Week At A Glance (WAAG) - May 18th - May 22nd

Monday, May 18th
Remote Learning
Ringing the Bells of Naperville for Graduates, 6:45pm

Tuesday, May 19th
Remote Learning
5th Grade Fine Arts Program

Wednesday, May 20th
Remote Learning
5th Grade Fine Arts Program

Thursday, May 21st
Remote Learning
Last Day of School for Student

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Professional Learning Day

LOOKING AHEAD
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**Important Links**

Donate to the NEF Kid Booster Crisis Fund at [www.nef203.org/donate](http://www.nef203.org/donate)

Infinite Campus Portal can be accessed [here](http://www.nef203.org/donate).

Report Cards can be accessed [here](http://www.nef203.org/donate).

Kindergarten Registration on the district website can be accessed [here](http://www.nef203.org/donate).

Summer School Information can be accessed [here](http://www.nef203.org/donate).

Virtual Backpack for District 203 can be accessed [here](http://www.nef203.org/donate).

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. WHEELER WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND SEL INFORMATION**

*Update:* Mrs. Wheeler will periodically update this Google Document as things change so please check the document throughout the summer for updated information.

Please click on the link to access the message from Mrs. Wheeler (the document is updated as needed by Mrs. Wheeler):

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Yn5vIHC_D0aQltnNpGvY9IBMkpMXL_qJh3PuUkaF_bE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Yn5vIHC_D0aQltnNpGvY9IBMkpMXL_qJh3PuUkaF_bE/edit?usp=sharing)

**PRAIRIE STUDENT BELONGINGS PICK UP PROCEDURE**

This is a friendly reminder that starting next week on Monday, May 18th we will start the process of getting student belongings returned. Pick up will occur between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM according the schedule below:

- **May 18th**: Families with last names M-R
- **May 19th**: Families with last name S-Z
- **May 20th**: Families with last name A-F
- **May 21st**: Families with last name G-L

I am also including the attachment that was shared with you in a Talk 203 earlier this week. Again, it is important to review this information in its entirety to ensure that this is a smooth process for all involved. **Please pay particular attention to the signage we are asking families to make and have posted in their vehicle.** While the projected forecast looks good, we do have an alternate plan in the event of heavy rain and/or lightning/thunder that involves pick up in the building. In the event we need to move to this plan for one or more of the scheduled days, I will share that with you via a Talk 203 prior to the 9:00 AM start time.
Should you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Mrs. Witmer at mwitmer@naperville203.org.

Mr. Zallis -- Principal

RINGING THE BELLS OF NAPERVILLE FOR GRADUATES
Join our community on Monday, May 18th at 6:45pm to honor ALL students who are celebrating a milestone by ringing bells outside the front of your home. The Carillon will be chiming on the Riverwalk and the more bells, sirens, pot & pans the better!

If you have a contact at your church, please reach out to have them ring the bells too.

Graduates can walk outside their door to family, neighbors and community bells ringing in celebration for the class of 2020. #together203

THANK YOU FROM JT
I can’t believe my family’s time at Prairie is coming to an end! It’s been a wonderful six years. I want to say thank you to our wonderful executive board, committee chairs/members, school staff and families. You have made my year as president fly by. When I first volunteered to lead the author visit committee over 5 years ago I could not have seen the path would lead to being given the honor of being president for this year.

COVID-19 has thrown us many curve balls this year. Each and every one of you should be so proud of yourselves. You have answered every challenge that has come our way with perseverance, enthusiasm and kindness. You truly are a great Prairie family and I am proud to have been able to serve this family in a small way. The hours and hours of work given by volunteers is truly inspiring to see and shows in the wonderful experiences our children have at Prairie. My only regret is that I was not able to see all the kids smiling faces in person the past two months with social distancing. I miss spending time with the kids so much.

I will only be across town and look forward to seeing you around when we are allowed to move freely again. Once again thanks for welcoming me into your lives. I have loved every moment at Prairie and wouldn’t change a thing.

-JT

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PRAIRIE FAMILY SOCIAL
Thank you to all who tuned in virtually for our first ever Prairie Family Social! We hope you enjoyed the live portion of the evening in addition to securing some goodies from the silent auction! We are so grateful for all of our sponsors who helped make this event a HUGE SUCCESS!

We want to provide special recognition to the following Platinum Plus Sponsors.

Liedtke Orthodontics
Figueroa Orthodontics
Jeffrey S Hood Law
CBK Global Enterprises, Inc.
Empire Burger Bar
Karen & Gerry Gorman
Marker & Crannell, Attorneys At Law
Truly Skin Aesthetic Center

We have an extensive list of generous donors. Click here to view all Prairie supporters and kindly consider supporting their businesses in the future!

