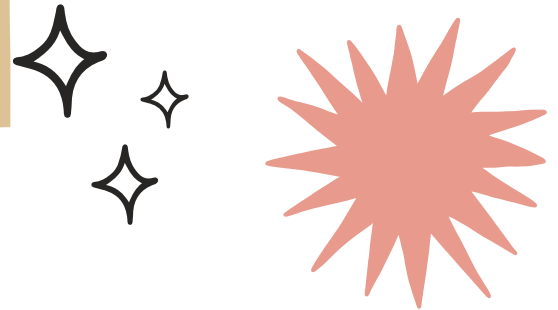
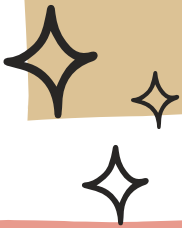
- 1/3-1/19: NWEA Testing
- 1/2-1/17: Dibels Testing
- 1/12 - End of Midterm Trimester 2
- 1/18 - Midterm Report Cards Sent Home

# WHAT IS STEM?

Many parents have asked, “What is STEM, and why are we pursuing this?” In response,

Prairie Rose offers and embeds STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) practices into our school programs. We think it is important for our school, district, and community to know the many things we do at our school to prepare students for future careers, and success.

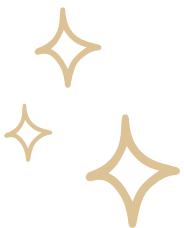
As we reflect on our practices, we recognize that there is always room to grow and improve, and we embrace that!



# HOW CAN YOU VOLUNTEER AT OUR SCHOOL?

DPS uses VOLY, a volunteer management system, to post volunteer opportunities and find volunteers. To volunteer on one of our campuses, you will need to create a VOLY account by visiting <https://dickinson.voly.org>. Thank you for your desire to volunteer with us!

Volunteers are an integral part of what we do every day in DPS!

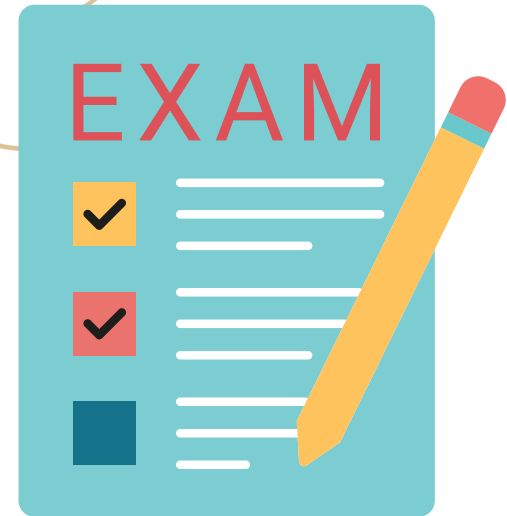


# TESTING TIPS

NWEA testing supports students and educators by creating assessments that measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor student instruction.

The most important thing you can do for your child during testing is to make sure that he/she comes to school on the days the class is testing.

Adequate sleep is important for your child leading up to their testing days as well as a proper breakfast the morning of their test. Also, a reminder to pack a snack the day of testing as each class will still have their snack times.



# BENEFITS OF READING ALOUD

- Choose books that are appropriate for your child's age & interests
- Make your read alouds interactive & FUN
- Talk about the pictures as you read
- Build vocabulary by focusing on & talking about new words
- Connect the story to your child's world
- Ask questions about the story & encourage your child to ask what they are wondering about
- Make reading aloud a regular part of your routine-just 15 minutes a day can make a big difference!

<https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/reading-your-child>



CLASS OF 2037, ARE YOU READY?

# DPS KINDER KICK-OFF

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 14  
6:00-7:00 P.M.

Open to incoming kindergartners and their families.  
More information to come.

- ✓ Tour your school
- ✓ Meet the teachers
- ✓ Free T-shirt

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

More Bookjoy, less hassle—with **eWallet!**

This year, say *goodbye* to giving your kids crumpled bills and loose change...and *hello* to **eWallet**, a super-convenient, secure digital payment account, for the Scholastic Book Fair. Setting up an eWallet for your child empowers them to choose their own books and effortlessly check out during the Best. Week. Ever. at their school. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs. Now, that's a win-win!



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Add Funds



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and Friends



Shop

Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/prairierose>

# Coaching for Parents...

FREE RESOURCE PROVIDED BY  
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Become a "protective factor"  
and superhero when it comes to  
your child's mental health



## Discover your Superhero Powers

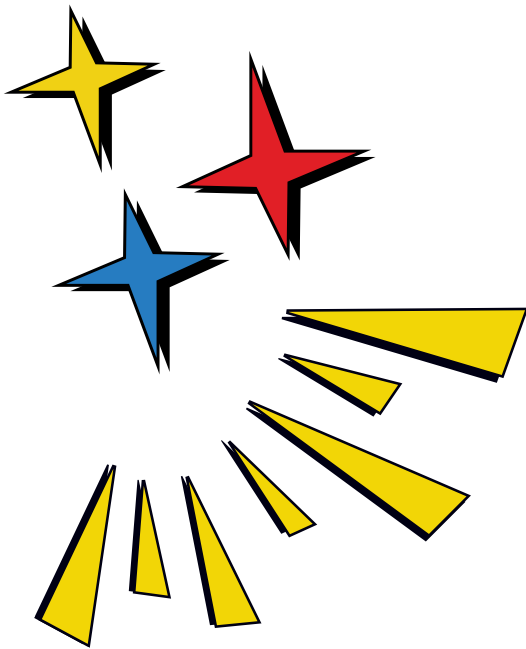
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- Tools & tips to help you parent
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# Asesoría para Padres...

RECURSO GRATUITO PROPORCIONADO  
POR LA ESCUELA PRIMARIA PRAIRIE ROSE

Conviértase en un "factor de  
protección" y un **superhéroe**  
en relación a la  
salud mental de su hijo



## Descubre tu Poderes de Superhéroe

Asesoría de Padres GRATIS  
Incluye:

- Llamadas semanales
- Textos 24/7 con respuesta 24 hr
- Recursos guiados paso a paso
- Herramientas & consejos de crianza
- Ayuda confidencial

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