

**BOBCAT CHAT FAMILY NEWSLETTER**  
**February 2012**  
**PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Prairie View School Goals**

All children will show annual learning growth toward mastery of **reading** and **math** skills.

**PRAIRIE VIEW NAMED 4 STAR SCHOOL!**

We all received quite a New Year's surprise. Prairie View and Rolling Prairie were named 4 star schools by the Department of Education. Improvement in test scores and excellent attendance are criterion considered. We have everyone to thank – students, parents, teachers, staff, and community. This is an accomplishment that results from hard work by EVERYONE! Thank you so much for your help, support, contributions, and going that extra mile for our students! We know they are the best!!

**BOBCATS OF THE WEEK FOR JANUARY**

KD = Chloe D, Alyssa, Ava, Julie F.  
KR=Halley P., Brady, Jenna, Aiden G.  
1T=Delanie, Shauna, Carter, Javin  
1F=Dillon G., Tatum, Chloe T., Alex K.  
2K=Denim, Nick B., Marissa  
2P=Tate, James, B., Connor N., Jordan G.  
3B=Christin J., Julia K.  
3W= Angel, Lillian, Katrina P.  
4F= Kobe, Hunter H., Makenzie L.  
4G=Zach T., Makenzie S., Bailey  
5F=Daniel R., Emily K., Brandon S.  
5K= Morgan E., Grant J., Cheyanne W.,  
5K= Camden  
5B= Dillon H.

**TRIATHLON**

Thank you to our patrons for their generous sponsorship of the annual triathlon fund raiser. We raised over \$600.00 for our school! Thanks again Team Lewis!

**GO BOBCATS!**

**School Mission:**

Prairie View Elementary School provides a safe, caring and enjoyable learning community for all stakeholders.

**PTO NOTES**

At the February 1<sup>st</sup> PTO meeting: 10 staff and parents were in attendance and discussed Parent Day  
Student Council Movie Night  
Cookie Dough Fund Raiser  
Scholarships  
Teacher/School support – items needed  
Red Cross Blood Drives  
Organizing Noted and Activities

Please join us next month, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**IREAD PARENT MEETING**

Thank you to the parents who came to our third grade parent IREAD meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Several handouts have been sent home since the meeting to provide materials for you to use as a review with your student. Please contact Miss Wilkins, Mrs. Bashaw or Mrs. Kelly at 574-654-7258 or 219-778-9388 if you have any questions.

**ISTEP / IREAD**

The schedule for this year is on your family calendar  
March 5-14 – ISTEP Applied Skills  
March 19-21 – IREAD Reading  
Fundamental Skills  
April 30 – May 9 ISTEP Multiple Choice  
On line for Grade 4 & 5  
Attached is a list of websites for reading and math.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports will be out on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and available to parents on PowerSchool. If you don't have your password (gr. 2-5) you can contact the school office.

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### PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### BOBCAT / DISCOVERY

Our Title 1 after school program for grades 1-5 has added a kindergarten group this month. Math, Reading, and Language skills are reviewed with instructors, computers, ipads and through various games. There is also time for homework, a snack, and some physical activity. Improvement is our goal. Thanks to our wonderful and willing parents who pick up their students promptly each night.

#### PARENT DAY / VALENTINE'S PARTY

**1:30-2:30pm**

Our special day is February 14<sup>th</sup> and festivities will begin at 1:30pm in your child's classroom. There will be an activity or two, valentines passed out and a snack. Classrooms have different activities planned. We hope you have an enjoyable time. As always, check your student out if you are leaving early. Only parents can check students out.

Remember **HEALTHY SNACKS!**



#### WE CELEBRATE FEBRUARY

Black History Month

Lincoln's Birthday

Washington's Birthday

Valentine's Day

Groundhog Day

Digital Learning Day

Can you find an interesting fact that goes with each?

***OUR NEXT SNOW DAY IS  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012***

#### GREAT SHAKE DOWN 2012

The Great Shake Down will be held for LaPorte County on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Our students will practice the key instructions for

an earthquake DROP - COVER -HOLD ON. Talk about this with your family and make a plan to stay safe during an Earthquake.

#### SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our PV Spelling Bee finalist who compete on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the District Bee – Grade 3= Jordan W., Joey B.  
Grade 4=Zach T., Beth A.  
Grade 5=Gordon G., Maggie T.  
Alternates are: Lauren F & Angel Personette

Thank you Coach Pease for your guidance!



#### RETENTION CONFERENCES

If your child is experiencing difficulty in not making their academic goals in reading and math, the classroom teacher may have requested a conference. The purpose of this conference is to discuss areas of strength and weakness and how family, student, and school can work together to improve the student's skills.

#### MATH BOWL TEAM PREPARES

Coach Koziel and the Math Bowl Team have been working on their problem solving skills. Math Bowl competition is March 1 at 5:00pm Eastern time in Walkerton.

Team members are:

Joel K.	Morgan F.
Ben S.	Ali R.
Travis W.	Gordon G.
Rhett G.	August S.
Tom E.	Hunter B.
Grant J.	Morgan E.
Dominic B.	

Proctor- Mrs. Anita Smith

# New Prairie United School Corporation IREAD-3 RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

## Web Sites:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/>

<http://www.studyisland.com>

<http://www.time4learning.com/testprep/index.php/indiana-istep-test-prep/>

<http://sites.google.com/site/mstoddroom10/istep-iread-test-prep-practice>

[http://www.softschools.com/language\\_arts/phonics/](http://www.softschools.com/language_arts/phonics/)

<http://www.adrianbruce.com/reading/room3/index.html>

<http://www.starfall.com/>

<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/phonics/>

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/>

<http://www.classrooms4kids.com>

<http://www.ixl.com/math/grades>

<http://www.pearsonlongman.com/ae/marketing/sfesl/practicereading.html>

<http://www.mrnussbaum.com/readingpassageindex.htm>

<http://www.rhlschool.com/reading.htm>

<http://www.henryanker.com>

<http://www.timeforkids.com>

<http://www.abcya.com>

<http://www.pbskids.org>

[www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)

[www.kidsclick.org](http://www.kidsclick.org)

[www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)



## Applications for iPods, iPads, iPhones & Some Android Phones:

Brain Pop

Day One (Journal)

Phonics Genius

Kids Can Read

Reading for Kids

Young Readers Books

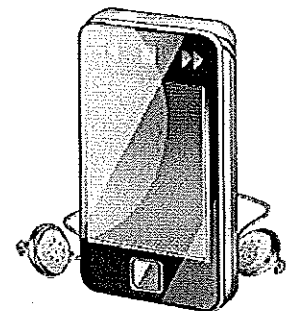
Reading Comprehension - Level 1 Passages

K-3 Sight Words

Vocabulary Builder Grades 3-4

K12 Timed Reading Practice

Third Grade Flash Cards: Dolch Sight Words



**Marcia Kelly**

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**From:** pams-bounces@listserv.doe.state.in.us on behalf of Principals' Alert and Messaging System  
[pams@listserv.doe.state.in.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2012 12:31 PM  
**To:** sams@listserv.doe.state.in.us  
**Cc:** pams@listserv.doe.state.in.us  
**Subject:** [PAMS] Free Academic Support for Military Students: Department of Defense Program  
**Attachments:** 120106\_Tutor.com.pdf; ATT00070.txt

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Indiana Superintendents and Principals

**FROM:** Dr. Tony Bennett  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

**DATE:** January 6, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Free Academic Support for Military Students: Department of Defense Program

I hope this message finds you well as we start the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of a valuable program for military families. The program is provided by the Department of Defense and gives all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members—and their dependents—free access to professional tutors 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

With access to this program, military students can connect with a professional tutor online anytime for one-to-one help. It's timely, efficient and individualized instruction helps students get their homework done and come to school ready to learn. Tutors are available in all math, science, social studies and English subjects. Share this valuable program with military students you know by directing them to [www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military) to sign up. If you would like to receive fliers, brochures or videos for your school, contact Tutor.com at [militarysupport@tutor.com](mailto:militarysupport@tutor.com) or go to: <http://www.tutor.com/military/spread-the-word>.

Thank you for considering this program as a resource for military families in your community.