



# Prairie Knolls Falcon Flyer February 2018

## Important Dates

- 1 Principal's Coffee
- 1 Wrestling (H)
- 6 Girls Basketball (H)
- 8 Recognition Breakfast
- 8 Wrestling (H)
- 12 Girls Basketball (H)
- 13 Scholastic Bowl (H)
- 15 Girls Basketball (H)
- 16 Student ½ Day
- 19 No School -Holiday
- 22 Girls Basketball (H)

**PTO Painting Party**  
Feb. 2, 2018

**Spring Break**  
March 26-30

**Please Check Out The  
Community Flyers  
At The End Of The  
Newsletter**

From the Principal, February 2018

Quarter 3 has begun and our students are deep in their studies of weather, nature cycles, understanding formal argument in writing, the U.S. Constitution and so much more! Be sure to check out the academic team news inside this edition of the Falcon Flyer to learn more about what students are learning in their classes. We encourage you to ask your children about these topics, and share your own knowledge about them! Research tells us that one of the factors supporting student achievement is the involvement of families. Your interest in what they are doing is a big signal to your children of the importance of learning. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers.

Thank you to all of the parents who signed on to the Illinois 5Essentials Survey in January. Your efforts helped us to reach a 22% response rate that will allow PKMS to receive the Parent Report. As stated in the weekly Principal's Message, the staff at PKMS values your input and we work to use the data that comes to us from the 5Essentials to guide our school improvement planning.

As we continue our emphasis on continuous school improvement, we are taking steps to build on the positive steps that we have taken this past year in the areas of promoting Algebra Readiness by 8<sup>th</sup> grade, supporting strong academic behaviors, improving our building culture and climate (including increased parent connectedness), and providing interventions for our student populations. As we evaluate our efforts in each of these areas, we are beginning to develop our school improvement plans for 2018-2019. We will present our plans at the May Board of Education meeting, along with CMS and CHS. We invite you to join us for this presentation.

Finally, a big thank-you goes out to our PTO! They recently provided our staff with a wonderful "Super Bowl"-themed hospitality luncheon in January and are supporting our anti-bullying message by sponsoring an assembly speaker / performer this coming February 15<sup>th</sup>. Beacon is a presenter who uses the power of music to tackle the issue of bullying in real and relatable ways to students.

As we begin the month of February, we want to remind our students to maintain their focus on classroom success. Perseverance, grit and determination are academic behavioral traits that serve students well during these gray days of winter. We are very proud of our Prairie Knolls students produce and we encourage them to keep up the hard work!

# Announcements

## News from Nurse Grote



As a reminder, proof of the required dental examination for all 6th grade students must be provided to the school by May 15, 2018. The dental exam must be conducted within 18 months prior to May 15 of the school year.

# PKMS News

## Recognition Breakfast

Each quarter PKMS recognizes some of our most outstanding students at our PKMS Recognition Breakfast. The Quarter 2 Recognition Breakfast will be held on February 8, 2018. Each grade level team selects recipients for recognition in the areas of academics, effort, character and leadership. Parents of our Quarter 2 recipients have been invited to the breakfast by mail.



The Six Flags READ TO SUCCEED Program has started for all **6th grade students** and it's not too late for students to join. Between now and February 26 students need to read for 360 minutes (6 hours); if they succeed they will receive a free ticket to Great America. Students may pick up their reading log from their ELA teacher or in the library. If you have questions please contact Mrs. [Inkinen](mailto:pam.inkinen@central301.net) [pam.inkinen@central301.net](mailto:pam.inkinen@central301.net)

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team News

**ELA:** As February rolls around, students should be wrapping up *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. We will be transitioning from reading this whole class novel to focusing on independent reading and also writing an argument piece. Students will be learning the elements of a formal argument such as claim, reasons, and evidence. They will also be using databases to help improve their writing.

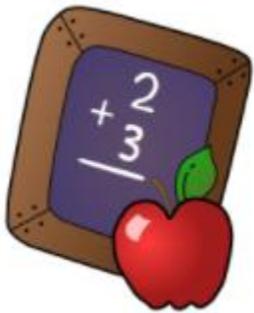


**Science:** We have been closely examining how weathering and erosion wear away the surface of the Earth and create some spectacular landforms. Next up, deposition (Where are all these sediments deposited?), and a look at what fossils can tell us about the history of Earth.

## **Social Studies:**

Alexander the...has exited and we are now learning about the beginnings of the powerful city of Rome. This month will find us digging deeper at what influences Rome had and what it will bring to the Mediterranean world. Daily life and the Republic system of government will be studied with a constant vocabulary of plebeian, patrician, consuls and magistrates as we discover how the early government of Rome governed its citizens and made advancements in a becoming more civilized world.

