



Important Dates

April

- 8 PTO @ PKMS
- 8 IAR Testing
- 9 IAR Testing
- 10 IAR Testing
- 10 Spring Sports Pictures
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- 18 Recognition Breakfast
- 25 Spring Open House 6:30 pm.



Prairie Knolls Middle School April 2019 Falcon Flyer



Another successful event! 7th Graders dominated their Constitution Tests! A giant thank you to 7th Grade Social Studies for putting together another memorable day... and a shout out to PK Parents who helped out with the presidential election!

Dr. Haug's Message

From the Principal - 04-01-19

April is testing month in schools across the State of Illinois and Prairie Knolls Middle School is no different. On Monday, April 8th, we will begin the Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing. This is the state-mandated testing that provides schools with feedback as to the alignment of curriculum and instruction to the Illinois Learning Standards in English / Language Arts and Mathematics. Similar to previous years, the tests will be administered through the ELA / Math block time and will be broken out into different days of testing. We were happy to learn that the amount of time devoted to testing has been reduced, so that more instructional time can be recovered. Additionally, the changes made in this assessment process are designed to provide us with more timely reports about student and school progress.

Please remind your child to fully charge their Chromebook on Sunday, April 7th, so that it is ready to go on Monday morning. Additionally, students will need to provide earphones that connect to their Chromebooks so that they can listen to audio portions of the test. Please be aware that wireless earbuds will not work with this test. Therefore, they must be the type that plug into the Chromebook. Remind students to get a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast the morning before tests.

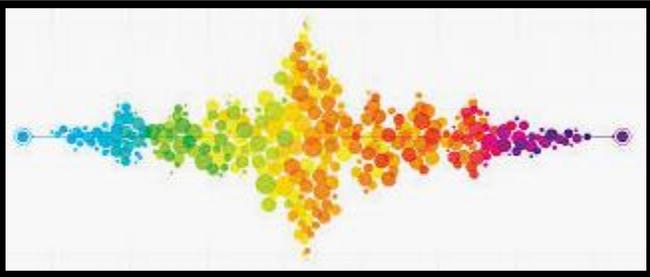
We are looking forward to our Physical Education classes getting back into the Gym next week. The gym floor replacement / renovation is complete and the final coat of sealer was applied over Spring Break so that it had time to set up and harden. We are very excited about our new PK logo that dominates the center basketball court.

Finally, we look forward to seeing parents at our Spring Parent Night on Thursday, April 25th. As in past years, we will provide information sessions about topics relevant to student success at PKMS and District #301. Look for a link to our flyer in the weekly Principal's Message online.

Thank you to our families for all of the support that you have given over the past years, and to your continued support as we complete the final quarter of this school year. While it is very easy to get caught up in the day-to-day activities of our individual lives, the strength of our school community resides in the collaboration that takes place among students, parents and staff. In this, we are very fortunate to have a community that is responsive and supportive to our needs in educating the students of our school.

6th Grade Team News

ELA - Quarter 4 is here and we are gearing up for IAR testing (formally PARCC). Look for an upcoming assignment during testing time as students should keep up with independent reading of their choice. We will complete some work on argument writing as well as presentation skills and a book club nearing the end of the quarter. Keep up the effort and make Quarter 4 the best yet!



Math - We are heading into our Statistics Unit! Students will take a look at statistical questions, describing patterns in a data set, as well as summarizing data sets with various types of graphs. Encourage your child to look for statistics in their upcoming spring activities!

Science - In Science we are in the perfect unit for this time of year... "The Roles of Water in Earth's Processes." Students have learned about the factors that influence weather, such as temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction and pressure. We do log these weather factors each day. We have also been learning what air is and how air creates pressure. The students have also been learning about the layers in the atmosphere. We will be learning about how seasons occur and how the angle of the sun affects heating on Earth. We will also learn about how air is heated and how convection currents results in heating of the Earth.

Social Studies - As we head out of the Empires of Ancient Rome, we'll be getting into the Middle Ages and learning about how society was halted by the Black Death and the military campaigns of the Crusades. The signing of the Magna Carta of 1215 will seal the deal as we see how it impacts our government today. We'll also be looking at the various roles that religions, kingdoms, leaders and societies play in the "ever changing Europe".

The Magna Carta

- "Great Charter" important source of modern laws
- The Magna Carta was signed on June 15, 1215 by King John of England at Runnymede under pressure from British barons who took advantage of John's military defeats at the hands of Pope Innocent III and King Philip Augustus of France.
- Forced the King to be bound by law.

