



## Important Dates

### February

- 7 Recognition  
Breakfast 7:30 am.



## Prairie Knolls Middle School February 2019 Falcon Flyer



**There is another Doctor in the House!**  
Congratulations to Dr. Melissa Leisner on the successful  
defense of her doctoral dissertation.

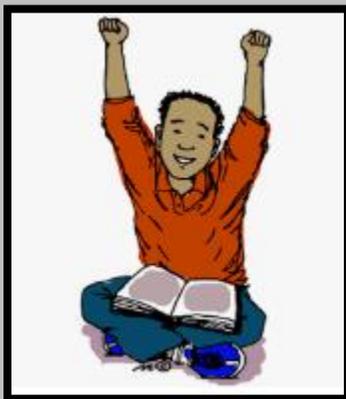
# Dr. Haug's Message

February has begun and hopefully it will be much more kind to us than the ending of January! In addition to our teaching staff who put forth so much effort to help our students be successful, we are fortunate to have an incredibly dedicated Buildings & Grounds and Transportation departments. Our B&G staff have arrived early on many days (sometimes as early as 3:00 a.m.!) and worked long hours to keep the lots plowed and the sidewalks cleared and salted for the safety of our staff and our community. This, while they continue to do their daily jobs of keeping the buildings clean and safe for the students. Our Transportation staff have also been coming in early to ensure that the busses are ready to roll each morning. In fact, over the recent severe cold days, drivers were coming in to inspect busses for safety and to start busses to make sure that they would run for our first day back on February 1. We appreciate everything that these folks do to maintain a safe environment for our students to learn in, our staff to work in, and our community to feel a sense of pride about. They don't often receive the level of recognition that they deserve.



That said, February is here and the weather is still cold. Please make sure that your children are coming to school dressed appropriately each day. Also, if your child is not feeling well, and has any flu-like symptoms, please make sure that you call them in sick and that you report these symptoms to the attendance line. The Kane County Health Department relies upon information from schools to keep accurate records of illness here in the county.

Thank you to all of our parents who have completed the Illinois 5Essentials Survey for us. Our response rate is 26%, so we are insured of receiving a report from the State. The survey window will remain open until February 15, so if you have not yet completed the survey, please log onto <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois> to provide your feedback.



Finally, please keep an eye on my weekly PKMS Principal's Message for upcoming information about PTO happenings, school related information and our Spring Parent Night. Spring Break will be upon us before we know it and with that, the end of Quarter 3. Challenge your children to keep their heads in the game and persevere through the tough material that comes along with Quarter 3. Grit and determination are essential qualities for both academic and career success!



## **News from Nurse Tracy Grote**

During the month of February, many Illinois dentists from the Fox Valley area are participating in the Dentist with a Heart Program and will be opening their doors to offer free services. The program sponsor is Aurora Children's Dental Service and information can be found at

[http://www.aurorachildrendentalservice.org/?page\\_id=39](http://www.aurorachildrendentalservice.org/?page_id=39).

Be mindful that services vary by location and some locations do require an appointment.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Recognition Breakfast**

The second quarter recognition breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 7, at 7:30 am. All awards winners have been contacted by mail and will receive an email reminder.

## **NCJC Champions!**

On Saturday, January 26, the NCJC Wrestling Tournament was held at the CHS Fieldhouse. After a hard day of matches the coaches couldn't be more proud of everyone that competed. Stand out performances were Sam Wirstrom and Rayyan Ubrahim, both becoming NCJC Champs! Congratulations wrestlers and lets go to State!



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

**ELA** - Sixth grade has just wrapped up our unit 2 test and quarter 2 newsletter. As we jump into our Change unit, we will spend some time with the whole class novel *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. Some of our learning targets will focus on figurative language, connotation/denotation, and comparing and contrasting different texts. We will also start preparing students with some PARCC strategies as well as more extended writing towards the end of the month and into March. Don't forget that the Six Flags Reading Logs are due to your ELA teachers by February 25th. Keep up that independent reading, awesome 6th graders!

