



PRAIRIE KNOLLS FALCONS

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June 2021 Falcon Flyer

Important Dates

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Last day of school

Wednesday, August 11
First Day of School

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Dr. Haug's Message

From the Principal 06-01-21

The 2020-2021 school year is nearly over, Summer is almost upon us, and the 2021-2022 school year will be here before we know it. This has been a most challenging year for our Falcon community. We have learned much over the past year-and-a-half; patience, perseverance, grace, new ways to instruct, and new ways to learn. We have questioned some of our long-held assumptions about teaching and learning, and we have reaffirmed some of our beliefs. Through all of this process, our ability to navigate change, be flexible, and adapt on-the-fly have been skills that students, staff and families have honed.

Despite what we have heard over the media about learning loss by students this past year, we know from our Fastbridge data that our students have maintained, or grown, over the past year. I believe that this underscores the fact that the choices made and work done by our staff and students over the past year have paid off academically. I have always maintained a sense of pride for our Falcon community and that sense of pride shines a little bit brighter as we bring this year to a close. Thank you all for your contributions, dedication, and support in making this school year productive.

That said, we must now look to our future and prepare for the new school year. Our first day of school, with students, will be Wednesday, August 11th. As we complete preparations for opening school, please be sure to monitor the PKMS Webpage and read the PKMS Weekly Principal's Messages for updates about important events, such as when schedules will be released, Locker Set-up Days, Open House, and other significant announcements.

Finally, make sure that you check out the pages inside this final Falcon Flyer for the 2020-2021 school year. It is full of important information from our staff, building departments, and the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Paszt.

Once again, thank you for your support of Prairie Knolls Middle School and remember, It's Always A Great Day to Be a Falcon!!



Assistant Principal Paszt's Corner



For the past nine years, I have been blessed to work with the students, staff, and families here at PKMS. When I started here at Prairie Knolls, I never imagined how much this community would influence my growth as a person and as an educator. I have truly enjoyed working with the fantastic students at Prairie Knolls and know that our students are fantastic because of their supportive families.

I have been presented with a new opportunity to step outside of my comfort zone and challenge myself in a new leadership role. Starting next school year, I will be making a move to Central High School where I will serve as the Assistant Principal for Student Services.

I look forward to taking on this new challenge and working with our past and present Falcons once they become Rockets. While I will miss my time at Prairie Knolls, I am looking forward to working with all of you once your students are on their high school journey. Thank you for your support during these past years!

News from the Nurse

Have a Safe and Healthy Summer!

Here is a list of school health exams that will be due for students entering these grades for the 2021-22 school year. These forms should be submitted before your student starts school in August.

- Physical Exams: Early Childhood, Kindergarten, 6th Grade, and 9th Grade
- Immunizations: Early Childhood, Kindergarten, 6th Grade, 12th grade
- Dental Exams: Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, 6th Grade, and 9th Grade
- Eye Exams: Kindergarten
- If your student has a medical condition that may require nursing support and/or medications while at school, their Individual Health Plan and/or MedA forms will need to be updated for the next school year.



All the Health Requirements and forms for District 301 can be found on our website at:
<https://central301.net/health-services/health-requirements/>

General News Briefs

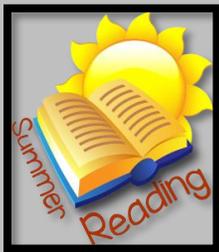
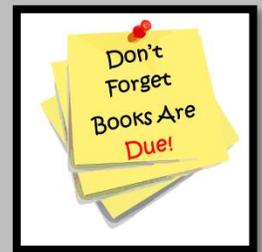
Annual Residency Verification

If you already have a student in grades EC-12th grade and currently own and reside at your residence in Skyward you are not required to prove residency. If you have moved, you will need to contact the office and complete a new residency verification form and submit the required documentation to prove your residency. Families that rent or are hosted are required to complete residency paperwork annually. Residency verification for the 2021-2022 school year will begin on May 1st.

