

Prairie Central CUSD #8  
 Meadowbrook Elementary School  
 450 N. Bach Street  
 Forrest, IL 61741  
 815-657-8461

## November 2015

Dear Meadowbrook Families,

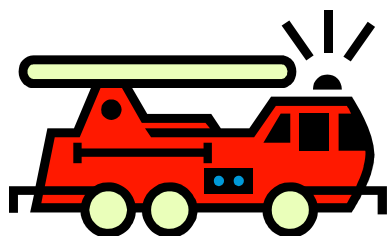
Each year, third grade students across Prairie Central read a book called *Balto, The Dog Who Saved Nome*. In 1925, Balto was made famous through his contribution in successfully transporting medicine during a diphtheria epidemic in Alaska. This historical event is linked to the annual, modern day, Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

This Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, Meadowbrook will host Iditarod Racer, Karen Land. Third grade students from across the district, as well as all Meadowbrook students, will have the opportunity to learn about the fascinating sport of mushing.

This event is funded through a grant from the Lambda State Foundation for Education. Third grade teacher, Kate Walter, was able to secure this grant and provide this exciting educational experience for students.

Trish Paulson

DATE	ACTIVITY
Nov 3	<b>Early Dismissal 1:06 for Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
Nov 6	Picture Retakes
Nov 6	Iditarod Assembly with Karen Land – 1:00
Nov 10	1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> to UE to see 6 <sup>th</sup> grade presentation of Shreck
Nov 17	PTO Meeting 3:30
Nov 19	Fall Harvest Meal (reservations required)
Nov 25	<b>Early Dismissal @ 2:06</b>
Nov 26	No School – Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27	No School – Thanksgiving Day
Dec 22	<b>Early Dismissal 2:06</b>



## Fire Prevention Week Coloring Contest Winners

Kindergarten	Marie Davis, Carolyn Schmidgall
First	Jenna Zimmerman, Lily Lehmann, Jayla Hammond, Lexi Fehr
Second	Justin Leman, Griffin Tredennick
Third	Simon Zimmerman, Evan Haas, Josiah Lehmann, Micah Lanz
Fourth	Callie Eisenmann, Kari Leman, Isaac Lehmann, Kelsey Stoller

# Thank you to everyone who participated in the Book Fair Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

We enjoyed seeing so many creative ideas!

Each child who participated received  
a book!



The top winners from each grade level are:

Kindergarten: Bella Nixon, Ty Mueller, Lily Leman  
1st Grade: Evan Edelman, Lily Lehmann, Rustin Slagel  
2nd Grade: Lakin Bachtold, Lydia Kilgus  
3rd Grade: Mila Zimmerman, Isabel Moreno  
4th Grade: Brittney Slagel, Callie Eisenmann

If you sent a pumpkin, please pick it up by Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Any pumpkins left will be disposed of at 4pm on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

(Some pumpkins have started to rot. We will dispose of them as necessary.)

## Choosing Books at the Right Reading Level "Just-right books" make reading more fun and less frustrating.

Question: How can I help my daughter choose books that are at  
her reading level?

Answer: "Just-right books" make reading more fun and less  
frustrating. Have your child try the "five-finger test" to select a book.



1. Choose a book you would like to read.
2. Look at a page in the middle.
3. Put one finger down for every word you can't read or don't understand. If you have five fingers down, the book may be too hard.
4. If you have fewer than five fingers down, the book is "just right"! Read it.

Your child may want to read a book that is "too hard" based on this test. That's okay. Just make it a book that you read aloud to her, or that you read together (perhaps alternating pages or chapters; or she reads, but you sit alongside to answer questions or help her with challenging words).

\*\*\*\*\*



## Fall Harvest Meal Thursday, November 19

**Menu:**

Turkey  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Sweet Potatoes  
Green Beans, Dinner Roll  
Warm Cinnamon Apples

Cost: \$4.70 adult, \$2.90 child - Reservation forms were sent home separately.

RSVP's are due by Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> by 3:30 pm.

Due to meal planning and preparation, no late reservations will be accepted.

\*\*\*\*\*



**Super Hawk  
Newsletter  
Ticket**

**Thank you for reading our newsletter!  
Please cut out this Super Hawk Ticket  
and have your student write his/her  
name on it along with the class and  
return it to school. If you have more  
than one student, write both/all of their  
names and classes on the ticket and  
each student will be entered into our  
Super Hawk drawing!**