**Math:** We just started our Ratios & Proportional Relationships Unit. We are using real world examples to help create equivalent ratios. We will be using tape diagrams in a few weeks which will be challenging for the students but a great tool to use when solving complex ratio word problems. *\*Ask your child to show you how to use a tape diagram for this example: If there are 676 students at a basketball game and the ratio of home team fans to away team fans is 9:4, how many home team fans are there?\**



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team News

**Science:** In Science 7, students will be beginning to understand the different cycles in nature and how they impact the ecosystem. They will then be exploring a biome and find out that they discovered a brand new organism and must report on it!

**Math:** In Math 7, students are applying what they've learned about operations with rational numbers to algebraic expressions and then to solving equations with multiple steps.

**Social Studies:** In February, students in Social Studies will be in full swing studying the Constitution Unit! This means regular quizzes, notecards, and reading for each of the 7 Articles of the Constitution, on through Amendments 1-10 (The Bill of Rights) and Amendments 11-27. Students are expected to learn an immense amount of information throughout this unit and therefore, it is crucial that they study every single night. The final, state mandated test will be given on Friday, March 23.

**ELA:** students finished reading their Revolutionary War biography books and created Caricatures showing what they learned about their assigned historical figures. As we continue our Freedom Unit, students will research different areas in the world where people are struggling for freedom. They will create their own scripts and newscasts. Finally, they will **perform in front of a green screen**. Once completed, the videos will then be viewed in class. This is a lot of fun and hard work combined.



# Falcon Athletics

## 2017-2018 Winter Sports

**Wrestling** The conference season was a success on and off of the mats. Thank you to all of our student athletes and our wrestling coaches, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Brown and Mr. Titock for all of the hard work. The month of February and beginning of March will consist of non-conference matches leading up to the IESA State Tournament. For more information visit [www.iesa.org](http://www.iesa.org). Good luck Wrestlers!

**Girls' Basketball** is off to a fast start! The girls have their conference tournament to look forward to the first weekend of March. Belvidere South is hosting the tournament this year on Thursday, March 1st and Saturday, March 3rd. We wish them the best for the remainder of the season!

The **PKMS Scholastic Bowl** has officially begun their season! They are currently practicing each week. Their first scheduled home match will take place in February. All home matches will be held at CMS this year. They have their conference meet to look forward to on Saturday, March 3rd. Best of luck as they begin their competitions!

## 2018 Spring Sports

### **Boys' & Girls' Track and Field**

Our last sport of the year is **Boys' and Girls' Track and Field** which begins on Monday, March 12th. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in joining the track team should attend the student track meeting that will take place in mid-February during lunch. To join the team, students must register on 8to18 and have an up-to-date physical (within one year) on file at PKMS. We hope to see you there! Below are the general requirements needed to participate in Athletics:

- Physical (within one year)
- Fee (\$100.00 due before the first competition)

**\*Any student who has not signed up on 8to18 or turned in a physical will not be allowed to practice!**

**Don't forget to attend the informational meeting at lunch. More information will be given regarding tryouts and what to expect this season.**



# STAR NEWS

## Give a Hug, Give a Card, Give a Bear

Hello PK families! STAR is planning a Valentine's Day surprise for the residents of Highland Oaks Nursing Home in Elgin. We will be visiting the center to bring stuffed animals and cards and play BINGO. Students can donate a new stuffed animal to help us reach our goal of 50 by **February 9th**, so they can be delivered before Valentine's Day. Thank you for your support of STAR.

## Emergency Closing Info.

In the event that a decision is made to close school, dismiss early or start late because of weather conditions or for some other reason, please tune your radio and/or television station to any of the following stations that serve our area: AM TV FM WGN – 720 WBBM - Channel 2 WONU - 89.7 WBBM – 780 WGN - Channel 9 WJKL - 94.3 WLBK – 1360 CLTV - Channel 19 WDKB - 95 WRMN – 1410 FOX - Channel 32 Should an emergency or severe weather cause school to be closed, the District #301 will also notify parents via the School Reach phone system. Please update your phone numbers whenever you have a change. Information will also be available on our school web site: <http://central301.net/> It is important that parents advise their children as to what procedures to follow in the event that parents are not home when there is an emergency closing of school.



The PKMS Staff would like to thank the PTO Hospitality Committee for the wonderful luncheon they provided on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. The entire staff is truly thankful for the thoughtfulness of our PKMS parents!



