PRAIRIE KNOLLS
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Prairie Knolls Middle School Welcomes You!

INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome to PKMS!!!

- Dr. Haug (Principal)
- Mrs. Ahlstedt (Assistant Principal)
- Mr. Newquist (Assistant Principal)
- Mr. Hamel (Athletic Director)
- Mr. Brooks (Social Worker)
- Ms. Kopetsky (Social Worker)
- Nurse Lauren Sak (School Nurse)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Communication - Monthly Newsletter and Weekly Principal's Message
- Supply Lists – Available on our website.
- Lockers (practice over the summer)
- Schedules (Available via Skyward prior to Locker Move In Day; opportunity for students to come to PKMS in August to set up lockers)

ARRIVING AT AND LEAVING SCHOOL

- Currently, students may enter the building at 7:40 a.m.
- Buses drop students at the North end of the building
- Walkers & Bikers may enter either front entrance or the North entrance (with bus riders)
- Car riders must be dropped off/picked up at the front entrance (not in the back or side parking lot)
- Currently, the school day ends at 2:38 p.m.
- Bus riders, walkers and bikers will exit the north end doors (bikes must be walked while on school property)
- Car riders will exit the main entrance - please do not pick up your students at Door #26.

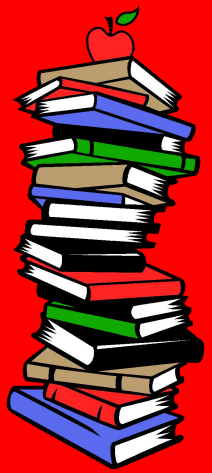
LUNCH PROGRAM

- Swipe card lunch system- Students are responsible for the school ID's which are used to pay for lunch.
- Students may buy "extras" – salads, sandwiches, ice cream, etc. (starts in September)
- Add money using credit or debit card on-line www.myschoolbucks.com

CLASSES

CORE Classes

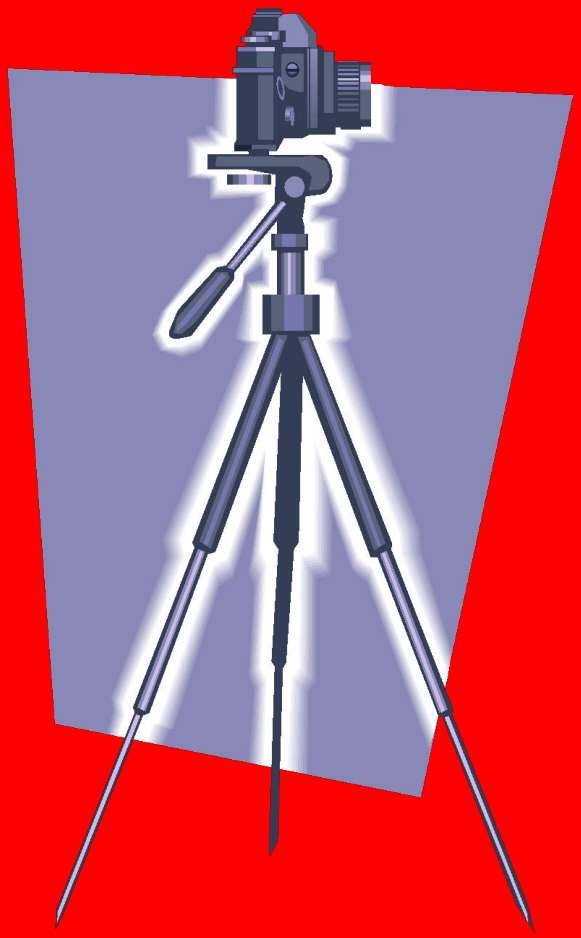
- Math
- ELA
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE/Health
- Task



ENCORE Wheel

- Music Appreciation
- Computer Science Innovations (PLTW)
- Living Online
- Art

PICTURE DAY



- Fall picture day is August 25, 2022
- Picture is used to create student ID
- ID uses:
  - ~LMC
  - ~Dances
  - ~Lunch program
  - ~CHS sporting events
- Replacement ID's can be purchased for $2.00 in the main office

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- Attendance
- Academic behaviors
- Electronics (school and personal)
- Library usage
- Homework/work completion
- Lockers/Backpacks
- School Communication:
  - Canvas
  - Skyward
  - Self advocacy

PE AND HEALTH

- Students change into a uniform for class each day.
- Uniforms will be sold in the students' PE classes – cost is $12.00 ($6 for shirts and $6 for shorts). **subject to change*
- Same uniforms can be used for 8th grade & high school.
- Please do not send students with money the first day!
- Health rotation will occur throughout the year.

PKMS ATHLETICS

Mascot – Falcon Colors – Red/Silver

We compete in the North Central Junior Conference (NCJC)
- DeKalb Rosette, DeKalb Huntley, Sycamore,
Rochelle, Belvidere Central, Belvidere South, Kaneland

Common non-conference opponents include….Hampshire, Dundee, Yorkville, St. Charles, Geneva, Harvard, Genoa and more

Most Athletic opportunities are for 7th and 8th grade, but our conference does offer Cross Country, Wrestling and Scholastic Bowl to 6th graders!