7th Grade Team News



ELA- We are entering our Equality Unit. We will be reading and analyzing texts on equality for many different groups such as equality for women, children, & blacks during the civil rights era. Our main text is the book called, *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* by Chris Crowe. Throughout the years, this unit has prompted some of the most mature and insightful discussions from our 7th graders. Comparing how times have changed and the challenges that still lie before us takes a certain amount of respect towards each other during classroom discussions. We hope that the

students we have will rise to a level of maturity that is appropriate for these topics and learn a lot through our reading, asking questions, and listening to each other.

Science- Science students have wrapped up their understanding of how their cells function. They explored how the inner parts of the cell work, how they move materials, and how we create more and more cells each day. Moving forward we will be looking at the genetics and heredity of our students and how traits and characteristics they have and where they come from.

Math- We wrapped up our Geometry unit before Spring Break. Students learned to calculate the volume and surface area of 3D shapes. They also worked on finding the area of irregular figures. Beginning in April we will be reviewing content from the first and second quarters for state testing. Please remind your children to get lots of rest and eat right. After state testing we will be moving on to our Probability unit. Probability is a fun unit where students look at what happens when you roll dice or draw cards from a deck. Students will learn about creating a simulation to model a situation.

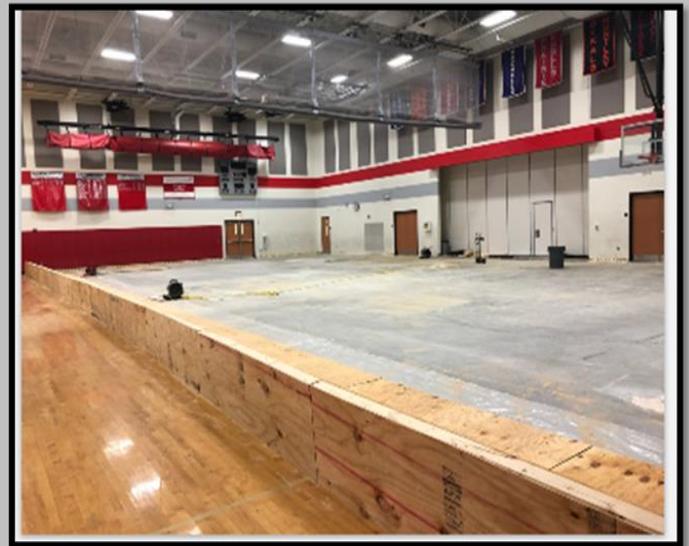
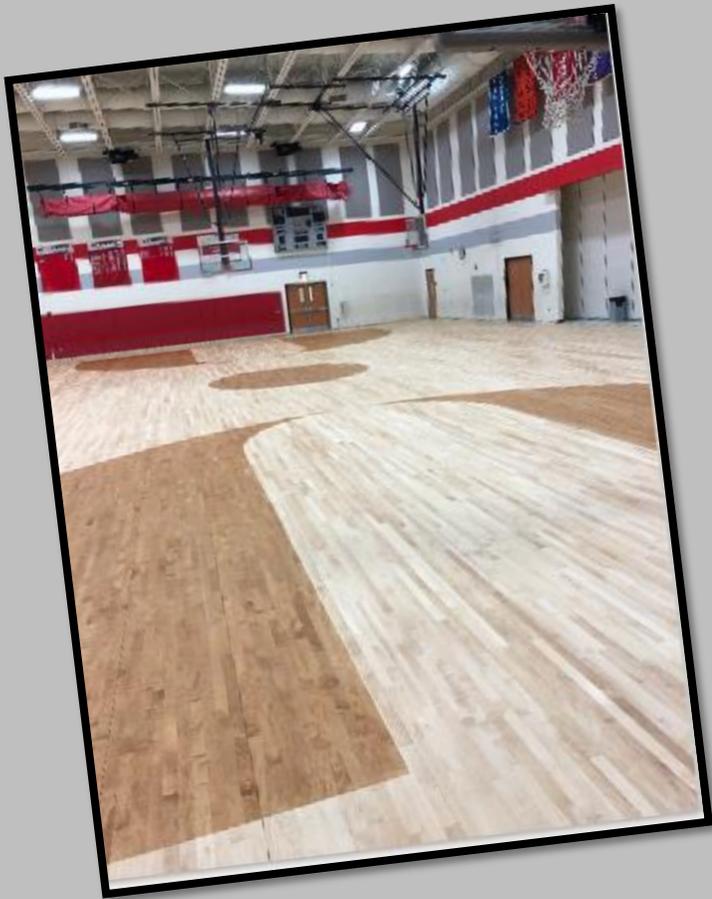
Pre-Algebra- Students just finished an algebra intensive unit on solving systems of two equations with two variables. For the next two units, our focus will be on geometry. Students will be exploring special angle relationships and using algebra to find angle measures. From there we move on to volume of cones and spheres and solving triangle problems using Pythagorean Theorem. We'll end the year with some statistics and transformations.