**Math** - The sixth grade students are starting the Ratios and Rates Unit. They will be calculating unit rates from a variety of situations, and relating their findings in graphs and tables. At home, students can explore their results from doubling and halving a recipe, or calculating price per ounce from boxed or canned food. Students could read a utility bill and calculate cost per day. Calculator use is required with some of their work and should bring their calculator to school everyday. Sixth grade accelerated students are finishing up their equations unit, and will also explore unit rate concepts.

**Science** - Why did the rock cross the road? Well, in our ongoing Earth's History unit, it was probably helped along by a Pahoehoe (slowly moving) lava flow. We are in our last unit of Earth's History which is metamorphic rock and the rock cycle. At PK we will soon be crossing over into our Weather and Climate Unit. Here students will discover the importance of the atmosphere, factors that influence our weather, and weather patterns. Did you know that "local winds" can cause the unequal heating of Earth's surface within a small area, that tornadoes typically form in cumulonimbus clouds, and that it is possible for a climate to contain a micro-climate? Stay tuned and beware that dinner time conversations could include some interesting topics "weather" you like it or not!

**Social Studies** - Welcome to February! We just completed our Greece unit and have sailed west on a beautiful trireme...destination ROME! Here we will unfold the development of the Roman Empire. The story begins with the geography of Rome, continues with the legend of Romulus and Remus, establishes social roles, and introduces the rise and fall of Caesar (not the salad). Stay tuned for March as Rome continues to expand its empire with some amazing emperors and others that attempt to flush all they have gained right down the "Commodus."

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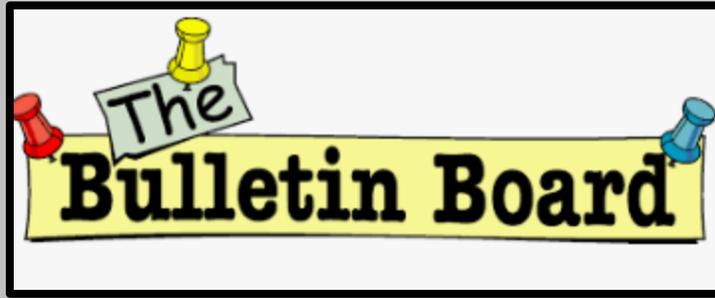
**ELA**, students are involved in a Responsibility unit. As always, within the unit students will read a variety of both fiction and non-fiction texts focused on different aspects of responsibility and irresponsibility. One of our main focuses will be on social responsibility and how we as citizens need to think globally about how we can improve the world around us. Students will be writing a Mini-Narrative story and will eventually also be delivering their first solo speech at the end of the unit.

**Social Studies**, we are continuing with the Constitution Unit! Students are learning about the structure and function of our government, while discussing relevant political issues along the way. We are also going to be ramping up to our mock election that we'll have after the test. The test is March 15, students need to be ready! They should be studying their question packets, notecards, and any other material from class regularly so that they are prepared for the test, and to become knowledgeable citizens.



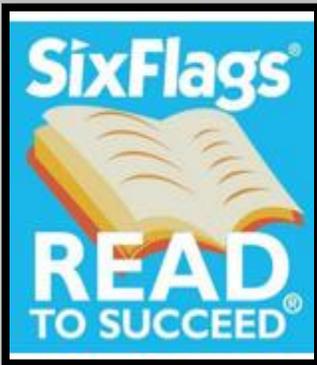
**Math**, students will be finishing the proportions unit with a focus on percent applications. We will wrap up the unit with a project where students will assume the role of business owners, using percents to analyze the effect that markups, discounts and taxes have on their profits. After percents, we will explore seventh grade geometry concepts.

**Pre-Algebra**, students are working on the statistics unit. We are analyzing and comparing data sets using measures of center, box and whisker plots and dot plots. Our next unit will be probability, and students will be able to identify all possible outcomes for an event and determine the probability for one or more of those outcomes. We will also explore simulations to model compound events to find probability.



