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Twister Highlights – December 11

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

•As all of you parents know, each teacher at Prairie Heights Elementary School decorated their classroom door with a theme centered around various stores at the start of the school year. The idea for being a travel agent evolved from Kathy Lamberson, the PHES music instructor, spending four weeks in Alaska this past summer. She spent a long enough time to become acquainted with the geography of the land, long daylight hours, food, architecture, and in general, the way of life in Fairbanks, Alaska, where her cousin lives.

•Every music program Kathy Lamberson produces has a theme. The upcoming Christmas program is related to her summer trip, just the same as her travel agent selection mentioned in the previous paragraph. North Pole is the theme for her latest production coming up this next week on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 PM. Music selections are related to winter. In grades Kindergarten through Grade 6, Mrs. Lamberson and her students have been reading and discussing the book, Recess at 20 Below. Lively discussions evolved around what could you do, or could you even be outside for recess, if it was that cold. The past month Mrs. Lamberson and her students have also been studying animals in the Arctic area and the Northern Lights. Mrs. Lamberson has incorporated social studies, science, and reading into her music classes, and the music to be performed at the December 15th program.

•The wonders of the program begin before the music starts. After entering the main doors of Prairie Heights Elementary, you will find a magnificent mural created by PHES fifth and sixth grade students. It captures the sky, snow, landscape, animals, and the beautiful Northern Lights, which students have studied in preparation for their winter musical. Joey Andres, Shawn Becker, Brandon Ewert, Keana Hearn, Scott Layne, Cameron Maspero, Zachary McCra, Kierni Mullen, Zachary Splechta, Caden Taylor, and Anthony Wilson were fifth graders working on this tribute to the North Pole. Six graders adding their artistic touch to the mural were Hunter Brintle, Lauren Brown, Nash Cooper, Jonathan Furman, Kellen Marshall, Khilyn McDiffett, Aspen Pearson, Bricelynn Pearson, Aleyah Snyder, and Sierra Westfall. Angela Moore facilitated the students' project.

•Please come to the **December 15** winter music program at **PHES** to support your local school and students! **December 16** come to the **CGHS Brave Voices Tour** at **9:45** in the **PHES gym**.