**CENTRAL COMMUNITY USD 301**  
**Prairie Knolls Middle School**  
**FEBRUARY 1-28, 2018**

**Value Meal Lunch Price: \$2.90**

*Meal Includes Choice of Milk*

**Reduced Price Lunch: \$0.40**

*Meal Includes Choice of Milk*

**Milk \$0.40**

*Choices are: Skim, 1% Unflavored,  
FF Chocolate & FF Strawberry*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Menu Subject To Change Due To Market Conditions and Product Availability.		Visit <a href="http://MYSCHOOLBUCKS.CO">MYSCHOOLBUCKS.CO</a> Make payments, check	1 ITALIAN MEATSAUCE Over SPAGHETTI with WG Breadstick  TENDER PEAS CRUNCHY CELERY STICKS with FF Ranch Dip CHILLED APPLESAUCE	2 HAMBURGER On A WG Bun Or CHEESE BURGER On A WG Bun  OVEN FRENCH FRIES STEAMED BROCCOLI MIXED FRUIT CUP
5 MEATBALL SUBMARINE with Shredded Mozzarella Cheese  CARROTEENIES with FF Ranch Dip ITALIAN BLEND VEGGIES CHILLED PEACHES	6 AMERICAN SUB Made With Ham, Turkey and Cheese  CRISPY TATER TOTS CRUNCHY CELERY STICKS with FF Ranch Dip CHILLED PEARS	7 CHEESE & PEPPERONI PIZZA BAGELS (4)  FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes & Sliced Cucumbers w/Assorted Salad Dressing GREEN BEANS FRESH APPLE SLICES	8 BAKED POTATO topped with Broccoli & Cheese Sauce with Dinner Roll  VEGETABLE TRAY w/Broccoli-Cherry/Tomato-Green Pepper with FF Ranch Dip PINE APPLE TIDBITS FRESH BAKED WG COOKIE	9 CHICKEN TENDERS (3) with Dinner Roll  MASHED POTATOES with Gravy TENDER PEAS JUICY ORANGE WEDGES
12 SLOPPY JOE On A WG Bun  OVEN FRENCH FRIES GREEN BEANS MIXED FRUIT CUP  CREAMY FRUIT YOGURT	13 CINNAMON FRENCH TOAST w/Chicken Sausage Pattie and Maple Syrup Dip  TRI - POTATO PATTIES (2) POWER FRUIT PUNCH JUICE FRESH APPLE SLICES	14 <b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</b> CHEESE PIZZA SLICE Or PEPPERONI PIZZA SLICE  VEGETABLE TRAY w/Broccoli-Cauliflower-Cherry/Tomatoes with FF Ranch Dip TENDER PEAS CHILLED PEACHES	15 BEEF NACHOS with Salsa & Sour Cream  FIESTA BLACK BEANS SEASONED CORN CHILLED APPLESAUCE	16 <b>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY</b>  <b>STUDENTS HALF DAY</b>  <b>NO LUNCH</b>
19 <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	20 BEEF HOT DOG On A WG Bun Or TURKEY CORN DOG  BAKED VEGETARIAN BEANS CARROTEENIES with FF Ranch Dip MIXED FRUIT CUP	21 BOSCO CHEESE STICKS (2) with Marinara Sauce  FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes & Sliced Cucumbers w/Assorted Salad Dressing TENDER PEAS CHILLED PEARS	22 CHICKEN NUGGETS (5) with Dinner Roll  OVEN FRENCH FRIES GREEN BEANS PINE APPLE TIDBITS  GRAHAM SPORTS COOKIES	23 HAMBURGER On A WG Bun Or CHEESE BURGER On A WG Bun  CRISPY TATER TOTS CRUNCHY CELERY STICKS with FF Ranch Dip JUICY ORANGE WEDGES
26 BBQ RIB SANDWICH On A WG Bun  OVEN FRENCH FRIES FRESH BROCCOLI FLORETS with FF Ranch Dip CHILLED PEACHES	27 SALISBURY STEAK with Gravy  MASHED POTATOES FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes & Sliced Cucumbers with FF Ranch Dressing MIXED FRUIT CUP	28 CHEESY FLATBREAD  VEGETABLE TRAY w/CelerySticks-Green Pepper- Cauliflower with FF Ranch Dip TENDER CARROTS CHILLED APPLESAUCE	<b>National Women's</b>  <b>History Month</b>	

**Offered Daily: Small Salad, Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Assorted Fresh Fruit**

## 2018 Baseball Registration

Registration is open to anyone residing within the boundaries of Central School District 301



Central District Baseball League

PO Box 5551 Elgin, IL 60121-5551

[www.cdbaseball.org](http://www.cdbaseball.org)

CDBL is a non-profit youth baseball organization dedicated to serving the community of Central School District 301. We strive to provide quality instruction in the development of baseball skills, sportsmanship, & competitiveness to foster the love of the game and have fun while doing it.