IMPORTANT NOTE - Verification of Residency is due before August 1st. Students who have not completed the residency paperwork by the start of school will be excluded.

ALL BOOKS ARE DUE!

All library books and textbooks need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Any books not returned by June 9th will be marked lost and billed to your Skyward account. So please get all books returned to avoid paying for them. Contact Mrs. Inkinen pam.inkinen@central301.net if you have any questions.



Encourage your students to read this summer.

Have them log into Destiny where they can access 244 eBooks and a new growing collection of 18 audiobooks. This is a great resource both at home and on vacation. Contact Mrs. Inkinen pam.inkinen@central301.net if you have any questions.

Cards for Kids Program

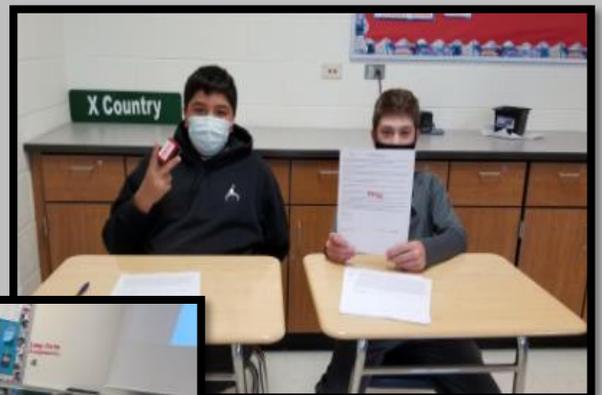
301 Families ~ look at this great opportunity that might help your family gain free library access. If you do not currently belong to a library district, your family might qualify for a free public library card. Please check out this [informational flyer](#) from Elburn's Town & Country website.



7th Grade Team News

Great job to all the super readers and researchers from the ELA classes! Bravo to those of you who have made reading part of your daily routine. Your researching, annotating, and writing skills have greatly improved not only in ELA but in Science and Social Studies as well. Social Studies finished up the year with Mock Congress, a simulation that encapsulated so much of the Civics that we have discussed and learned in class since Winter Break. In math you have learned so much in the areas of proportional reasoning, algebraic and number sense and problem solving that you should be well-prepared for next year. Here is hoping that your studies this year have improved your perspective as a person and knowledge in the areas of equality to responsibility and what role we play as citizens in this community. Our hope is that you take what you have learned and go out there and become the best student you can be at CMS. Best of luck to you all!

7th grade Social Studies students spent one week this past month in the first (what will become annual) Mock Congress! After brainstorming problems in America, each student wrote their own bill to address one of them and shared it with their class. Each class then narrowed the pool of bills down to four or five to send to committee. After committee discussions, those bills came back to the floor (the entire class) for more discussion and a final vote. The bills that passed the "first house" went onto the "second house" (a second social studies class) where they went through the same process - they were sent to a committee, came back to the floor for everyone to discuss, and then were voted on. All bills that passed both "houses" went on to President Oscar Escobar (the winner of our Constitution Day Mock Election). On Friday, May 28th, all 7th graders watched in anticipation as President Escobar signed and vetoed the bills that made it to him! This activity was a great way for students to see so much of what they have learned this year in action. We hope to see them continuing their civic duties as they move onto 8th grade!



6th Grade Team News

ELA - 6th grade ELA is wrapping up their final project of the year: book bentos! Students will give a speech based on a book of their choice. Also, they are showing off their creativity with their book bento photographs. Awesome work! As we wrap up the last few days of school, we wanted to commend our students on all the successes they had this year in ELA. Keep up your reading this summer, 6th graders!

Math - It has been a very different school year, but we persevered through it. We wrapped up the Geometry unit and are finishing out the year with parts of the statistics unit. In the statistics unit, they will be finding the Mean, Median, Mode, and Range for data sets and interpreting data from different graphical representations. It has been a great year seeing the students adapt and develop their math skills. The 6th grade math teachers wish them all the best of luck next year. Have a great summer!!

