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Twister Highlights – January 15

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TO: Prairie Heights Elementary School Parents and Patrons
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•When you happen to see Nash Cooper – Grade 6, Brittley King – Grade 4, and Kellen Marshall – Grade 6, please congratulate them for winning the top three places at the **2016 Prairie Heights Elementary School Spelling Bee**, and wish them good luck at the **Morris County Spelling Bee** on **January 27 at 1:30 PM** in the **Council Grove High School auditorium**. At that time students attending **Council Grove Elementary, Council Grove Junior High, Prairie Heights Elementary, and White City Schools** will meet to determine, who represents our county and attends the state spelling bee. **Nash placed first. Brittley was second, and Kellen was third in the contest. Kierni Mullen – Grade 5 is the alternate for the Prairie Heights Elementary team.**

•Perhaps your child has shared that we did a fire drill **January 14**. As a school we are obligated to do a fire drill one time per month **August through May**. Three times during the year we are to do tornado drills with at least one of them taking place in the fall. Teachers carry their building crisis kit bags with them during drills. These kits include flashlights, class rosters, and medical supplies to name just a few. At the beginning of the school year classroom teachers talk with students about drill procedures, so they are prepared. Following each drill teachers talk with students about things we can improve, and those procedures we are completing properly.

•Do you have a suggestion of a maintenance need at PHES? Let the custodian, **Deb McDiffett**, or the principal know your thoughts in the next week.

•The board of education minutes are posted on the district website. If you read information about donations to the school district at the **January 11** meeting, you will see that the **Dwight Presbyterian Church** gave their final offering on **October 25** to our school. We hope to add a sturdy bench to our playground with this donation. We will keep you informed, when this is all in place.

•In planning ahead remember there will be no school on **January 18** in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. **AimsWEB** benchmark testing takes place **January 19 – 22**.

PTO and Site Council are on January 25. Grades 3 – 6 will attend the Rosa Parks production at McCain auditorium at KSU in Manhattan January 26.