

# Prairie Heights Elementary School

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## Twister Highlights – September 25

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

•Thank you Prairie Heights parents and patrons, who attended the PTO and Site Council meetings Monday evening. Maybe one of the best-kept secrets is the fantastic Prairie Heights PTO. They approved \$2,500 dollars in teachers' requests that benefit our students, school, and community. Those requests range from paying field trip fees, so children only pay \$2.00, to a music room rug. They will have an Old Settlers' Day float for PHES staff to ride in the parade on Saturday, September 26. This organization is working with Ryan Armbrust on planting trees around the school grounds and making landscaping improvements at the front entry. Later this fall they will have a braided pastries' fundraiser like last year.

•At the Site Council meeting following PTO, the group set goals for the organization. We hope to inform parents and patrons what powers the school and community share, and how we may collaborate with one another for the betterment of our school and communities. The other goal was to continue to increase communication between the school and community. Each Friday a Twister Highlights is published updating the week in addition to the monthly newsletter. These will be placed in both towns and both city offices. Parents and patrons do have a voice at Site meetings. It was suggested we put a doorbell at the kitchen door, so the ASP director and children could hear, when parents arrive to pick up their children. Soon a new security system will be in place, and the front door doorbell will be relocated to the kitchen door.

•Thanks to the Alta Vista people who selected the Prairie Heights staff as Grand Marshals for the parade this coming Saturday. Thank you for your recognition of our help with students, the school and our communities.

•We welcome the Alta Vista High School Alumni as they gather Saturday evening for their annual banquet and meeting. Janet Holden, the Council Grove High School FACS teacher and her students will be preparing the meal.

•This should be the sixth Twister Highlights publication you have received. Be watching the district website under the Prairie Heights link next week for the October newsletter.