**WANTED: TWO CHAIRPEOPLE FOR THE STAFF APPRECIATION GIFTS COMMITTEE**

Is gratitude one of your favorite words? Then the Staff Appreciation Gifts Committee is for you!

The Gifts sub-committee of the Staff Appreciation Committee is responsible for providing tokens of appreciation, acknowledgements of sympathy, and congratulations for the staff as needed throughout the year. This committee also coordinates Teacher Appreciation Week activities with the Room Parent Committee.

Commitment: Medium in October for Principal/Assistant Principal Day, November for Educational Support Professionals Day and in April/May leading up to Teacher Appreciation Week. Low for the rest of the school year.

If you are interested please reach out to Jepharya Badie at jepharya@gmail.com or Emily Kozlowski at prairieschoolvp@gmail.com.

**WANTED: ONE CO-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ADULT SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Love to plan events and raise money for an amazing cause? Then join Jennifer Cupp as a co-chair of the Adult Social Committee!

This event can take place at a time of the committee’s choosing, however usually it occurs in the spring. The event can include raffles and silent auctions but does not need to incorporate the same ideas year to year.

Commitment: Medium during the school year. High for the month or two leading up to the fundraiser.

If you are interested please contact Jennifer Cupp at prairieschoolsocial@gmail.com or Emily Kozlowski at prairieschoolvp@gmail.com.

**WANTED: ONE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ASSEMBLIES COMMITTEE**

Home & School is looking for someone to help plan the three annual assemblies at Prairie, including the end of year spirit assembly. The committee selects and manages these programs with the Assistant Principal’s help and approval.

Commitment: Low to medium, with most assemblies booked by October/November.

If you are interested please reach out to Emily Kozlowski at prairieschoolvp@gmail.com.

**WANTED: ONE CO-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE JINGLE BELL JUNCTION COMMITTEE**

Home & School is looking for one person to co-chair the Jingle Bell Junction Committee. Abby Clancy did a fabulous job last year but her co-chair’s children have aged out of Prairie so she needs a new co-chair.

This committee is responsible for organizing and promoting the annual winter event at which students are given the opportunity to shop for inexpensive holiday gifts.

Commitment: Medium for the months of November/December.

If you are interested please reach out to Abby Clancy atabby.clancy@yahoo.com or Emily Kozlowski at prairieschoolvp@gmail.com.
HOME & SCHOOL SAYS THANK YOU
Home & School would like to offer many heartfelt thanks:

- to all of the committee chairs that have given so freely of their time and went above and beyond.
- to all of the parents who volunteered their time to help on committees and staff events.
- to all of the teachers and staff who are so supportive of Home & School and provide an environment that fosters learning and encourages parent participation.

This was a wonderful year that ended in a less than ideal manner, but our Prairie PRIDE was evident and strong in our students, teachers, staff and families and for that we can be thankful.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to coming together again in the fall!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
If you know of any families with incoming kindergarten students, please remind them to make sure they have registered their student using the online registration via the district website: https://www.naperville203.org/Page/4848.

Early registration allows us to have an accurate number to plan for sections and materials.

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS FOR 2020-2021 AND SUPPLY LISTS
Home & School provides the School Supply Kit service, in partnership with Shanes Kits, to give parents/guardians a convenient way to buy school supplies in a comprehensive kit compared to purchasing independently. From markers, to notebooks, to even paper towels and wet wipes, all the teacher requested classroom supplies are included in these kits.

Order Online at www.shaneskits.com and enter code PR203 by June 15th.

*Sales tax is charged for online orders.

Supply kits will be delivered directly to your students' classroom in August, so once you purchase online, your student(s) will be covered; please remember, order your child(s) next year's grade.

If you would like to see the school supply lists by grade click here: https://www.naperville203.org/Page/7590

If you have questions please contact Heather Chura at heatherchura1@gmail.com

REMINDER ABOUT PLAYGROUNDS AND ATHLETIC AREAS
Just a reminder since the weather is becoming nicer that the playgrounds and athletic areas at Prairie, and all other schools, are closed due to the Governor’s social distancing mandate. Please remind your children that they are not to be using these spaces.

Thank you for your understanding.

UPDATE: KANE COUNTY COUGARS READING PROGRAM TICKETS
Due to the COVID-19 social distancing guidelines it looks as if the tickets the students earned will not be able to be used for the previously scheduled game on April 26th. Please see the below information regarding tickets from the organization:
"I hope you are healthy and staying safe during this challenging time for all of us. I want to update you on the status of the Cougars games your students are scheduled to attend this spring as part of the Cougars Reading Club. We are awaiting clarity from Major League Baseball and local public health officials as to when our season will begin. With only April and May games traditionally being designated for the reading club, it is possible those games will not be played.

