

# Prairie Heights Elementary School

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**Twister Highlights – October 29**

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

- **Since our students will probably have a costume parade and Halloween classroom parties on their mind tomorrow, this week's edition of Twister Highlights will be sent to parents today, October 29.**
- **Thanks to parents and patrons, who attended the PTO and Site Council meetings this past Monday evening. Please consider purchasing a butter braid from young students at Prairie Heights Elementary, as they promote the fall fundraiser, which allows the PTO treasury and their members to supplement your children's education at our school. The fundraiser started October 27 and the delivery date is November 20 from 3:45 – 6 PM at the PHES lunchroom on the north side of the school building.**
- **Another item discussed at the PTO meeting was to give Ryan Armbrust the "green light" to obtain any appropriate trees, which might be free, to start the landscaping project. Those trees would hopefully be planted within the next three weeks.**
- **At the Prairie Heights Site Council meeting the group studied the state assessment explanation sheets, which accompany the results of last spring's student assessments in ELA (originally called reading) and math. Site Council members also wanted to encourage the school district to continue to modify the building for younger students. For example, the faucets in the main hallway restrooms are difficult for young hands to balance pushing the button on top and still wash hands in the flow of water at the same time.**
- **Reading Buddies is a new project started this week at PHES. Two students, usually one older student paired with a younger student, are given an opportunity to read to one another prior to the start of the school day in the gym. Students who eat breakfast at school are paired together, when possible. The purpose of Reading Buddies is to increase reading time, develop friendships between children of different ages, and to provide structure to some less structured time of the day. The first Wednesday of each month is Wednesday Walk before school, so that will be one time, when we won't have Reading Buddies.**

**•Thanks to our parents and patrons for supplying treats to our children during the parade.**