

# Prairie Heights Elementary School

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**Twister Highlights – April 8**  
**Prairie Heights Elementary School Parents and Patrons**  
**FROM: Cynthia Schrader, Principal**

**Issue: No. 30 TO:**

• **Early morning news on WIBW has a segment that encourages schools to video classes reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and sharing it with the station. Krista Wilson and Kacie Evans, Kindergarten and Grade 6 homeroom teachers, took advantage of this opportunity. That video has been shared multiple times by the station. When K.C. Wolfe was at Prairie Heights on March 10 for an Olweus good character presentation, the teachers videoed all students and staff, along with K. C. Wolfe, repeating the Pledge of Allegiance. This segment has also aired on the television station several times.**

• **Monday, April 18, at 7:30 PM there will be a Meet and Greet for Valerie Thomison Gehrer, the new PHES principal. The Meet and Greet will be after the regular PHES PTO meeting at 6:30 PM. Hosts for the event will be Kacie Evans and Lori Pollock. The Site Council, which usually meets right after PTO meetings, will be eliminated to allow time for patrons to meet or get reacquainted with Mrs. Gehrer. Some will remember Mrs. Gehrer, since she taught math at Prairie Heights Middle School for several years and coached middle and high school sports.**

• **Several Prairie Heights teachers will be attending training in April. Today Christa Kraus and Laural Marshall will be receiving training on MTDP scoring, which pertains to scoring the performance task on the English/Language Arts part of state assessments. April 22nd Lori Pollock and Kacie Evans will be participating in the same training. All of their MTDP training will take place in Chapman. Krista Wilson will be attending the NCTM Math Conference in San Francisco from April 12 – 15. We are very fortunate to have capable substitute teachers such as Amy Moore, Angela Moore, Donna Frese, and Diane Bolton to teach during their absences.**

• **Prairie Heights spring music program under the direction of Kathy Lamberson will be April 14 starting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Gaylor will have DrumFit presentations, which is a combination of rhythm, drumming, and music, at the program, too.**

• **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. The usual activities and a free meal will take place.**

• **Important things to remember...**

- **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 PTO flower pick up is 3:30 – 6:30 PM on April 12.**