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Twister Highlights – April 21
Prairie Heights Elementary School Parents and Patrons
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•The purpose of the weekly Twister Highlight is to keep you informed about the weekly happenings at Prairie Heights Elementary School. For the past two years Andrew Gaylor has been the physical education/health instructor at our school. He and his wife have accepted teaching positions for next school term at Hutchinson, which is close to where they have family and attended school. As seen by the DrumFit presentations at the spring music program, Andrew Gaylor has brought excitement to our program. He was also instrumental in acquiring the funds for the Climbing Wall in the gym. His co-workers have appreciated his team approach, as he assisted in the lunchroom, recess, and altered his schedule, if it would benefit his peers and our children. Please share your appreciation with him, before the end of the school term.

•Thanks to those who attended the Meet and Greet for Valerie Thomison Gehrer, the new PHES principal. This was held after the regular PHES PTO meeting at 6:30 PM. Thanks to Kacie Evans and Lori Pollock, who hosted the event. Mrs. Gehrer is working hand-in-hand with staff members on handbooks, calendar, and schedule for next year, which should make for a smooth transition.

•The USD 417 Board of Education met early Monday morning. They took no action but will look for buyers to purchase the Dwight school building. Keep informed on the developments.

•Thanks to the Prairie Heights staff and communities for the large attendance at the spring music program. The surprise reception for my retirement was appreciated, as was the memory book created by students, and the quilt with contributions from staff and patrons, which captured so many wonderful moments in my educational journey.

•Don't forget the Prairie Heights PTO will sponsor a school carnival at Prairie Heights Elementary School in Alta Vista on April 23 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

•It has been a very busy week with students attending the Music Memory contest at McCain Auditorium in Manhattan Wednesday. Three days this week Grade 3 students and Christa Kraus were involved with Investigate Space Camp. Ask them about their experiences.

•Important things to remember...

**Kansas Teachers of the Year area team visits PHES 4/25
Museum 4/26 Art Lessons with Angela Moore 4/28**

Grade 6 to Ag