Social Studies- With having completed the Constitution Unit, 7SS will be moving on toward The Early American Republic. We'll be focusing on the development of America as a new nation, with an emphasis on the problems the country faced and how these events have led to America becoming the country it is today. This will include early wars America was involved in, and soon the rise of our first political parties led by Hamilton and Jefferson.



Physical Education News

If you haven't heard, during the "snow/cold days" we had a water mishap and the gym floor had significant water damage. The hired company has removed the old gym floor, laid new gym floor, sanded the entire gym floor to match, and they have laid their first stain/primer on the gym floor. More of the work took place during spring break. The P.E. department is excited to resume normal activities in the gym next week. The PKMS students have been great these last few weeks. The P.E. department has been trying new ideas and trying to be as creative as possible with our limited space. The new floor will look spectacular once it's finished.



Falcon Athletics



Congratulations to our 7th grade Girls' Basketball team as they finished in 2nd place in the North Central Junior Conference. Both the A and B teams had great seasons. Coach Valentini and Coach Hamel are very proud. Great job girls!!

Scholastic Bowl

The PKMS Scholastic Bowl team attended the NCJC conference at the beginning of March. All players were able to answer a question or provide support during the bonus round. Coach Paulus and Coach Kindelin were very proud of how well the team competed. Great job Bowlers!

Wrestling

Wrestling recently competed in the IESA State Series. Several students advanced out of Regionals and competed in the Sectional Tournament. Great season Wrestlers!

Track

We would like to wish our track athletes the best of luck as they begin their track meets in April after the restful spring break. Just a reminder that you can view our scheduled meets online at il.8to18.com/prairieknolls. For more information regarding our season as part of IESA Track and Field visit www.iesa.org.



If you have any questions about the season, please don't hesitate to contact our track coaches.

Coach Ebener – Abby.ebener@gmail.com

Coach Morgan - Daniel.morgan@central301.net

Summer Camp Opportunities

As the end of the school year approaches keep your eyes open for Summer Camp flyers. Throughout the months of April and May students will receive summer camp flyers. This includes flyers from CHS, Elgin Park District, AAU and more.

The Bulletin Board

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](#)

7th Grade Chorus



6th Grade Chorus

7th Grade Band

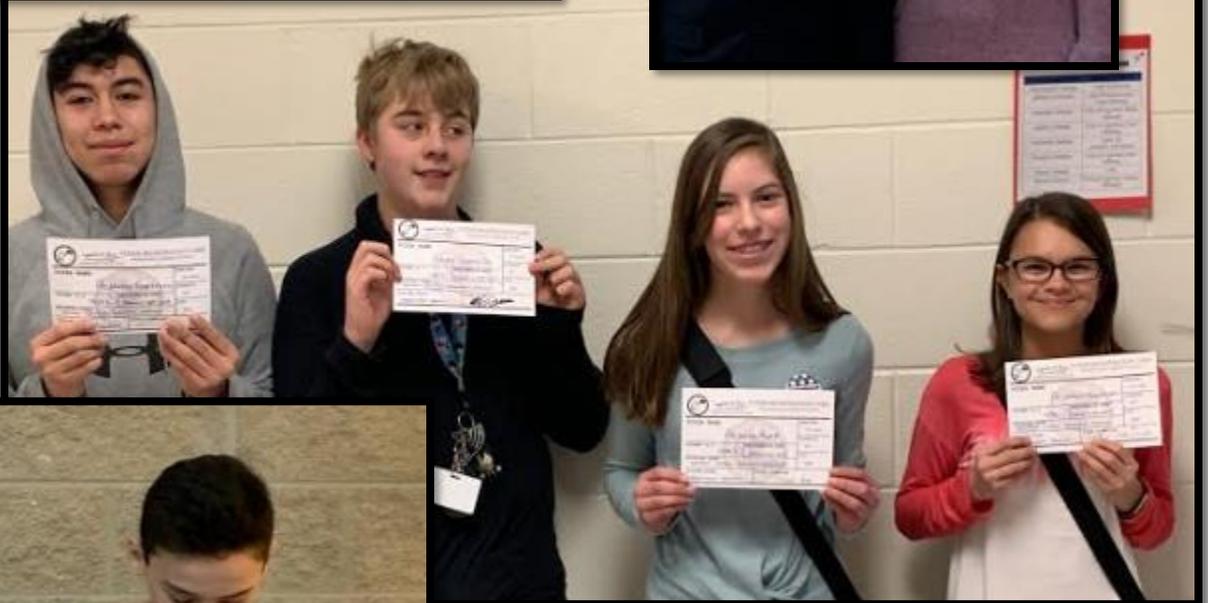
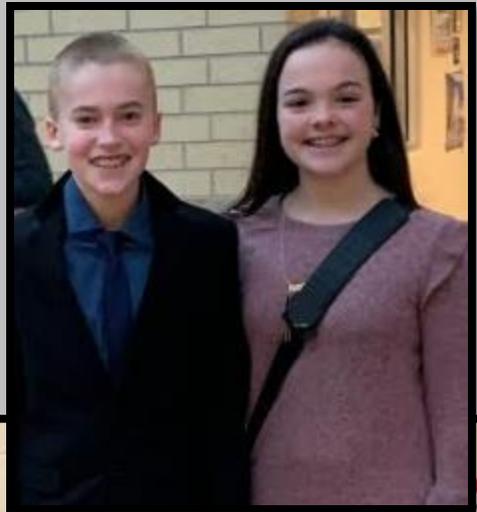


