

# Prairie Heights Elementary School

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**Twister Highlights – October 16**

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

- The end of the first nine weeks for Prairie Heights Elementary ends today. School was dismissed two hours early today, so teachers could finish first quarter report cards.
- The PHES security system is in place. The only entry for public is the front door. Visitors need to push the button on the wall to your left. The secretary will acknowledge you and unlock the door. The left door, closest to the button and security camera, is the one you will use to enter. Installation of cameras at various points around the facility is another part of the security system. These security measures have been taken to keep our students, staff, and visitors safe.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 20 and 21 of this upcoming week from 4 – 8 PM. Report cards for the first quarter will be given to parents. The spring 2015 Kansas State Assessments results will be shared with parents at conferences. Mike Luce, speech clinician, will be available at conferences on October 20.
- When you attend Parent Teacher Conferences this coming week, have teachers repeat or ask for explanations, if you have questions or something isn't clear to you.
- When you are attending conferences, take a look at the artwork displayed in the hallways. Two art days have taken place, so far this year. The first lesson was about textures and the most recent one allowed each class to have a fall/Halloween activity. In fact, you will be greeted at the main entry by spiders and their webs on tree limbs created by our kindergarten class.
- In addition to it being a law, attendance is important for instruction and your child's learning. Absences and being tardy hinders your child's success. For example, sixth graders start math at 8:00 AM! OR if your child feels better by noon, get them back to school.

•Since the PHES kindergarten class was studying jobs, reading a pizza story, and observing Fire Safety Week, Krista Wilson, the PHES kindergarten teacher, had two local experts visit class this week. Chad Evans, a PHES parent and volunteer fireman, visited with the class. Crystal Brabb from the Barnyard Café demonstrated how to make pizza and the students were able to sample her great pizza making.