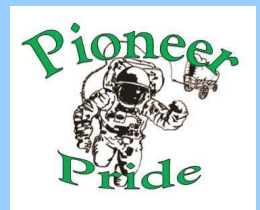


# PRAIRIE POINT EXPRESS



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## Happy New Year

The staff at Prairie Point wishes you all a wonderful New Year! We hope 2018 is full of great things for you and your family!

## January Habit of the Month

Seek First to Understand, Then Be Understood

Listen before you talk

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings

I try to see things from their viewpoints

I listen to others without interrupting

I am confident in voicing my ideas

I look people in the eyes when talking



## Watch D.O.G.S.

Calling all Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and other Father Figures! Our Watch D.O.G.S. program has been a huge success this year thanks to the many volunteers we have had. It is easy to be part of our Watch D.O.G.S. program and it is VERY rewarding. If you have not already done so, complete the volunteer screening process. You can get a blank form in the front office or [access one online](#). Turn the screening packet in to the Prairie Point Front Office. Our school uses Sign-Up Genius to manage our Watch D.O.G.S. sign-up process. [Click here to find a day that works for you!](#) The cost of school lunch is \$3.35 and you are welcome to buy a lunch or bring your own! We will ensure that you are scheduled to eat lunch with your child. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Todtfeld at

[totdfeld@parkhill.k12.mo.us](mailto:totdfeld@parkhill.k12.mo.us)

## Registration now open for Park Hill Spelling Bee

The Park Hill District spelling bee will be held **Saturday, February 24th** at PHHS with the winner advancing directly to the Scripps National Spelling Bee held near Washington, DC., May 27 -June 1. Awards will be presented to the top ten finishers. All current Park Hill 5th-8th graders are eligible, but students must sign up by January 5th. Register thru the link below, or by going to the "Parent Resources" section of the district website. You may also contact your school office for assistance.

<http://tinyurl.com/>

## Dr. Cowherd Speaks at January 9<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting



Our next PTA Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the school library. Dr. Cowherd will be the guest speaker. She will discuss current building projects in the district such as the new middle school and elementary school, plans for redistricting, and other future projects and goals of the district. Please attend to receive a status report of the Park Hill School District.

## Early Release January 11<sup>th</sup>

Students will be released on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM for staff professional development. If your child's transportation changes at the end of the day due to the early release, please inform your child's teacher and the office.

## No School January 15<sup>th</sup>

There is no school for students on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

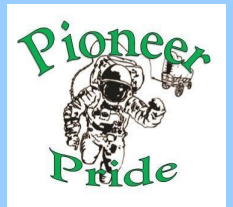


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## Mark Your Calendar....Spring Conferences

Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for your child's student-led conference. This event will begin at 6:00 PM and you will have a scheduled time for your child's conference. It is important that all parents/guardians attend this evening to get updated information on your child's progress at school.



## PTA Talent Show

PTA has made some changes to the annual Talent Show. This year, the Talent Show will occur at the school during the school day. The Talent Show will occur on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. This change was made so that fellow students can see our students talents at an assembly and so that all students can participate if they wish, not just those that have transportation to the evening show. Talent Show try-outs will occur on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> during the grade level recess time. Please look for important Talent Show information coming home from PTA and read this information carefully.



## Celebrate History

For a child, even yesterday can seem like a long time ago. Bring the past into the present for your youngster with these do-it-today activities.

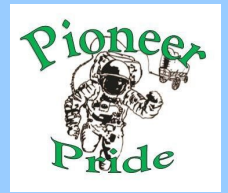
### **Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

This civil rights leader helped to change the world. How can your family make a difference? Have each person draw a star on a sheet of paper, then cut it out and write one way to help others on each of the star's points. Examples: "Make a meal for a sick neighbor." "Play with a classmate who doesn't have a lot of friends."

### **Create a personal history museum**

History isn't just about others-your family has its own history too! Let your child turn a box into a museum filled with items that remind family members of "historic" moments. He might include his T-ball award or a photograph of his little sister in a school play.

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## PTA Corner

### **1/5 – Talent Show Forms Due**

Talent show is around the corner! Forms were sent home before break and can be found in the E-backpack. Tryouts will be at the school on 1/12 and the performance will be at Prairie Point on 1/26.

### **1/9 – 6:30 to 7:30 pm: PTA Meeting – Presentation from Dr. Cowherd**

Park Hill Superintendent Dr. Jeanette Cowherd will be at our meeting to talk about the new middle school and long range plans. Come join us for an informative night. There will be light snacks.

Happy New Year.



**Prairie Point Mission:** To create a safe and caring student centered environment, to empower students to be independent learners, problem solvers, and responsible citizens in the 21st Century.

**Prairie Point Vision:** Prairie Point Elementary School provides all children with a safe, caring educational environment that focuses on high expectations and promotes lifelong learning.

**Prairie Point Values:**

Keep the focus on the student

Continuous learning and professional growth

Warm, caring, open-minded environment

High expectations for all students and adults

Teamwork and collaboration

Empathetic approach with our actions

These are posted on the bulletin board in the hall outside the front office.

## Welcome to Prairie Point Elementary School

Three ways to help you connect with Prairie Point Elementary School

1. Follow us on Twitter  
@PrairiePtElem and  
use #PioneerPride

2. Follow the Prairie Point PTA on  
Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/prairiepointpta/>

Check our website for information, events and school happenings  
<http://prairiepoint.parkhill.k12.mo.us/>