Science - Science is finishing the year strong as we focus on the NGSS standard, Earth's Place in the Universe. Students have learned about our moon and its phases, how gravity keeps the moon orbiting around earth and the planets orbiting around the sun. We have learned that our solar system is a part of the Milky Way galaxy. Students will conclude their studies of our universe by choosing a topic for their research project. There will be many interesting topics for them to choose from!

Social Studies - What a year it has been! Students are ending the year by "creating their own country" that includes choosing their own geography, economy, and government using the information they have gained throughout the year. They have learned a lot and have seen that history truly does "repeat itself"! Have a delightful summer!



Falcon Athletics

To tryout for any of the Fall Sports at PKMS, students must do the following:

- Register on the PKMS 8to18 Athletics website (il.8to18.com/prairieknolls)
 - Registration will open July 1st, 2021.
- Turn in an up-to-date physical with the PKMS Office. Physicals are valid for 395 days (13 months) in the State of Illinois.
- \$100 participation fee per child, per sport is due by the first competition.

6th-8th grade Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

First Practice: Wednesday, August 11th - 3:00-4:45pm

Students will stay after school for practice, so bring practice clothes to change into.

We will be doing a lot of RUNNING so bring plenty of water!

Questions - Head Coach: Brent Ferstl (brent.ferstl@central301.net)

7th grade Girls Volleyball

Two-Day Tryout: Thursday, August 12th and Friday, August 13th - 3:00-5:00pm each day

Students are expected to attend both days of tryouts. If for some reason you cannot attend both days, reach out to Coach Bender in advance. The team will be selected at the conclusion of the Friday tryout.

Students will stay after school for tryouts each day so bring proper clothing and water bottles with you to school each day.

Make sure to bring knee pads to tryouts each day as well.

Questions - Head Coach: Amy Bender (amy.bender@central301.net)

7th grade Football

First Practice: Monday, August 16th - 3:00-5:00pm

Students will stay after school for practice, so bring clothing and a water bottle with you to school on the first day of practice.

Questions - Head Coach: Mark Valentini (mark.valentini@central301.net)

Specific sport-related questions should be sent to the head coach listed for each sport. General questions about PKMS Athletics or questions about registration, physicals or fees can be sent to our Athletic Director at brody.hamel@central301.net



- Composition notebook
- (2 packs) Post-it notes
- (2) 2-pocket folder
- (3) 1" binder
- (3) 5-tab dividers
- (1) Spiral notebook or loose leaf paper
- (1) 4 function calculator
- Mask that appropriately covers nose & mouth
- Earbuds (inexpensive)
- Pencil bag
- (2 rolls) Scotch tape
- (1 pack) Index cards
- (1 pack) Pens
- (2 packs) Pencils
- (1 pack) Colored pencils
- (2 packs) Highlighters: Pink, yellow & blue
- (1) Scissor
- (1) Handheld manual pencil sharpener
- (2) Glue sticks
- (2) Personal pack of Kleenex
- Organization system for all classes (teacher recommended: Multi-pocket folder, available for purchase in the office for \$4.00)
- Assignment notebook

- Chromebook Stylus
- (4 or 5) Dry erase markers
- (1) Expo marker eraser
- Hand sanitizer

Art

- Big pink eraser
- Ultra-fine sharpie - black

Technology

- Glue stick (full size)

PE

- Athletic shoes (can be the same as worn to school)
- (1) 2-pocket folder

Choir

- (1) 1" view binder (black)

Band

- Individual instrument supplies
- (1) 1" 3 Ring View Binder (Black)