We don’t want your students to miss out on the opportunity to attend a game this year so we are providing a voucher that students can use for **ANY GAME** this season. You will find that voucher attached to this email, along with a Teacher Voucher which is also good for **ANY GAME** this season.

If you have already distributed the other voucher I emailed you in February there is no need to distribute this new voucher. Please convey to your families that they can use the voucher they have for any game this season. They will just need to redeem it in person or through the mail. It can even be brought to the ballpark on game day.

Teachers are still able to order their tickets online using the code **CRCTCH** for any game. If your teachers want to attend Teacher Appreciation Night when we have a picnic for them, those dates are still scheduled for June 15 and July 28. If they attend on another day they will receive a concession voucher.”

If you have questions about tickets already purchased email **tickets@kanecountycougars.com**. Those tickets can be exchanged for another game.

If you do not have the previously distributed vouchers they can be accessed here:

Student:  [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GDb6gd-bqXU7uobjZZxqrenDi7gVwio2/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GDb6gd-bqXU7uobjZZxqrenDi7gVwio2/view?usp=sharing)

Teacher:  [https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Pspaz2YxUQ7dtWb7ksMI-Siexl-PslR/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Pspaz2YxUQ7dtWb7ksMI-Siexl-PslR/view?usp=sharing)

**PRAIRIE CAR MAGNETS**
The new Prairie car magnets are currently available for purchase for $5. If you would like to purchase one please email Mel Lund at **mel.lund@gmail.com** or text her at 630-202-2032 to schedule a porch pick up.

**SPRING SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS**
For those who ordered spring spirit wear items here is a message from the company:

“We're thinking of you and hoping you and your families are doing well!

As I'm sure you can understand, the production for your Spring Spiritwear orders is on hold as the state of Illinois has issued an order that all non-essential businesses must cease operation. Once Governor Pritzker lifts the order, we will resume production. We will keep you updated and let you know when your orders are complete. If your school remains closed, we will reach out to make alternate delivery arrangements.”

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mel Lund at **mel.lund@gmail.com** or Christine Navea at **christine.navea@gmail.com**.

**SUPPORT THE RESTAURANTS THAT SUPPORT PRAIRIE**
If you are looking to support a local restaurant please consider ordering from one of the restaurants that have supported Prairie in our Eat-Out events:

**Angeli’s** is open for curbside pickup.
(630) 420-1370
1478 E. Chicago Ave
Chipotle is open for delivery
(331) 457-4192
1561 N. Naper Blvd

Front Street Cantina is open for curbside pickup
(630) 369-5218
15 W. Jefferson Ave

Little Pops NY Pizzeria Trattoria is open for curbside pickup and delivery
(630) 210-8084

MOD Pizza is open for curbside pickup and delivery
(630) 544-3471
103 S. Washington Street

Portillos is open for drive through
950 E. Ogden Ave

ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS
Have you been reading the flyers that are sent home with your child and are not sure what some of the abbreviations/acronyms stand for? Here are some of the most common abbreviations used at Prairie:

MPR - Multi Purpose Room. Large room adjacent to the lounge area at the entrance of the school. Used for lunch and meetings.

LC - Learning Commons, the library area.

Y/O: Youngest and/or Only.
You will find this abbreviation on order forms and other papers that come home to your child throughout the year. This means only one sheet has come home for your entire family. Prairie uses this to help save paper, when possible.

H&S: This is the abbreviation for Home and School.

WAAG: Week At A Glance
This is the abbreviation used for the electronic newsletter that is emailed to Prairie families on Sunday afternoons, sponsored by Home and School. Entries can be submitted to Emily Kozlowski at prairieschoolvp@gmail.com.

Specials:
This refers to art, music, PE class and the LC (Learning Commons) at Prairie.

SFCP: School Family Community Partnership.
The School Family Community Partnership is an organization composed of staff and parent volunteers working together at every school to provide activities for students, families and community members for the purpose of enriching the students’ experiences and supporting each school improvement plan.

PSAC: Public Schools Administrative Center, located at 203 W. Hillside Road, Naperville

Please contact Emily Kozlowski at prairieschoolvp@gmail.com with any questions about or submissions to the WAAG. Deadline for submissions are Wednesdays by noon, for posting in the following week’s WAAG.
Here are some links you may find useful:
http://www.naperville203.org/prairie
www.facebook.com/prairiehomeandschool
Twitter: @Praired203