

# MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Prairie Rose Families,

February was a busy month for Prairie Rose. Much appreciation goes out to the wonderful PAC and Prairie Rose families for joining us for Friends Day BINGO. Please know how grateful we are. I heard nothing but positive feedback from staff, students, and parents. Prairie Rose families always come through!

We are excited to participate in One Book, One School! Please watch for more information to come home SOON! Special shout out to our Student Council members for creating flyers, doing an assembly for the school, and talking to each classroom to get everyone excited.

On February 22nd vision screenings were provided to all K - 5th graders.

Kindergarten registration for 2024-2025 is underway. To help plan staffing needs, please complete registration forms online to enroll your child. Additional information can be found on the district website.

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in NDSA testing, the window is March 11th through May 3rd. As with other standardized tests, we appreciate your efforts to help your child do well, including getting a good night's sleep, eating a substantial breakfast, sending a healthy snack and water bottle, arriving at school on time, and being at school every day during the testing window.

Please reach out with any questions you may have.

Your commitment to Prairie Rose, as always, is second to none.

THANK YOU!

Nicole Weiler, Principal



## IMPORTANT MARCH DATES

3/4- Read-a-thon begins

3/14- Kinder Kick-off event

3/15- Read & Connect  
1st, 3rd, 5th 2:40-3:00pm

3/22- 1pm Early Release

3/28- 4/1- No School

# PRAIRIE ROSE BOX TOPS PROGRAM

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.

## HOW CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

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!



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APP**



## 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.



# BENEFITS OF READING ALOUD FROM YOUR TITLE TEAM

## Builds background knowledge

When you read all different kinds of books with your child – fiction, poetry, fantasy, science fiction, historical fiction, biography, narrative nonfiction, and informational texts – you help them develop a better understanding of the world around them. As you read, keep the dialogue around the books open and lively, and encourage kids to ask questions. If you don't know the answer to question, explore more together – through more books, web resources, hands-on activities, and local field trips. It's a great model for being a lifelong learner!

## Offers “windows and mirrors”

Books that reflect different cultures and family experiences give all kids a window into the diverse world we live in. Exposure to a wide range of books helps build both empathy and background knowledge – introducing children to different cultures, time periods, and ways of thinking, and help them develop a broader understanding of the world around them. Other books give kids a chance to see someone who looks like them as an empathetic character, hero, or important historical figure, contributing to a sense of self-esteem.

## Nurtures a love of reading

When children are exposed to books and stories from a young age, they are more likely to develop a love of reading as they get older. That's because reading aloud helps kids associate books with the joy of spending time with their parents and being read to in a warm and loving environment. And reading takes you places and teaches you things – you're dipping in and out of real and imagined worlds, meeting interesting characters, learning something new, or deepening an understanding of something you're already fascinated by.





# SAVE THE DATE

First grade save the date for  
our Spring Music Concert  
April 18th



**Read-A-Thon  
Starts March 4th**







STARTS  
MARCH 4TH

# READ-A-THON

Read-a-thons actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

We will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking on <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/qSMpuS/1> and following the simple instructions.

We've chosen Read-a-thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading

# READ FOR THE GOLD!



MARCH  
2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01 Opening ceremony - <b>wear sports attire</b>	02
03	04  Read-A-Thon begins today!	05	06 WorkoutWednesday <b>sweats/activewear</b>	07	08 School pride day - <b>wear school colors</b>	09
10	11  Read-A-Thon	12	13 WorkoutWednesday <b>sweats/activewear</b>	14	15 Pass the torch - reading buddy time	16
17	18  Read-A-Thon	19	20 WorkoutWednesday <b>sweats/activewear</b>	21	22 EARLY RELEASE <b>hat day</b>	23
24	25  Read-A-Thon ends today!	26	27 Closing Ceremony - <b>wear sports attire</b>	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30
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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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# ONLINE KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

It is time to pre-register your child for Kindergarten! Use the QR Code below or visit our website, [dickinson.k12.nd.us](https://dickinson.k12.nd.us).

Pre-registration is an essential first step in the enrollment process. Once you have completed the form, please submit the documents below to the DPS Central Administration Offices.

## DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

You can choose to present documents in person, by email, mail, or fax.

✓ Birth Certificate      ✓ Immunization Records

✓ Primary Proof of Residence

(ONE of the following)

- Home mortgage statement
- Builder's agreement
- Purchase agreement
- Homeowners insurance policy
- Property tax statement
- Lease/rental agreement

✓ Secondary Proof of Residence

(ONE of the following)

- Current gas, electricity, or water bill
- Current phone, cable, or Direct TV bill
- Department of Social Services documentation



ENROLL ONLINE  
TODAY 



CHILD MUST BE

5

YEARS OLD  
BY JULY 31