

PRAIRIE VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

“AN EXEMPLARY SCHOOL DISTRICT”

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Prairie Valley Parents,

Thank you for allowing your kids to attend Prairie Valley ISD. We look forward to having another outstanding year in 2011-2012. There are some changes that you need to be aware of as we start the year.

1. STAAR and EOC Testing will replace the TAKS system of testing across the state of Texas. Students will take the same tests in grades 3-8. Students in grades 9-11 will now take end-of-course tests. There will be 12 tests or 3 per core subject area:
 - 9th – English I, Algebra I, Biology, World Geography.
 - 10th – English II, Geometry, Chemistry, World History.
 - 11th – English III, Algebra II, Physics, US History.
2. Grades 3-5 will now be taught as a team. We are adding the 3rd grade to our previous approach of team teaching grades 4 and 5. We are doing this because it allows us to teach more vertically which we believe will help our students as the testing system becomes more rigorous.
3. There will be an opening for the parent representative on the Prairie Valley ISD campus improvement committee. Please contact the school if you are interested in the position.
4. Students will not be allowed to bring blankets and/or pillows into the school building.
5. The cafeteria will continue to help students warm up food brought from home but they will not cook or add water to food for students to eat.
6. For the 6th straight year our district earned an exemplary rating. This means that 90% or more of our tested students passed their exams and at least 25% of our students were commended. Your support for our school and students is appreciated and we look forward to working with you during the school year.

If you have any questions please call the school.

Sincerely,

Tim West