

On the "Prairie" with Mrs. Myers

Read All About It-

Student Council Leaders Chosen

After an exciting two weeks of posters, campaign speeches and voting by the student body, our 2012-2013 Student Council representatives have been chosen.

Congratulations to:

Brooke Stafford and Clayton Earnst (Mrs. Feathers)
Wrigley Hemphill and Wreese Hemphill (Mrs. Gesse)
Jayla Rushing and Joshua Dockery (Mrs. Babin) and
Makayla Scaborough and Derrick Cummings (Mrs. Koziel).

Miss Wilkins and Mrs. Bashaw are excited to work with this energetic group of young leaders.



Prairie View
Elementary School

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Mrs. Myers
Principal

Mrs. Bealor
Secretary

Mrs. Owsianowski
Receptionist

Mission Statement

Prairie View
Elementary School will
provide a safe,
interesting, and
challenging
environment in which
students can learn in a
way that is best for
them.

Spell Bowl Season is Underway

Mrs. Pease has begun working with our Prairie View Spell Bowl Team. Practices are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Please mark your calendars for the Spell Bowl Competition scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at 5:00 pm at North Liberty Elementary School.

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## Bobcat Club

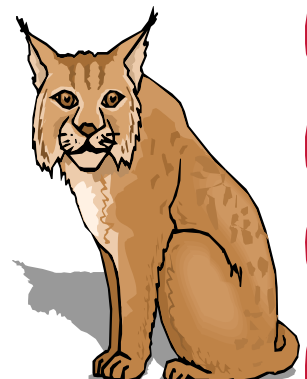
Bobcat-Discovery Club is a learning opportunity for students in grades \*\*1-5. If your child needs assistance completing homework, and would benefit from an extra "boost" of instruction... you should consider Bobcat-Discovery Club.

Currently we have openings for students at all grade levels. Bobcat-Discovery Club runs from 3:15 to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Parents are responsible for transportation home from Club.

Students in 1 and 2 are grouped together and students in 3-5 are grouped together. Students enjoy assistance with homework for 30 minutes, recess and snack for 25 minutes, and study-enrichment for 50 minutes. Students use computers, practice problem solving skills, play learning games that help build skills.

Please contact our school office if you would like a registration form for Bobcat-Discovery Club. \*\* Kindergarten students may enroll in January 2013.

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many other exciting  
items about our  
school  
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# Assessments—Assessments—Assessments.....

It is important for us to keep track of what our students know so that we can monitor how they grow!

We administer a variety of formal and informal assessments throughout the day, the week and the school year.

Informal assessments might take the form of “thumbs up or thumbs down” to a question or topic that the teacher has presented. It gives her a “snapshot” of where the students’ understanding is at any given moment. She might work with small groups of students who write quickly on white boards to assess clarity of concepts. Teachers will work one on one to assess a student’s individual understanding of a skill.

Formal assessments take the form of what we usually consider tests or quizzes. They also include standardized tests like ISTEP+ and ACT or SAT.

It is important to help students prepare for formal assessments. It is also important to remember that everything we do is in an effort to help our children learn and grow so that doing well in school and pass every kind of assessment. Making school important, a priority is key. When your children know that school and learning are important to you, it will become important to them. Good attendance is a great place to start! Completing and turning in quality homework assignments is also a terrific lifeskill. Of course, there is the timeless “studying” method. Studying is just another word for practice. How many of us would be good at a task if we did not practice. Learning is the same thing! If you would like to know more about our formal assessments like: MClass BURST, Running Records for Reading in (K, 1, 2), or IREAD-3 (3rd grade students) and ISTEP+, IMAST, Acuity (Grade 3-5 Students) and LAS Links (all grades ELL students), please call Mrs. Myers in the school office or contact your child’s teacher.

Remember what we do everyday determines our success or our failures.

## Fall Fun for Everyone....

Halloween Classroom Parties are being planned for the 31st of October. Students bring costumes to school and change into them before their classroom festivities begin. Please no “blood”, “weapons” or super scary costumes that might frighten the principal...



Fall Fest is coming too! Please join us at Prairie View on Friday, November 2nd. What a fun “School Family” gathering. Games, Prizes, Treats, Raffles, and much more. Please watch for more information about this event sponsored by our wonderful PTO.



## Parent—Teacher Conferences You are invited....

Please join us for Parent—Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 16 or Thursday, October 17. We are expecting 100% participation from our parents. Speaking with you about your child’s progress is one of the most important things we do! Look for your Conference Confirmation Notice on Friday, October 5th. Please call the school office if you do not receive your conference time. We are excited to see you!!