

PRAIRIE CROSSING FOX NEWS

Teaching is our Super Power!

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EVENTS

- **Wed 8/28—Fri 8/30** 6th grade to Camp Tecumseh
- **Mon Sept 2nd**—Labor Day, No School

Morning Arrival

Students **may not arrive at school until 7:50 am.** Supervision is not available until that time. Beginning at 7:50, students entering Door 1 should either go to the cafeteria for breakfast or go to the gym. Students are not allowed down the classroom hallways until 8:00. Parents should use the car rider line to drop off students at Door 1.



On Tuesday, August 27th, various law enforcement and emergency service agencies will be at Prairie Crossing for staff training. Don't be concerned if you see a number of law enforcement or emergency vehicles in the parking lot.

Student Notes

Students should turn their notes in to their teacher when they get to the classroom in the morning. Notes will then be sent to the office so be sure to include your student's first and last name and the teacher's name. Don't forget, we have 2 Baxters now!

A Note from Mr. Coleman

There are times I just want to get on top of my soapbox and scream at the chaotic people in my life, "JUST GET IT TOGETHER!!!!" But then I stop, look in the mirror, and realize that I might be screaming at myself too. My family is not immune to chaos. We too have run all over the country for our kids to be in some event or game. Even though we enjoyed doing those things, it also put more stress and chaos into our and our children's lives. Just so you know, all my kids are adults now, and not one of them is playing in a professional sport or making millions singing in some hip hop rock band.

I heard a child psychologist this week talking about how many of our kids today don't know how to just sit and enjoy life. He says it is because we as adults run them from event to event, and because of that our children get filled with adrenaline all the time. The consequence is they don't know how to operate without it. In my opinion, as a society we need to slow down. Research has shown that one of the most effective things that families can do to impact student success is to have family meals together - mainly in the evenings, but really anytime. So if you want to GET IT TOGETHER (like I do) - slow down and just stay home with your kids every once in a while.

Medication Policy

Remember, the only medication students are allowed to transport to/from school is an inhaler. All other medication, prescription or over the counter, must be brought in by an adult who will need to complete a medication permission form.



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The Mission of BCSC ~ To ensure all students develop academically, creatively, physically, and socially into the finest version of themselves.

Safe Stop bus tracker app

Have you downloaded the Safe Stop app? It has a map where you can see the bus on the route and an alert option (text and email) to let you know when the bus is approaching the stop.



**School will not be in session
Monday, September 2nd for
Labor Day.**



Visit Prairie Crossing's web page for school info at www.benton.k12.in.us and choose Prairie Crossing in the upper left.



PTO Does That?!

PTO supports and enhances educational experiences at Prairie Crossing. Here are some of the ways the PTO supports the students and teachers. PTO pays for field trip transportation for all students. The PTO has classroom grants available for teachers to purchase additional educational materials for the students. We organize the Prairie Crossing spirit wear purchases, purchase playground equipment, coordinate events for the teachers such as teacher appreciation week, and plan family and student activities like our fall carnival and swim day. Also, we raise funds with Box Tops and Otis Spunkmeyer cookie sales. This might sound like a lot, but the PTO does even more than this. Join us to find out more!

How do I send money to school?

All money should come to school in a sealed envelope with your student's first and last name, teacher, and what the money is for. Students turn money in to their teachers and then it's forwarded to different areas of the school.

Separate payments have to be made for lunch, ASP, and textbooks, but you can make one check out for all your students for each item.

Just be sure to let us know what the money is for and where it goes. Don't forget, we have 2 Baxters now!



**Student safety is our first priority.
Please help us keep students safe.**

Car riders: Use the drop off line in front of the building. Do not drop your students off in the parking lot and allow them to walk across the car line into school.



Any items for students should be

dropped off in the front office.

Parents are not allowed to drop off items in classrooms. In addition, please ***leave forgotten backpacks at home.*** It is a classroom disruption when these items arrive late and they will not be delivered until the end of the day.

We are sharing this information on behalf of Fowler Ridge Wind Farm:

Beginning next week the Fowler Ridge Wind Farm will be conducting inspections and repair on our overhead transmission lines utilizing a helicopter. This work could start as early as Monday the 26th and could run until the following week depending on weather conditions.

With safety at the forefront of every job aspect of the wind farm we realize that this could create a distracted driver condition which could impact students and staff. As part of our risk mitigations there will be traffic control in place during this work and local authorities will be notified.