

Prairie Heights Elementary School

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Twister Highlights – October 2

TO: Prairie Heights Elementary School Parents and Patrons
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•Here is the update on the Prairie Heights PTO landscaping project. Ryan Armbrust has provided a list of suitable trees to be considered for planting around the school grounds. He suggested work at the school's entry be delayed until spring. We hope to get the trees planted this fall. We certainly appreciate Mr. Armbrust's knowledge and assistance on this project.

•We are listening to suggestions of our Site Council members. The September 25 Twister Highlights was shared with both the city of Dwight and Alta Vista. The October 2015 Prairie Heights newsletter will also be sent to each city office. Thanks to Pam McDiffett and Heather Brown for the acceptance of our news. This is one more way we will communicate with not just parents, but our patrons of both communities. Our school secretary, Nancy Furney, will be sending the October newsletter by email to parents, who have provided email addresses, as well as posting it on our website.

•The district is installing a security system at PHES, similar to other district buildings. There are multiple cameras throughout the building. In addition visitors push the front entry button to the left of the doors. The secretary and myself have monitors to view those entering the building, and the ability to converse with the visitor. As yet, it still takes a staff member to open the door, but this will be eliminated in the near future, once installation is complete. The original front doorbell will soon be installed at the kitchen door for parents to use, when they pick up children from the After School Program.

•Thanks to Kathy Lamberson and the Grade 6 band, who participated in the Old Settlers' Day parade last Saturday. This was the first marching and playing experience for students.

•The reports from the spring 2015 state assessments will soon be released to school districts. The district hopes, based on the state's projections, to share results with

parents at conferences on October 20 and 21. The date listed for public release is December 8.

•This should be the seventh Twister Highlights publication you have received. The October newsletter should be on the district website under the Prairie Heights link.