6th Grade Band



Final performance of Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone. Cast and crew finished off strong with a successful final show!







CENTRAL COMMUNITY USD 301
Prairie Knolls Middle School
April 1-30, 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
1 CHICKEN NUGGETS (5) with Dinner Roll OVEN FRENCH FRIES GREEN BEANS CINNAMON APPLESAUCE	2 MINI PANCAKES w/Chicken Sausage Pattie and Maple Syrup Cup STRING CHEESE STICK HASH BROWN PATTIE (1) POWER PUNCH FRUIT JUICE MIXED FRUIT CUP	3 ROUND 5" CHEESE PIZZA FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes & Sliced Cucumbers w/Assorted Salad Dressing TENDER PEAS FRESH APPLE SLICES	4 GENERAL TSO CHICKEN Over Brown Rice ORIENTAL BLEND VEGGIES FRESH BROCCOLI FLORETS CHILLED PEACHES	5 TWIN BEEF TACOS w/Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa WHOLE KERNEL CORN REFRIED BEANS CHILLED PEARS
8 BREADED CHICKEN PATTY On A WG Bun OR SPICY CHICKEN PATTY On A WG Bun BAKED VEGETARIAN BEANS CARROTEENIES CHILLED PEACHES	9 BBQ RIB SANDWICH On A WG Bun FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes & Sliced Cucumbers w/Assorted Salad Dressing SEASONED CORN MIXED FRUIT CUP	10 CHEESE FRENCH BREAD PIZZA VEGETABLE TRAY with Broccoli-Cherry Tomatoes- Pee Pods w/FF Ranch Dip GREEN BEANS CHILLED PEARS	11 ITALIAN MEATSAUCE Over Pasta with WG Breadstick TENDER PEAS CRUNCHY CELERY STICKS CHILLED APPLESAUCE	12 TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH CREAMY COLE SLAW STEAMED BROCCOLI JUICY ORANGE WEDGES
15 HAMBURGER On A WG Bun OR CHEESEBURGER On A WG Bun CRISPY TATER TOTS SEASONED CORN CHILLED PEARS	16 SALISBURY STEAK With Gravy & Dinner Roll MASHED POTATOES with Gravy TENDER PEAS CHILLED APPLESAUCE	17 CHEESY PIZZA BAGELS (4) FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes & Sliced Cucumbers w/Assorted Salad Dressing GREEN BEANS FRESH APPLE SLICES	18 AMERICAN SUB Made With Ham, Turkey and Cheese with Bag of Chips CARROTEENIES STEAMED BROCCOLI CHILLED PEACHES	19 NO SCHOOL 
22 EARTH DAY SLOPPY JOE On A WG Bun OVEN FRENCH FRIES GREEN BEANS MIXED FRUIT CUP	23 ITALIAN MEATSAUCE Over Pasta w/WG Breadstick FRESH GARDEN SALAD with Cherry Tomatoes w/Assorted Salad Dressing COOKED CARROTS CHILLED PEARS	24 CHEESE PIZZA SLICE OR PEPPERONI PIZZA SLICE VEGETABLE TRAY with Celery Sticks -Sliced Cucumbers-Cherry Tomatoes with FF Ranch Dip TENDER PEAS CHILLED PEACHES	25 BEEF NACHOS with Salsa & Sour Cream REFRIED BEANS SEASONED CORN JUICY ORANGE WEDGES	26 CHICKEN TENDERS (3) with Breadstick SWEET POTATO FRIES FRESH BROCCOLI FLORETS CHILLED APPLESAUCE
29 BEEF HOT DOG On A WG Bun OR TURKEY CORN DOG BAKED VEGETARIAN BEANS CARROTEENIES MIXED FRUIT CUP	30 FRENCH TOAST STICKS w/Chicken Sausage Pattie and Maple Syrup Cup TRI - POTATO PATTIES (2) GOLD RUSH JUICE BOX FRESH APPLE SLICES		Visit MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM Make payments, check account balances and view purchase history.	Menu Subject To Change Due To Market Conditions and Product Availability.

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