

Prairie Heights Elementary School

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Twister Highlights – January 8

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TO: Prairie Heights Elementary School Parents and Patrons
FROM: Cynthia Schrader, Principal

•Parents and patrons, please respect the no parking areas in the front of the school. When you park illegally, bus drivers have to park farther out on the street, which poses a safety hazard for our school children.

•While students were enjoying their winter break, awesome things took place at Prairie Heights Elementary. Andrew Gaylor, the PHES physical education and health instructor, made a grant request from the Area Foundation Committee for a climbing wall. The request was granted and Mike Gentry, district maintenance person, and Deb McDiffett, our PHES custodian, installed the climbing wall. It was placed on the south wall near the east entry into the gym. This new addition to our facility is a big hit with our young climbers!

•The other change over winter break was the PHES lunchroom transformation. The bland colored walls evolved into a colorful display depicting the Kansas prairie. The splatter painted Kansas symbols made by PHES students during art classes this fall were mounted on the dynamic landscape. Angela Moore, who teaches art lessons two days a month at PHES, and our local PTO organization, sponsoring the art program for our children, made this improvement possible. Repeating words from an article sent to local newspapers today, words do no justice to the looks of delight and the ooh's and ah's expressed by our young students, as they entered the lunchroom for the first time after winter break.

•The PHES Spelling Bee will take place next Wednesday, January 13, at 9:30 AM in the PHES gym. Parents and patrons are welcome to attend.

•If you have different cell/telephone numbers or changes in emergency contacts, please let Nancy Furney, our PHES secretary, know, so we can better serve you and your children.

•In planning ahead remember there will be no school on January 18. 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.