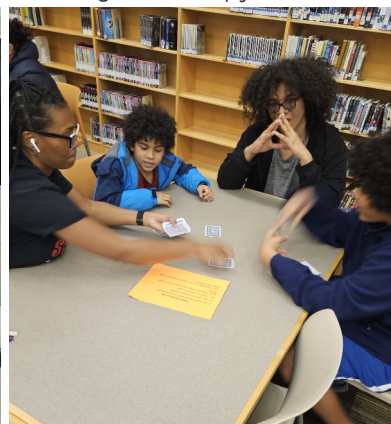


Prairie-Hills Junior High School

December 2023



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Message from Principal D. Daniels-Wright

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. As we navigate the final weeks leading up to the new year, it is crucial that we maintain a strong academic focus to ensure a successful conclusion to 2023.

The upcoming weeks present valuable opportunities for students to strengthen their understanding of key concepts, complete outstanding assignments, and prepare for upcoming assessments. By remaining academically focused, your child can enter the new year with confidence and a strong foundation for continued success. We appreciate your encouragement and involvement in reinforcing the importance of prioritizing academic responsibilities during this critical period. Together, we can empower our students to excel in their studies and thrive in their educational journey.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a successful and productive 2nd quarter.

-DW

Monthly Forecast

- First Fridays: **12/1**
- PHJH Retakes: **12/1**
- Progress Reports Finalized: **12/7** (will be mailed home)
- PHJH I-Ready Testing begins: **12/5**
- PHJH Winter Holiday Program: **12/21**
- Honor Roll Breakfast: **12/21**
- Teacher Institute/No School: **12/22**
- Winter Break: **12/25-1/5**



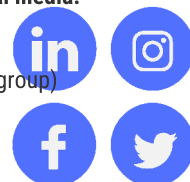
Please refer to the district Calendar for important dates. Note that this list may not indicate all activities and the principal reserves the right to add or cancel some programming.

SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

Did you know that social media, chats, and text groups are unmonitored spaces? It can be compared to leaving your child unattended and unprepared in a dangerous world. 97% of ALL issues that happen at PHJH began in a child's home, between the hours of 7 pm-1 am, as they add other kids to a text/chat group. It is very difficult to mediate fights that start online. All of the work is undone in minutes the moment they walk out of the building and turn on their cell phones. We are BEGGING for your help!

Keep your kids safe! Do your research. Here are some clues that your child is on social media:

1. Have conflicts with other students
2. Are tired or unprepared for school in the morning
3. Has an early morning dispute at school (probably up all night arguing in a chat group)
4. Showing signs of sadness or distress
5. Not wanting to go to school
6. Not wanting to be separated from their cellphone



FAST FIVE BULLETIN

1. Students must keep cell phones off and in the lockers
2. Be sure your child has a take-home device before the break
3. Student arrivals after 9:30 am MUST be signed in by a parent
4. It is dangerous to cheat the drop-off line; no double parking or parking in teacher spots. (If you are in a hurry drop your child off away from campus)
5. Have your child find missing items in our lost and found before Christmas Break

Honor Roll Breakfast

Students will be honored for the First Quarter on December 21st. Scholars will receive breakfast and awards at that time. This is a student and staff-only event. We thank you all for the support from PHJH families.



Sign-up for Tutorials!!!

Last Month I sent home over 300 letters to parents regarding support for NWEA MAP. Students who received the letter need individualized support to increase their scores. The goal is to increase scores by one decile. The MAP testing will begin on January 17. There is still time for your child to sign up with a teacher for tutorials Monday-Thursday. There are also I-Ready and Accelus tutorials on Saturdays. Saturday help should be scheduled with the grade-level Assistant Principal.

