

# Fox Prairie Enews

January 31, 2020

## Schedule for the Week

Monday 2/3 - D Day

Tuesday 2/4 - A Day

Wednesday 2/5- B Day

Thursday 2/6 - C Day

Friday 2/7 - D Day

## Flu Communication

There have been several cases of influenza at Fox Prairie. Influenza or the flu, is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by influenza viruses. Flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk and the droplets land in the mouth or nose of another person.

A person may get the flu by touching an object that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose or eyes but this type of spread occurs less often. Symptoms of the flu may include fever (some will not have a fever), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and feeling very tired. Some people may experience diarrhea and vomiting.

Here are some ways to prevent the flu and other respiratory illness:

Remind your child:

- o Wash hands with soap and water frequently. Alcohol-based hand rubs can be used if soap and water are not available.
- o Avoid touching eyes, mouth and nose.
- o Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- o That he/she shouldn't share drinks or eating utensils.

- If your child is sick, he/she should stay home from school for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that may have flu germs.

- Consider and consult with your health care provider about getting the flu vaccine.

Here is additional information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the flu:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>

## All School Field Trip to the Overture Center on Monday, January 27!

Thanks to our Fox Prairie WFK's group, and your support of the wonderful things that they do for our students and school, all Fox Prairie Elementary staff and students went to the Overture Center in Madison on Monday.

We had a fabulous trip. Our students really enjoyed the show and did a great job with their audience behavior!







## Parent/Teacher Conferences in February

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Wednesday, February 19, 3:15-8:00, and Thursday, February 20, Noon - 8:00.

Watch your child's backpack for conference invitations that were sent home with students.



We're looking forward to seeing you!

## Calendar Reminders

Early Release at 11:00 on Thursday, February 20.

No School on Friday, February 21.

## Student Drop Off/Pick Up Reminder

As you pull into the circle to drop off or pick up your child, please pull all the way down to the end of the yellow posts so several cars can fit along the sidewalk.

Please give hugs & kisses at home in the morning so your children can exit the car quickly without parents needing to also exit the car. This helps so much as everyone begins their busy day. We have some of our staff members outside to help children exit cars to keep things running smoothly and safely for everyone.

Several of our families pick up their child(ren) at the end of the day. We do not have parents enter the building to pick up their children as we have almost 400 students needing to leave the building at the same time. If you are planning to walk up to the building to pick up your child, please let your child know where they'll be able to find you outside. (example: I'll meet you by the flagpole.)

With safety as our number one priority, thank you so much for watching out for all of our children as they come and leave school each day.

## 4th Graders Visited Monticello Today!

The fourth grade class had a Skype session with Monticello, which is the home of Thomas Jefferson today!



## SASD 4K Enrollment is Coming - March 3rd!

Do you live in Stoughton and have a child who will turn 4 on or before September 1, 2020? Enroll them in our Stoughton Area School District's free, community-based 4K program!

For more information, see our [4K Registration Flyer](#) or visit our [website](#).





Drop in at 4K  
sites 5-7 p.m.

# Save the Date!

## 4k enrollment

March 3, 2020

4-8 p.m.

Do you have a  
child that will be 4  
years old on or  
before September  
1, 2020?

If yes, your child  
is eligible for our  
free, community  
based 4k  
program

We would  
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to join us!

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## Norse Afternoon of Fun!

Our Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers are working hard getting ready for this year's Norse Afternoon of Fun.

Sunday, February 9th, at 1:30 in the High School Gym.

Elementary students get in free!



## Coming Soon During February Conferences - Clothing Swap

Do you have children's clothing that you need to get rid of? Do you need clothing for your child(ren)? During our February 19-20 parent-teacher conferences, we will host a children's clothing exchange. You will not have to donate clothing to be able to get clothing.



We have a box outside our main office to drop off clothing for this drive.

## Shoe Collection

Who's ready to start their Spring Cleaning? Fox Prairie Working for Kids is collecting GENTLY WORN, and NEW shoes to help raise money for the school. Not only will it help the school, but the shoes collected will than be distributed and re-used around the world, and you get to de-clutter your house! It's a win win!!



Collection begins on February 3rd and goes thought April 2nd. There will be a collection box outside of the school's office.

## Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Fox Prairie Elementary's 2019-20 yearbooks are on sale now. Ordering is available until March 23, 2020. These full-color yearbooks are \$11.00. An order form has been sent home with your child.

If you wish to order a yearbook, either go [here](#) to order online using code# 13444720 or return the envelope with cash, check or money order payable to Lifetouch.

The yearbooks will be delivered to us in May.

# Extra Clothes at School

It's always a good idea to have an extra pair of pants & undies at school for your child. Please put an extra pair of each in your child's backpack. When we've had rain overnight, we remind students to stay on the wood chips and blacktop only, but sometimes it's hard to avoid getting a bit wet.

We're always in need of extra pants, especially for our younger students. If you have any extra pants that your child has outgrown, please send them in, and we'll put them to good use.

Thank you!

## Craft Supplies Needed for the Imaginarium Lab

Mrs. Steinke is looking for any craft supplies to create more of a STEAM lab in the Imaginarium Lab next to the library.

If you have any extra crafting items, paper, building toys, robots, or other supplies that you don't want or need, please drop them off in the library. Please ask friends, neighbors, and family members over the holidays too. We will be using supplies so there will always be a need.

## Winter Weather Recess Guidelines

Please note the following guidelines that we use for students at recess time:

- 60+ Degrees - Students do not need to wear a coat to recess.
- 35-59 Degrees - Students need to wear a jacket or, at least, long sleeves
- 35 Degrees and below - Students need to wear a coat, gloves, hat & their legs must be covered.

If there is snow:

- Students must wear boots, coat, and snowpants to play on the equipment or in the fields.
- Students must stay on the blacktop if they do not have boots coat, and snowpants.

Students who are dressed for the temperature are more prepared with warm clothing and are able to stay dryer as they enjoy playing in our winter weather. Thank you for helping with that!

Please note that the district's practice is to have outdoor recess as long as the wind chill temperature is -5 or warmer. Hopefully we'll be able to keep everyone healthy this winter as the temperatures continue to drop.

## Watch D.O.G.S. Sign Up

[Who are Watch D.O.G.S?](#)



Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, guardians, aunts, uncles, or community members, etc., who volunteer for a half or full school day at an official Watch D.O.G.S. school. During the day, Watch D.O.G.S. may read and work on school activities with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch school entrances and hallways, and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with students. On the day of their participation, Watch D.O.G.S. are given a brief review of their involvement and wear an official Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt identifying them as a Watch D.O.G.S. in the building.

### **Program Benefits**

- Students gain positive role models.
- Schools gain extra sets of eyes and ears. The presence of volunteer adults provides an additional deterrent to bullying, enhances a sense of security in the building, and helps create an environment conducive to learning.
- Adults get a glimpse of our students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and connect with them.

Here is the [slide presentation](#) from our information meeting.

Please click [here](#) to sign up.

## **Fox Prairie Library Media Center**

Please follow the happenings at the Fox Prairie Library Media Center on Facebook at Fox Prairie LMC.

## **2019-2020 SASD Calendar**

Click [here](#) for our district calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

## **Fox Prairie Shout Outs**

If you would like to recognize a staff member here at Fox, please complete this [form](#). We love to celebrate our great staff!

## **Follow Us on Twitter**

You can find us @FoxPrairieK5 to see all the great things we're doing at Fox!





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