- Mask that appropriately covers nose & mouth
- Corded Headphones (inexpensive)
- Pens (blue or black)
- (1) Scissor
- (1 pack) Wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- (1) 1.5 inch binder
- (1) pack of 5 binder dividers
- (2) (100-ct pack) 3x5 lined index cards
- 4 function calculator
- (24) #2 pencils
- Erasers
- (4) Highlighters (different colors)
- Protractor
- (1) Scotch tape
- (2 packs) Colored pencils
- (1 pack) Markers - 5 primary colors
- (2) Personal pack of Kleenex
- (1 pack) 3x3 Post-it notes
- (1 pack) Expo dry erase markers
- (1) Expo marker eraser
- Hand sanitizer

- (1) Stylus for writing on Chromebook screen
- Students will also need an organizational system (accordion, folders, etc.) to store handouts for core classes.

Art

- Big pink eraser
- Ultra-fine sharpie - black
- (1) Handheld manual pencil sharpener

World Languages

- (1) 2-pocket folder or 3-ring binder
- (100-ct) Note cards

PE

- Athletic shoes (can be the same as worn to school)
- (1) 2-pocket folder

Choir

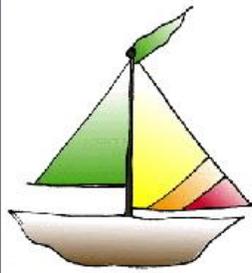
- (1) 1" 3-ring view binder (black)

Band

- Individual instrument supplies
- (1) 1" 3-ring view binder (black)



Central Middle
& Prairie Knolls Middle
School Lunch Menu
June 1 - 8, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>CHEESEBURGER <i>On A W6 Bun</i></p> <p>OVEN BROWN POTATOES</p> <p>GREEN BEANS PEACH CUP</p> <p>CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>ASSORTED PIZZA</p> <p>GARDEN SALAD w/Cherry Tomatoes and Ranch Dressing</p> <p>SEASONED CORN APPLESAUCE CUP</p> <p>CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>SOFT SHELL TACO w/Salsa</p> <p>FIESTA BLACK BEANS CARROT & CELERY STICKS with Dip</p> <p>FRESH FRUIT</p> <p>CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>ASSORTED CHICKEN ENTREE'S</p> <p>FRESH BROCCOLI w/Dip</p> <p>TENDER PEAS</p> <p>CHILLED PEARS</p> <p>CHOICE OF MILK</p>
<p>MINI CORN DOGS</p> <p>CARROTEENIES w/Dip</p> <p>OVEN BROWN POTATOES</p> <p>FRUIT CUP</p> <p>CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>Last Day of School SUB SANDWICH <i>with Luncheon & Cheese with Chips</i></p> <p>COLESLAW</p> <p>CELERY STICKS <i>with Dip</i></p> <p>FRESH FRUIT</p> <p>CHOICE OF MILK</p>	<p>TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY</p> <p>NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL</p>		 <p>5/14/2021</p>

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.



1st ever D301 Spring Fling Concert!

Way to go Falcons!

Rocket Football Youth and Middle School Camp

COME PLAY FOOTBALL ON ROCKET HILL

IN OUR ALL NEW DESIGNED

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

You will be going through a week of drills and learning the Rocket offense and defense with ALL of the CHS coaches! Get noticed now! Bring your whole team! Bring your friends! Bring everybody!

YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

WE ARE! Excited to have you back! We plan to have tons of fun, learn a lot and play! Learn from the Rocket football players and coaches



Scan here to sign up!

7-5 through 7-9

8-10 AM





Looking for a new opportunity?



School Bus Drivers/Aides - Custodians - Cooks - Paraprofessionals

Employment Job Fair Open House

Saturday - June 5, 2021
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Prairie Knolls Middle School's Cafeteria (Door 26)
225 Nesler Road
Elgin, IL 60124

Come join us to learn more information about flexible jobs within your community. Full and part-time positions, great pay, and benefits. On the job training.

Free event. No need to register.

Need more information? Contact our district office at 847-464-6005
(8:00 am to 4:00 pm)