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# TWISTER TIMES

## Prairie Winds Elementary

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Double "T"</b></p> <p>Double "T" (Terrific Twisters) will be implemented on Thursdays. Double "T" is an opportunity for students to purchase a special snack on Thursday. The money earned from Thursday sales goes back to the students. Throughout the school year, students will benefit from this money-making program in a variety of ways such as special school events, assemblies, projects, and activities.</p> <p>We all look forward to a Thursday treat! If you have questions or suggestions or if you want your name placed on the volunteer list, please</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TWISTER Thursday</b></p> <p>Thursdays are "Twister Thursdays" students are allowed to wear denim jeans, denim shorts (in season), blue or black denim skirts and denim skirts that fit School District 70 Dress Code requirements. They still need to wear a Prairie Winds uniform shirt with their jeans. They can also wear a full uniform. Students who do not adhere to the dress code requirements will be asked to call home and make arrangements, for a change of clothes.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Twister -Tid Bits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We encourage all parents to become members of the Prairie Winds PTA. In the past, parent teacher organizations have been a great support for children in Pueblo West schools. We look forward to a great new year with our Parent Teacher Association</li> <li>• If you are interested in volunteering at Prairie Winds, please contact your child's teacher.</li> <li>• If you are interested in being a member of the school's accountability committee, please notify Mrs. Russell at 647-9732</li> <li>• School begins at 7:45 a.m. We ask that all children be here and in their classrooms, ready to learn, by 7:45 a.m. If your child is late, please come into the office and sign him/her in as tardy.</li> <li>• The parent loop is open from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and from 2:45-3:05 p.m. At all other times, please park in the main lot and come into the building. <b>DO NOT</b> allow children to cross the parking lot by themselves.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Important Dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9/25—PTA at 3:30 p.m.</li> <li>• 10/05—October Birthdays</li> <li>• 10/05—PTA Fall Festival</li> <li>• 10/10—3rd Grade Concert</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Homework Tips for Parents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.</li> <li>• Have materials available.</li> <li>• Help your child with time management.</li> <li>• When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.</li> <li>• Watch your child for signs of frustration.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Be positive about homework!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHANGE OF ROUTINE</b></p> <p>If your child's routine at the end of the day is going to be different from the normal schedule, please contact the school either via a note or a phone call by 2:30pm. Please include full name, grade level and teacher's name. We will give your child's teacher a Change of Routine Notice so that your child gets to the right destination at the end of the day. Please be sure that any person who might be picking up your child is listed on the Emergency Card that you turn in to the office. Please have identification available.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b></p> <p>In the case of an emergency school closure, please tune in to the local radio and television stations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAFETY FIRST</b></p> <p>Please be patient with our staff as we get to know each of you and who belongs with whom. When dropping children off late or coming in tardy, please come into the office and sign them in. We may ask for a photo I.D. before releasing children. We also ask that you walk your child across the parking lot and the parent drop-off loop. We do not recommend that children walk to and from school as there are no sidewalks in Pueblo West and bus routes are available to all areas. However, if you live close to the school and you wish for your child to walk or ride a bike to and from school, please send a signed note to school giving the student your permission to walk or ride a bike.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT</b></p> <p>Pueblo County School District 70 does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, genetic information, or handicap (disability) in admission or access to, or treatment, or employment in its education programs or activities. Inquiries about ADA, Section 504, Title VI, and Title IX may be addressed to the Superintendent of Schools, 301 28th Lane, Pueblo, Colorado 81001 719-542-0220</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"October 10<sup>th</sup> Concert"</b> Third Grade Concert</p> <p>Our third grade concert is Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. here in the gym at Prairie Winds. The theme is American Folk Music. For the concert Prairie Winds students will wear <b>clean Prairie Winds uniform bottoms (in khaki please) and a navy blue Prairie Winds uniform shirt. Students should arrive at school Tuesday evening at 6:10 p.m.</b> when the front doors will be unlocked for entrance. Parents interested in decorating, or with concert concerns, please contact Mrs. Ward at <a href="mailto:kevard@district70.org">kevard@district70.org</a>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medication Policy</b></p> <p>Medication will only be administered to students at school when it is prescribed by a physician. Parents must fill out a Medication Authorization form, sign it and have it signed by the doctor. A parent must bring the prescribed medication in its original container to school. Over the counter medications such as Tylenol, cough drops, etc. will not be administered unless prescribed by a doctor. Parents can come to school and give the medication to their child. Please do not send medications with your child to school.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Personal Property</b></p> <p>Please mark all personal belongings (coats, backpacks, lunchboxes, classroom supplies) with your child's name. If your child does lose something, have him/her first check the Lost and Found located by the office. Every year, many items go unclaimed because they are not marked with a name.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	