

Prairie Heights Elementary Newsletter

PANTHER PRIDE! LEARN IT! KNOW IT! SHOW IT!

Alecia Pfefferkorn, Principal

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Issue 2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- **Monday, September 11** - Young Sprouts
3:15-4:30 PM Grades 3 & 4
- **Wednesday September 20** - Picture Day
Elementary - Watch for fliers coming home soon.



**No School Monday
September 4, 2017**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Good attendance is an important component in the educational process. Perfect attendance will be recognized when a student is in attendance for all class periods except in a case where a student has an exempted absence.

LIMITED ABSENCE POLICY/ATTENDANCE PROBATION

Prairie Heights limits the number of times a student may be absent from a class/school. If a student misses the equivalent of **8** days during the school year, excluding exempted absences, then he/she may be placed on attendance probation. **All verified and unverified absences count toward the attendance process. Once on an attendance procedure, all future absences must be verified by a doctor, court official, etc.**

If a further absence occurs without this verification:

- 1st offense: A certified letter will be sent requiring you to attend an attendance meeting at 8 absences
- 2nd offense: A phone call will be made to the probation department at 10 absences

VERIFIED ABSENCES

The following reasons are recognized by PHCSC as verified absences. These absences **count toward the attendance agreement**: (1) personal illness with parental verification up to 8 days then a doctor's note only (2) religious observances with verification, (3) vacation or any other reason child is not in attendance other than in exempted absences. The principal or his/her designee may consider other situations when extenuating circumstances arise. The school has the right under IN code to request a new doctor's verification for each absence day due to continued or ongoing medical conditions.

UNVERIFIED ABSENCES

If the school does not receive notification by phone or note within 24 hours of the absence, the absence is considered unverified.

VACATION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Parents are encouraged not to take their child out of school for vacations. When a family vacation must be scheduled during the school year, the parents should discuss the matter with the principal to make necessary arrangements. It may be possible for the student to receive certain assignments that are to be completed during the trip. **Family vacation days will be considered unexcused absences.**

From the Office of the Prairie Heights School Nurse ...

1-800-800-9596, 351-3214 ext. 2570

Pam Wingstrom R.N.

School Nurse

Head Lice Alert

A few students have been found to have head lice in our school. I want you to be aware of this situation and be alert to the signs of infestation of head lice.

Head lice bites produce intense itching that is frequently the first sign of infestation. Look for droplet shaped dark eggs cemented to the hair shaft close to the head especially at the base of the neck and around the ears. These nits (eggs) should not be confused with dandruff, which can easily be flicked off the air. Nits are tightly cemented to the hair shaft and are very difficult to move. Lice are small insects about the size of a sesame seed and are usually light brown. They move quickly and shy away from light.

I strongly encourage all parents to check their children for head lice on a regular basis. If you find lice, treat them with lice shampoo and check rest of family for lice. Clothing and bedding also needs to be washed.

Please call if any questions. Thanks for your help in controlling head lice!