For more information visit the Prairie Knolls 8to18 page: il.8to18.com/prairieknolls

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Scholastic Bowl
- Drama
- Student Council
- S.T.A.R.
- Pentathlon
- Falcon Day
- Teacher-Sponsored Clubs

MUSIC

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- Registration for band and choir is done online through the PK website. The due date is June 1st.
- Choir and Band meet every day of the week during TASK.
- We perform three concerts a year that are in the evening.
- Band lessons: one pullout lesson per week on a rotati

District 301 Middle School PTO

Who We Are

- PKMS and CMS
- Enhance and Support

What We Do

- Students
- Staff
- Parents

How You Can Help

- Fundraising
- Leadership Roles
- Meetings

Plans for tonight

If you are interested in a guided tour of the school, please meet our Student Ambassadors at the doors to the gym. They will also be available this evening and available to answer any questions.

PKMS SPRING FAMILY NIGHT

PRINCIPAL	ASST. PRINCIPAL	ASST. PRINCIPAL
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WELCOME!

We are so thankful you could join us for our Spring Family Night! Our building has a unique way of helping you locate rooms. The first number in the room number tells you what floor; the second tells you what hallway. Use the key below (or the QR code with a map of our school) to help guide you. We will also have PKMS Student Ambassadors floating around to assist you!

- Rooms that start with a 1 are on the first floor. Rooms that start with a 2 are on the second floor.
- Rooms that have a second number as a 6 are in the black hallway. Rooms with a 7 are in the yellow hallways, and rooms with an 8 are in the red hallways. Rooms that have a second number of a 2 are in the encore hallway.

ACTIVITIES

TACO BOSSES
OUTSIDE OF DOOR 26

MILKHOUSE ICECREAM
OUTSIDE OF DOOR 26

WINDOW PAINTING
LMC STARTING AT 6:30
Come decorate a window pane to be hung in our LMC!

GOAT YOGA CHICAGO
6:00, 6:30, 7:00, ROOM 128
Take a relaxing break from the night & do some (goatless) yoga with Goat Yoga Chicago instructor, Mrs. Kerr!

CARNIVAL GAMES
ROOM 183
See our STAR club & play Bozo Buckets, bowling, & bags!

DANCE, DANCE!
ROOM 282
Come have a dance party!

BREAKOUT!
6:00, 6:30, 7:00, ROOMS 266 & 276
Work together with your team to breakout using our D301 BreakoutEDU boxes!

BADMINTON GAMES
GYMNASIUM STARTING AT 6:30
Show off your competitive side & play against other families!

OBSTACLE COURSE
GYMNASIUM STARTING AT 6:30
Let's see how fast your group can finish the obstacle course!

PHOTO BOOTH WITH FRANKIE
GREEN ROOM IN LMC
Take some pictures with your friends and family alongside Frankie the Falcon!

CHECK MATE
ROOM 123
Play a game of chess with our chess mini-club sponsor, Mr. Piel!

BLOOKET
ROOMS 175 & 273
Blooket is a popular educational tool PK teachers use in their classrooms. Come play this game with some pop culture trivia!

CONSTITUTION CHALLENGE
ROOM 283
Test your knowledge on all things Constitution!

MATH MADNESS
ROOM 186
Have some fun with fraction races and logic puzzles!

TWENTY FOUR
ROOM 262
Utilize all of the numbers on a card to create 24!

PKMS SPRING FAMILY NIGHT

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO
ENCORE HALLWAY
Find out ways you can get involved to support middle school students and staff!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
ENCORE HALLWAY
FMSC works with food distribution partners by empowering them to move from relief to development.

PKMS ATHLETICS
ENCORE HALLWAY
Check out our 2021-2022 hardware and get some information about sports from our athletic director, Brody Hamel!

STUDENT COUNCIL
CORE HALLWAY
Get some candy & find out about student council!

FOOD FOR GREATER ELGIN
CORE HALLWAY
Food for Greater Elgin combats food insecurity by providing food & resources for families.

HOOF, WOOF, & MEOW ANIMAL RESCUE
CORE HALLWAY & ROOM 171
See how you can get involved through volunteering, fostering, or even adopting! There may or may not be some furry friends available tonight!

PKMS BAND AND CHOIR
ENCORE HALLWAY
Learn more about our band & choir programs at PKMS.

BSN
CORE HALLWAY
Take a look at some PKMS gear to help with your school spirit!

BILINGUAL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CORE HALLWAY
This district-wide group allows opportunities to advocate for bilingual children in D301, make decisions regarding programs & services, connect with other families, participate in workshops, conferences, & events, and promote diversity & cultural awareness within our school communities.

CENTRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
CORE HALLWAY
The Central Foundation's mission is to foster unified community support for innovative programs & equitable opportunities for all District 301 students by accessing, utilizing & distributing alternate resources.

PRESENTATIONS

WELCOME TO PKMS!
6:00, GYMNASIUM
Current 5th grade families, meet Dr. Haug, Mr. Newquist, and Mrs. Ahlstedt to discuss your transition to middle school!

WELCOME TO CMS!
6:00, LMC
Current 7th graders, visit Mrs. Walter to get information about 8th grade at Central Middle School!

TRAITS OF A SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE SCHOOLER
6:00, 6:30, 7:00, ROOM 126
Mr. Newquist will be discussing character traits & characteristics of a successful middle school experience.

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS
6:00, 6:30, 7:00, ROOM 261
Mrs. Inkinen, our librarian, will be showing how to access Central's ebooks & audiobooks!

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH ANXIOUS TIMES
6:00, 6:30, 7:00, ROOM 162
Our student services team will be discussing ways to work through and help support students with anxiety.

CHROME-DEPOT
ROOM 275
Needing assistance with any district technology? Come stop in for some assistance!

Contact Information:

We are looking forward to partnering with you next year for your child's education at PKMS. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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