**Tee Ball** (Ages 4, 5, & 6) - Learn the basic skills needed to become a young ball player! Boys and girls can be part of this instructional league designed where everyone has fun. Parent participation at practice & games is encouraged, so come out and be a part of your little slugger's intro into to baseball!

**Pinto** (Ages 7 & 8) - Watch your child develop his/her skills for the next level! Players will continue to have fun learning the fundamentals of baseball and in no time will catch, throw and hit like the "big kids". Games the first half of the season are all coached pitch. In the second half, we will introduce kid pitch and will be a mix of coach pitch and kid pitch.

**Mustang** (Ages 9 & 10) - Dirt on the uniforms & bubble gum in the dugout. This is youth baseball at its best. The Mustang division introduces full-time "kid pitch" & score-keeping at every game. Watch young players expand their love for the game & build lasting friendships with teammates.

**Bronco** (Ages 11 & 12) - The field gets bigger and the players faster. lead-offs and pick-offs add a new element as youth players have fun learning strategies of the game. Developing skills and knowledge is the cornerstone for all at this level. CDBL has partnered with Algonquin Area Youth Organization (AAYO) and Lake in the Hills (LITH) to bring more teams and a more diverse level competition to teams in this division. Games are split between our home fields and the AAYO/LITH home fields.

**Pony** (Ages 13 - 15) - CDBL has partnered with Algonquin Area Youth Organization (AAYO) and Lake in the Hills (LITH) to bring more teams and a more diverse level competition to teams in this division. Games are split between our home fields at Stonecrest and the AAYO/LITH home fields.

<b>TWO WAYS TO REGISTER</b>	<b>Online</b>	Register online at <a href="http://www.cdbaseball.org">www.cdbaseball.org</a>
	<b>Walk-In Registration</b> <i>Saturday, February 3rd</i>	Come visit our walk-in registration on Saturday, February 3rd from 8am to 12pm at Country Trails School during basketball. Walk-in registration can be paid for by check or credit/debit card.
Please make checks payable to CDBL. There will be a \$35 late fee for all registrations received after February 26th.		

### REGISTRATION FEES

*Registration includes Jersey, Pants, Socks, Belt, Hat & Team Picture*

League	League Age	If Birthday Is Between	Cost	League	League Age	If Birthday Is Between	Cost
T-Ball	4	September 1, 2013—August 31, 2014	<b>\$150</b>	Bronco	11	September 1, 2006—August 31, 2007	<b>\$225</b>
	5	September 1, 2012—August 31, 2013			12		
	6	September 1, 2011—August 31, 2012					
Pinto	7	September 1, 2010—August 31, 2011	<b>\$175</b>	Pony	13	May 1, 2004—April 30, 2005	<b>\$235</b>
	8	September 1, 2009—August 31, 2010			14	May 1, 2003—April 30, 2004	
					15	May 1, 2002—April 30, 2003	
Mustang	9	September 1, 2008—August 31, 2009	<b>\$205</b>				
	10	September 1, 2007—August 31, 2008					

### COACHING INFORMATION

Are you interested in managing or coaching your child's team? Please sign up online at the 2018 Coaches Registration program under Registration. Attendance at the February 3rd walk-in registration is recommended for all new potential managers and coaches to complete a background check form unless one was completed & approved the prior year. Contact Jeff Atkins with any questions at (847) 350-9141 or @ [atka1971@gmail.com](mailto:atka1971@gmail.com)

### FAMILY/BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS

If you would like to be a family sponsor for CDBL, please select the dollar amount you wish to contribute at the time of player registration. For a Business Sponsorship, please contact Randy Mariani at 847-878-3897 or [mariani@vipvaletservices.com](mailto:mariani@vipvaletservices.com).

Please contact Chuck Rutke with registration questions at (630) 688-2378 or [crutkeiii@yahoo.com](mailto:crutkeiii@yahoo.com)

# ROCKETTES



# DANCE CLINIC

## **CLINIC DATES:**

Feb. 6th & Feb. 7th  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

## **PERFORMANCE DATE:**

Feb. 8th @ 4:30 PM

Enjoy dinner with the Rockettes along with a halftime performance at the CHS Rockets basketball game.

