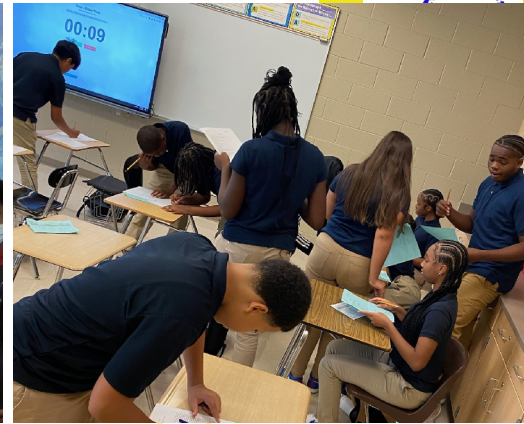


# Prairie-Hills Junior High School

November 2023



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## Message from Principal D. Daniels-Wright

The first of November marks the 11th week of school. I am highly focused on preparing students for the next round of standardized testing. Students will take the I-Ready Winter Diagnostic in December and the Winter MAP testing is in January.

I am currently asking staff and students to reflect on last year's strengths and discuss areas for continuous improvement. You will be getting direct communication from your child's teachers regarding specific growth goals. I believe that every single student can meet high expectations and that parents/caregivers and community members are a critical partner in each child's education.

Please impress upon your child his/her NEED to increase scores and the importance of trying their very best EACH and EVERY day!

-DW

## Monthly Forecast

- PHJH Spirit Week: 10/30-11/3
- Fall Dance: 11/2
- Quarter 1 Ends: 11/3
- First Friday: 11/3
- 8th Grade New York Trip Deposit Due: 11/10
- Family Math Night: 11/9
- Veterans Day No School: 11/13
- Parent Teacher Conferences: 11/21, 11/22
- No School: 11/22, 11/23, 11/24



Please refer to the district Calendar for important dates. Note that this list may not indicate all activities and the principal reserves the right to add or cancel some programming.

## CHARACTER

Mustangs are known for being highly intelligent, wise, curious, alert, observant, quick, and eager to learn. **The Student-Athlete:** Athletics are an integral part of the Prairie-Hills Junior High tradition. All athletes, as well as participants in extra-curricular activities, are expected to be leaders and examples of what it means to be a MUSTANG. Please support us by reviewing with your children the expectations explained to them by their coaches. They should follow school rules 100% of the time. **It's Great to be a MUSTANG!**



## FAST FIVE BULLETIN

1. Be aware of what your child is consuming on social media. That includes TikTok trends. They can be detrimental to your child's well-being at home and school.
2. Be mindful that the parking lot will become slippery as it gets cold. Students should unload from the car door closest to the building for safety.
3. Students are NOT allowed to sell food or candy
4. Reminder: Hot food deliveries or drop-offs are prohibited
5. Students should not wear Crocs or Slides to school; this includes dress-down days.

## FIRST FRIDAYS!!

The First Friday celebration was an overwhelming success. Students began the day with positivity and fun. They participated in friendly competitions, had a DJ, and wore positive T-shirts. This month we will do it all again! The purpose is simple BUT essential to meeting the needs of the whole child. The goal is to increase positive interactions and stand up against negativity. **No Bullies!** is our motto!

## Incentives

Students who meet and exceed school expectations have been acknowledged for their behavior. Every grade level has had or has planned field trips, outings, celebrations, and experiences to congratulate those students for a job well done. Students receive merits for positive behavior, and these are tracked through Deanlist. Be sure to ask your child for their report.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students are not allowed to leave the building if they are staying for after-school activities. Students who fail to meet this expectation will not be allowed to stay. The student will be required to call the parent for immediate pick-up. All students must be under the supervision of an adult. Any student found to be in an unauthorized area and/or unsupervised will be removed from afterschool programming.

