

# School Information and Updates Friday, April 29, 2022

# Facilities Open House May 19

You are invited to Facilities Open House on Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 5:00-7:30 PM to celebrate with our community the completed projects at Prairie Heights Elementary, Prairie View Elementary and Prairie High School. The open house is an opportunity to showcase recently completed projects at Prairie Heights Elementary, Prairie View Elementary and Prairie High School. Tours will be offered at each building. The open house is also an opportunity to visit with district and building administration, staff, students, and representatives from OPN Architects.

The renovations and additions are part of the \$49.5 million bond issue that passed on February 2, 2016 and revenues generated from the state-wide penny tax. Projects addressed classroom space, safety, security, operational costs, and community access.

### Sport Summer Camps

Registration is open for a variety of summer sport camps sponsored by our High School Athletic Programs. New camps have just been added this week. Visit <u>our page</u> to view a complete listing of what is being offered. Check back often for updated information.

## School Registration is Now Open for the 2022-2023 School Year

Returning students and families: Please complete this for your students at your earliest convenience.

- All Prairie families MUST complete this electronic form prior to students starting classes this fall.
- Get started by logging into the <u>Infinite Campus Portal</u>. This link is located on the district homepage. If you have lost your portal username or password, please use the "Forgot Password" or "Forgot Username" link on the login page. You can also call (319) 848-5240 between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm M-F.
- Once you are logged into the Portal, click on "more", then the Online Registration link is located at the bottom of the page.
- For those who need assistance or computer access, please contact District Enrollment Specialist Jennifer Armour (319)-848-5202 or email jarmour@crprairie.org.

# Please Note: Instructional Supply Fees and Free/Reduced Applications are not available at this time. Please watch for district communication in July.

### Last Day of School June 3

A reminder that the last day of school is Friday, June 3. The day includes a 4-hour early release. Free breakfast and lunch will be available to all students.

### Free Meals for All Students Ends With the 2022 School Year

When the 2021-2022 school year ends, so do free meals for every student. While the federal government funded a program that allowed all students access to free meals during the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress recently declined to continue funding this program. This means all families will need to carry a positive balance in their children's school meal accounts when school begins next fall.

We understand this change may cause you to worry. **There are important steps** you can take today to make sure your student receives the meals they need next year.

#### Step 1: Complete an application for free and reduced price meals NOW.

If your student qualifies for free or reduced meals, they can still receive them next year, but you must take action to make it happen. Complete the 2021-2022 online application for free and reduced meals before the end of this school year if you have not already filled out an application for the 2021-2022 school year. <u>This will give you a 30-day grace period at the start of the 2022-2023 school year to complete another application for next year</u>. To apply for free or reduced meals, please complete an online application through our website using this link <u>2021-2022 Free and Reduced Price Meal Application</u>. The application is available in Armenian, Burmese, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. For assistance completing the application or for questions, please contact our Food and Nutrition Department by phone at 319-848-5337 or email Ginny Scott at vscott@crprairie.org.

**Step 2: Then after July 1, 2022, fill out the 2022-2023 online application** which will be available on the District's website after July 1, 2022. Even if you complete the 2021-2022 application, you will still need to complete the 2022-2023 application as well.

**Step 3: Budget for the Cost of School Lunches** (if you do not qualify for free meals). Families that do not qualify for free meals can start depositing money into their student's meal account now to prepare for the cost of school meals next year. Online payments can be made by using this link: <u>In Touch Payments</u>. Information on meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year will be available in the near future.

### Step 4: Pay Off Negative School Lunch Balances

If your student has a negative lunch account balance, we encourage you to pay that as soon as possible and then begin depositing money into your student's account to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.

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