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Twister Highlights – April 1
Prairie Heights Elementary School Parents and Patrons
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•PHES sent letters to parents of potential 2016-2017 kindergarten students about Kindergarten Roundup on April 8 at 9:00 AM. Right now we have 19 students on the roster. YEAH! We may not be aware of all families, we should be contacting, so we need your help. If you know of anyone, who has a child ready to start kindergarten next year in the Prairie Heights communities, please ask, if they have received a letter. If not, have them call 785.499.6313 and we will get this information to them. Thank you for your help!

•Have you heard the big news for 2016 – 2017? Valerie Thomison Gehrer was selected as the new PHES principal. Mrs. Gehrer is familiar with Prairie Heights, since she taught math at Prairie Heights Middle School for several years and coached middle and high school sports, as well. She has taught seventh grade math at Fort Riley the past two years. In 2008 she graduated from Coffeyville Community College and then earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Kansas State University in 2010. She completed her master's degree in administration at Fort Hays State University in 2014.

•There is a new Summer Food Service Program for Morris County including the Prairie Heights communities of Dwight and Alta Vista. Meals will be served to children and students 1 – 18 years of age and the adults who accompany them. There are no applications or income guidelines. There would be a nominal fee needed from adults attending the meal. Meals will be prepared at Council Grove Elementary and brought to other communities. Meals will be served two to five days a week at noon by volunteers. Coordinators are still looking for sponsors at Alta Vista and Dwight. A survey was sent home with PHES students this week and needs to be returned by MONDAY, April 4, to see how many would be interested in this program.

•Important things to remember...

•No Kindergarten classes on Friday, April 8 due to Kindergarten Roundup for 2016 – 2017. •No school for students on Monday, April 11 due to the teacher staff development day. •April 11 is Early Childhood Screening at CGES starting at 8 AM for children ages birth to 5. •The April newsletter is on the website.