In an effort to make communication more efficient and effective, District 301 has created a Digital Bulletin Board page on the district website. All approved flyers will be posted under “Communications” on the main district page or at this link: [Digital Bulletin Board](#)

### **DEADLINE IS APPROACHING**



If you are a 6<sup>th</sup> grader who is filling out a reading log to earn your free Six Flags ticket, mark your calendar for February 25. Reading logs must be submitted to your ELA teacher or the library by the 25<sup>th</sup> to meet the Six Flags deadline. If you have completed your 360 minutes (6 hours) your log may be turned in anytime.

### **Water Damage in Gymnasium**

Due to water damage in the gym here at PKMS, 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball home games will be played at Central Middle School. Home games scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, will be held at CMS.

Also, all City of Elgin Open Gyms held at Prairie Knolls are cancelled until further notice.



# Falcon Athletics

## 2018-2019 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. Mariano 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. Sycamore is hosting the tournament this year on Thursday, February 28th and Saturday, March 2nd. 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 PKMS this year. They have their conference meet to look forward to on Saturday, March 2nd. Best of luck as they begin their competitions!

## 2019 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 11th. 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.**



# The CHS Athletic Boosters

*Invite you to the 2019 Annual Draw Down Event*

The Draw Down is a major fundraiser for the CHS Athletic Boosters. All proceeds support student athletes and athletic programs at Central High School.

*Please join us on Saturday, April 13, 2019  
at The Golf Club of Illinois, 1575 Edgewood Dr., Algonquin  
The doors will open at 6PM, Event begins at 7PM*

## *Your \$125 ticket includes:*

Admission for two  
Chance to win grand prize of \$1000 or \$5000\*  
An automatic 2<sup>nd</sup> chance bracket to win up to \$781.25\*  
Appetizers, dancing, auction items, 50/50 raffles, beer\*\* and much more!

Every 10<sup>th</sup> number drawn wins \$100

\*Last # drawn wins \$5,000, or the final 5 numbers can split, each win \$1,000

All winnings are based on the sale of 125 tickets. If all 125 tickets aren't sold, winnings will be adjusted.

\*\*CASH BAR FOR ALL OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

If you do not purchase a \$125 ticket, please consider joining us anyway. There is a cover charge of \$25/person which includes all the above except grand prize money and automatic 2<sup>nd</sup> chance bracket!

**Reservations Due by March 31st, tickets are limited!**

Questions please contact Lori Hensler at 630-853-5017 or via e-mail: [lahensler@outlook.com](mailto:lahensler@outlook.com)

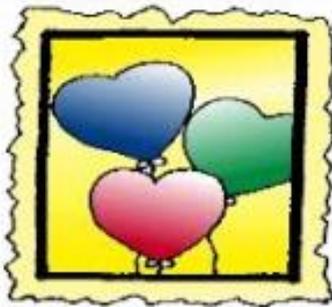
Payments can be made online at: <https://squareup.com/store/centralboosters>

*To get your lucky number, you must reserve online.  
All numbers will be first come first serve!*

You can purchase a Draw Down ticket or Attendance Ticket only or Donate to the CHS Boosters!

