

Priest River Junior High Newsletter

February 2018

KUDOS

- Kudos to all of the members of the “Beauty and the Beast” performance put on by our very own high school drama club, and Mr. Bean.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

The following website has some great tips for helping students understand math at home:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/simple-ways-to-build-math-skills-at-home/>

- ◆ School day
- ◆ Our day begins at 7:45 a.m.
- ◆ Tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m.
- ◆ Students have free breakfast every morning in their classrooms.
- ◆ School gets out at 2:35p.m.

Principal’s News

Dear Families,

Welcome to March, and hopefully the start of spring. We are almost half way through the third quarter of the year, and plan on the rest of the year flying by.

We are very proud to announce that we will be holding an Honor Society Induction for all of our new members of Honor Society on March 15th, at 6:00p.m.

As we head towards the end of March, we will be reaching the end of the 3rd quarter. This is a very important time of the year for students to continue to work hard, and show that they are ready to proceed on to the next grade level. We will be monitoring grades very closely, and will be meeting with students and parents if we have any concerns in regards to your child.

In order to help parents monitor their child’s grades, we are going to start sending home progress reports via email once every quarter. When we reach the half way point of the quarter, we will

have a progress report sent to you via the email that you have on file with the school. **If for some reason you do not have an email on file, or you have the wrong email on file, we need this updated immediately.**

When students return from spring break, we will head into ISAT assessments. All students will take two English and two math assessments. 7th graders will take a science assessment as well. More information will be coming home at a later date in regards to the ISAT test.

Thank you for your continued support of PRJH!

Ms. Johnson

WBCSD Mission Statement

Success for all with the

Understanding that

Community, parents, students, and educators will

Empower the

Student to make positive lifelong choices.

Strive for Greatness!

Vision Statement

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UPCOMING EVENTS**March 2018**

5th: 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Awards Assembly 8:00-8:30a.m.

21st: Board Meeting 6:00 – District Office

22nd: PTO @ 3:00 – PRJH Library

22nd: Honor Society Induction 6:00p.m. PRJH Auditorium

29th – End of 3rd Quarter

29th: Spring Dance

30th – Teacher Work Day – No School

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2nd – 6th: Spring Break

18th: Youth Safety in the Digital World – PRLHS Time TBD

18th: Board Meeting 6:00 – District Office

19th: PTO @ 3:00 – PRJH Library

We need PTO members! Please join us at the next PTO meeting on March 22nd from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. to see how you can be part of this group.

Yearbooks are on sale. They will be \$25 until January 31st, and then the price will increase to \$30. See Mrs. Anselmo to purchase yours! To order yours online go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com Ordering code: 12302918

Counselor's Corner

Ms. Bridges and Ms. Rizzardi will be presenting Love and Logic Classes. These classes include a free workbook, gas card, snacks, and child care for all WBCSD parents. The class will run on February 21st and 28th, and March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. It will be held at Priest River Elementary. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Bridges.

PRJH Classrooms

- Keyboarding classes area starting to use templates in Microsoft Word and will move into formatting tables with borders and shading.
- 7th grade World History students will be heading into Medieval Europe. They will be studying the Renaissance, Reformation, and the Enlightenment eras. They will also be looking at feudalism and what it created.
- 8th grade Geography students are heading into South America. They are learning a little of the Spanish language along the way. 8th graders are also starting a country project where they will be creating a brochure to tell us about their country. They will also be giving a speech towards the end of the quarter related to the same topic.
- PE classes are starting a floor hockey unit, and will then move into archery. Mr. Landry's and Mr. McMahon's PE classes went out and did a little snowshoeing on the 23rd of February.
- 7th grade science students are beginning the Human Body Systems unit by learning about bones, muscles, and skin.
- 8th grade Earth Science students are starting a unit on Earth's air and water, looking closely right now at Earth's atmosphere and wind patterns.
- Exploratory students are practicing and will be performing a play called, "Live: It's Fairytale News." They are also designing sets, creating costumes, and really working on expressive acting. In ELA, students finished a unit on

Our character trait for February is "Honesty." PRJH students and staff commit to the following:

1. If you make a mistake, be honest about it.
2. Be honest even when it feels like you will get in more trouble.

poetry. Groups are now going to write and perform a two act play for the class. They did improvisations as a springboard to writing and acting.

- Mr. Martin's classes completed their Wizard of Oz unit, and the class made PowerPoint presentations. 2nd period is reading non-fiction stories about animals, and 3rd period is reading stories from Greco-Roman times about Gods and Goddesses. Study skills classes are working on keeping agendas caught up, lockers cleaned and organized, as well as binders. They are also working on keeping caught up on other class work and studying for quizzes and tests. In math they are doing a lot of work related to fractions, decimal place values, and lowest common multipliers.
- Pre-Algebra students have started a unit on powers and scientific notation. They are learning about the rules of exponents and what negative exponents mean.
- Algebra students are continuing to work with square roots.
- Pre-Algebra students are starting a section on exponents.
- General math students are starting a section on circles.