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As we begin the second half of the school year, it's amazing to look back on all of the learning that has occurred. Conferences last week provided a great opportunity for students to communicate and share their learning with you. Thank you for taking time to meet with your child's teacher.

We are proud to acknowledge that while the students of Prairieview School continue to learn, so do the teachers. We believe that in order for our students to continue to grow, the teachers need to continue their learning. Throughout the year staff members have participated in various professional development opportunities by attending inservice sessions and professional conferences. They have extended their own learning by participating in training and several staff members have also shared their learning with others by presenting at conferences. Many of the opportunities have been provided during our staff meetings, institute days, and trainings offered through local universities and educational associations. All of these workshops provide wonderful opportunities for our staff to share their expertise, enhance their instructional program and assist your children as they learn.

During the mornings of March 1st through March 12th we will be giving students in 3rd and 4th grades the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). The results of this state-required assessment will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. Our School Improvement Planning team will review these results along with information from our local assessments to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests.

As with every day of the school year, you can help your child do his/her best on the test by:

- making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing
- making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing
- providing breakfast on the mornings of testing
- reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the test directions
- letting your child know that you have confidence in his/her ability to do his/her best
- advising your child not to worry about the test - just to do the best he/she can

Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests.

We look forward to sharing the ISAT results with you this fall.

Prairieview PTO Pride

Our mission is to enrich and improve the educational experience by serving and supporting our school community.

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Message from the Board

Dear Prairieview Staff and Parents,

We would like to send a big thank you to the AM Pre-K, AM Kindergarten, third and fourth grade classes for donating towards our teacher appreciation dinner during conferences. We were able to provide a wonderful catered dinner and desserts from your generous donations, it was a huge success!

We would also like to thank all the staff and families that participated in our Fall and Spring book fairs. With the credits earned through Scholastic we are able to purchase a Smart Board for our school. This is a wonderful tool that will benefit the whole school.

We would also like to remind everyone that in May elections for the 2010-2011 school year will take place. We have many board and chair positions open. We would LOVE to have you come and join us in building a community of dedicated parents. There is no experience needed and new faces are always welcome! Email Erica Juenger at joeboosgal@hotmail.com for details.

As always it is a pleasure to serve you!

Your Prairieview PTO

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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Wanted! Parents to help with teacher appreciation week in April! Interested in joining this committee, email Erica Juenger at joeboosgal@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU BOOK FAIR SUPPORTERS!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Spring Book Fair! We have well over \$200.00 of wonderful new library books thanks to all of our Prairieview families and staff!

Ice Cream Party Raffle Winners:

Mrs. Fitzharris' PM Kindergarten class and Mrs. Schneider's classrooms won the ice cream party (ice cream donated)!

BINGO Winners:

Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Morton and Miss Thomas' classrooms were the BINGO winners and each won \$25.00 of books from the fair.

Special thanks to Suzi Papin for helping put together the Book Fair and for the wonderful BINGO cards!

Thanks a million to all of the wonderful Book Fair volunteers; we would not have had a book fair without you!

Fair Set-Up:

Katie Rasmussen

Fair Cashier and Student Helper Team:

Suzi Papin, Jacki Brunk, Ingrid Galeczka, Lisa Tonkery, Tina Coleman, Mindy Young-Stanczak, Jessica Kern, Katie Rasmussen, Cheryl Plencer, Erica O'Rourke, Melissa Rockel, Hillary Fain, Amy Struck, Diana Baldez-Takiff, Heather Warren, Nicole Warren

Fair Pack-up Team:

Suzi Papin, Diana Baldez-Takiff, Heather Warren, Nicole Warren, Jessica Kern, Brooke Papin, Nicole Papin

Thanks to Courtney Doninger for putting together the fabulous Teacher Wish Board!

A very grateful thank you to Heather Warren, Nicole Warren, and Melissa Rockel. We cannot thank you enough for helping out at the book fairs, your help was so greatly appreciated and we will miss you very much!

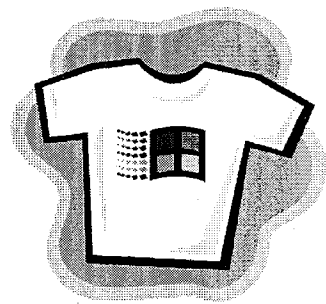
Discovery Day 2010

Planning has begun for Discovery Day 2010! The big day is Friday, May 7th this year. The Discovery Day Committee is looking for new members to join us in planning this fun filled day.

We are also looking for new presenters this year. Can you decorate a cake? Do you know how to make cards or scrapbook? Do you have an interesting hobby or job you would like to share with the children at Prairieview? Do you want to present, but aren't sure what to do? We have ideas for you! If you would like to be part of Discovery Day please contact Lisa Tonkery at 847-548-6602 or Gina Kalata at 847-548-4349

DISCOVERY DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Help wanted! We need t-shirt designs for our 2010 Discovery Day T-Shirts. Please submit your drawing completed in black marker or on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of white paper to your teacher starting on February 26. Please include your name and classroom teacher's name in pencil on the back. The top three designs will be selected for the entire school to vote on a winner. We will be voting with box tops. Start collecting your box tops so you can cast your vote. The last day to enter your design will be on March 3rd. We can't wait to see all your great ideas!



Special Ed Audit in Review

Please join us along with Superintendent, **Ellen Correll** as we review the outcome of the special ed audit that was conducted with our input last fall.

Location: GMS Media Center
Address: 440 Barron Blvd.
Date & Time: February 25 at 7p.m.

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