**WHO:** Grades K-8

**COST:** \$30

Includes:  
Registration  
Snack  
Clinic t-shirt

**WHERE:**

Central High School

**REGISTER HERE:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/BrkrmkCi8Cakx1Cr1>



**QUESTIONS:**

Contact Coach Sybrant at  
[central.rockettes@gmail.com](mailto:central.rockettes@gmail.com)

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<b>Tee Ball</b>	<b>Minor B</b>	<b>Minor A</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>High School</b>
Age 5-6	Age 6-8	Age 8-10	Age 10-12	Age 12-14	Age 14-18

Competing against: South Elgin LL, Elgin Classic LL, Elgin National LL, Huntley LL, Kaneland LL, Northwest LL, Tri-Cities LL



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online, visit our website at  
**www.cdgs301.com**



# If you want to rule the world,

you need

# heart & sole



## WHAT is Girls on the Run?

Girls on the Run is a program that gives girls the opportunity to build confidence and healthy habits. Our Heart & Sole curriculum helps middle school girls develop life skills to guide them through adolescence and beyond. Each week, you will also take part in training and activities that will help build endurance for a celebratory 5k running event.

## HOW do I join?

Register on our website for either the spring or fall season.

## WHO can join?

Middle school girls like YOU!

## WHERE can I learn more?

On our website at [www.gotrchicago.org](http://www.gotrchicago.org).

## WHEN do we meet?

Twice a week after school for 75-90 minutes with your team. The program is held at the school and is led by trained, volunteer coaches.

Financial assistance available via website!

Contact Information	Practice Days & Times	Program Fee, Start Date & 5k Date
Shelby Sloniger (847) 989-3915 shelby@margnet.com	Monday and Wednesday 3pm - 4:15pm 10-12 weeks long	Starts in March \$205 per student 5k date TBA

Girls on the Run is a non-profit, after-school program that uses the power of running to educate girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. The program combines training for a 5k event with interactive lessons that encourage positive physical and social-emotional development.





**Register now!**  
[www.nwmachinelax.com](http://www.nwmachinelax.com)

# 2018 NORTHWEST MACHINE YOUTH LACROSSE CLUB

## SPRING CLUB TEAMS – IBLA SPRING LEAGUE

Northwest Machine youth lacrosse club, a nonprofit organization, has been designed to provide competitive Spring season club teams for each level of play (grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>).

### What to expect from Spring season play:

- Indoor practices start February 24<sup>th</sup> at LifeZone 360, *practices move outdoors in April*
- Season starts early April with a minimum of 8 Games
  - 2-3 practices a week during season play in April, May, and June
- Playoffs are first 2 weekends of June

### Tournaments Optional

- League will notify teams of possible tournament participation

### THE COACHING STAFF

#### Head Coach:

- Former and/or current collegiate lacrosse players for each team
- Paid position

#### Assistant Coaches:

- 3 volunteer coaches/parents
- Coaching clinics sponsored by LifeZone 360 to ensure all coaches follow the same structured curriculum to provide consistent training for our players

### Registration fee:

**\$375 (\$425 after January 1<sup>st</sup>)**

*Includes: indoor practice facility and professional coach (uniform additional \$75)*

[www.nwmachinelax.com](http://www.nwmachinelax.com)

# Central High School Future-Rocket Cheerleading Clinic

**WHO:** Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**WHEN:** Monday February 12th, 2018

**WHERE:** Howard B. Thomas Grade School  
44W575 Plato Rd.  
Burlington, IL 60109

**TIME:** Arrive: 4:00 pm (check-in)  
Begins at 4:15 pm  
Pick-up: 6:30 pm (arrive at 6:15 for performance)

**COST:** \$25.00

\*\* Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the JV Basketball Game\*\*

**Tuesday February 13th, 2018 Arrive at 5:00 P.M. - CHS - for review**

Performance during Halftime of the JV game

(This is the only time they will perform)

**Make all checks payable to CHS - Bring checks at time of check-in**

**Fill out online registration here: <https://goo.gl/forms/I5mom1z5kR3M2UxG2>**

Or fill out physical form below & bring it with you to check in  
Questions? Please email Emily Haring - [Emily.Haring@central301.net](mailto:Emily.Haring@central301.net)  
or Megan Marciniac - [Megan.Marciniac@central301.net](mailto:Megan.Marciniac@central301.net)

My daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to participate in  
the Central High School Cheer Clinic on Tuesday February 13th, 2018.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_





**Batavia Special Education Parent Network**

**Batavia Special-Education Parent Network's  
Fifth Annual Parent Resource Fair**

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**

**6:00-8:00 pm**

**Batavia High School  
1200 Main St., Batavia**

**Learn about community resources for students from  
early childhood through age 22, including recreational  
opportunities, therapy providers, educational  
consultants, transition planning, and advocacy/support.**

**Admission Free**

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education. For more information, visit our website:**

**<http://bspn-batavia.org>.**