*The CHS Athletic Boosters thank you for your support. Go Rockets!!!*

*You do not have to be present to win prize money.*



**CENTRAL COMMUNITY USD 301**  
**Prairie Knolls Middle School**  
**FEBRUARY 1-28, 2019**

**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
<p>Menu Subject To Change Due To Market Conditions and Product Availability.</p> 	<p>Visit <a href="http://MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM">MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM</a>            Make payments, check account balances and view purchase history.</p>			<p><sup>1</sup> POPCORN CHICKEN BASKET with Breadstick</p> <p>SWEET POTATO FRIES FRESH BROCCOLI FLORETS PINE APPLE TIDBITS</p>
<p><sup>4</sup> BEEF HOT DOG On A WG Bun Or TURKEY CORN DOG</p> <p>BAKED VEGETARIAN BEANS CARROTEENIES MIXED FRUIT CUP</p>	<p><sup>5</sup> BBQ RIB SANDWICH On A WG Bun</p> <p>MIXED VEGETABLES OVEN BROWN FRENCH FRIES JUICY ORANGE WEDGES</p>	<p><sup>6</sup> BOSCO CHEESE STICKS (2) with Marinara Sauce</p> <p>FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes &amp; Sliced Cucumbers with Assorted Dressings TENDER PEAS CHILLED APPLESAUCE</p>	<p><sup>7</sup> CHICKEN NUGGETS (5) with Dinner Roll</p> <p>MASHED POTATOES with Gravy GREEN BEANS FRESH APPLE SLICES</p>	<p><sup>8</sup> HAMBURGER On A WG Bun Or CHEESE BURGER On A WG Bun</p> <p>CRISPY TATER TOTS CRUNCHY CELERY STICKS CHILLED PEARS</p>
<p><sup>11</sup> SPICY CHICKEN PATTY On A WG Bun Or BREADED CHICKEN PATTY On A WG Bun</p> <p>OVEN FRENCH FRIES FRESH BROCCOLI FLORETS CHILLED PEACHES</p>	<p><sup>12</sup> SOFT SHELL CHICKEN TACO w/Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa</p> <p>REFRIED BEANS SEASONED CORN JUICY ORANGE WEDGES</p>	<p><sup>13</sup> CHEESE PIZZA SLICE Or PEPPERONI PIZZA SLICE</p> <p>VEGETABLE TRAY w/Celery Sticks-GreenPepper-Cauliflower w/FF Ranch Dip TENDER CARROTS CHILLED APPLESAUCE</p>	<p><sup>14</sup> <u>Happy Valentine's Day</u> CHEESY LASAGNA ROLL-UP (meatless) in Marinara Sauce</p> <p>FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes w/Assorted Salad Dressings TENDER PEAS CHILLED PEARS</p>	<p><sup>15</sup> SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY Half Day Students</p> <p>No Lunch Served</p>
<p><sup>18</sup> <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p><sup>19</sup> CHICKEN NUGGETS (5) with Dinner Roll</p> <p>OVEN FRENCH FRIES GREEN BEANS CINNAMON APPLESAUCE</p>	<p><sup>20</sup> ROUND 5" CHEESE PIZZA</p> <p>FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes &amp; Sliced Cucumbers w/Assorted Salad Dressing TENDER PEAS JUICY ORANGE WEDGES</p>	<p><sup>21</sup> MINI PANCAKES w/Chicken Sausage Patte and Maple Syrup Dip</p> <p>STRING CHEESE STICK</p> <p>HASH BROWN PATTIE (1) GOLD RUSH JUICE BOX CHILLED PEACHES</p>	<p><sup>22</sup> TWIN BEEF TACOS w/Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa</p> <p>WHOLE KERNAL CORN FIESTA BLACK BEANS CHILLED PEARS</p>
<p><sup>25</sup> CHEESE QUESADILLA Or CHICKEN QUESADILLA w/Salsa &amp; Sour Cream</p> <p>REFRIED BEANS CARROTEENIES CHILLED APPLESAUCE</p>	<p><sup>26</sup> ITALIAN MEATSAUCE Over Pasta with WG Breadstick</p> <p>TENDER PEAS CRUNCHY CELERY STICKS MIXED FRUIT CUP</p>	<p><sup>27</sup> CHEESE FRENCH BREAD PIZZA</p> <p>VEGETABLE TRAY w/Broccoli-Cherry Tomatoes -Celery Sticks w/FF Ranch Dip GREEN BEANS CHILLED PEACHES</p>	<p><sup>28</sup> <b>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY</b> Half Day Students</p> <p>No Lunch Served</p>	<p><u>March 1st</u></p> <p><b>TEACHER INSTITUTE</b> <b>NO SCHOOL STUDENTS</b></p> <p><b>NO LUNCH SERVED</b></p>

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