

Prairie Heights Elementary School

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Twister Highlights – October 9

TO: Prairie Heights Elementary School Parents and Patrons
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• **Prairie Heights Elementary School has an active student council. Three students from Grades 5 and 6 are on the council. These six students will have numerous activities through the year, but the student council is also a service organization. We have a school sign at the corner of Center and Garfield, constructed by Randy Glessner quite a few years back, which lists the upcoming events at our school. Lori Pollock, the PHES student council sponsor, and these students keep this sign current by updating at the beginning of each month.**

• **On Wednesday, October 7th, PHES started a new program called "Wednesday Walk". Wednesday Walkers will meet the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30-7:55 AM to walk around the gym. Students signed up to eat breakfast will be dismissed at 7:45 AM. Every extra minute of exercise is a step in the right direction for better health of our students and staff! We invite any parents or community members to come walk with us, as well.**

• **The Prairie Heights Elementary building is gradually making changes, even after the start of the school year, to adapt for the age of our students. For example, the doorknobs on the main hall bathrooms had doorknobs that were difficult for younger children to have opened, so several push and pull handles have been installed. Changes have also been made to paper towel dispensers and toilet paper holders for easier access for elementary students. Deb McDiffett, our custodian, and Mike Gentry, district maintenance, will continue to work on water fountains and faucets in the future.**

• **An organization that works on behalf of our school district including Prairie Heights Elementary is the Educational Enhancement Fund. The school has been notified that this committee has given funds to PHES to be used to help with student transportation on two cultural arts trips to McCain productions later this year, monies to help purchase art supplies, and a contribution to our library for books. Ralph Mock is the chairperson of the committee.**

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