

PRAIRIE CROSSING FOX NEWS



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A Note from Mr. Coleman

A common message given to teams, organizations, and groups from leadership is ***keep the main thing the main thing!*** As leader of people for 33 years, I have used that many times. Our main thing here at PCE is our students, and doing our best to take care of them so that they can become the “finest version of themselves.” (taken from the BCSC mission statement).

I don't know if you are aware of this, but we are in the midst of Pandemic. Jestingly obviously, but because of this, normal operating procedures are not going to happen. We have to rethink almost everything we do and how we do it. Through the last 6 months, I have used this term several times, but it is quite a daunting endeavor. What has made it even more difficult is the political climate and the ever changing messages and protocols coming from the leaders and experts - one of those leaders is me. I apologize up front, but I know that many more changes are going to occur as we go through this. We will do our best to keep you informed and updated of those changes.

We are going to do our best to keep your child safe and healthy, as well as educate them. Please feel free to email me or call with concerns and questions. Even through all this, we are going to **keep the main thing the main thing.**

EVENTS

August

Wed 8/12

1st day of school for Grades 1-6
Kindergarten Individual Meetings

Thur 8/13

Kindergarten Individual Meetings

Mon 8/17

1st day of school for Kindergarten

New Policy Due to COVID

No visitors are allowed in the school with the exception of those with an appointment.

If you need to pick up your student early, remember to send a note to school with them or call ahead. You will be buzzed into the foyer where you will sign out your student and wait in the foyer for staff to bring your student to you.



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

Welcome Back, Foxes!!

We are so excited to have you back and to welcome our new students and staff!
Read below to see what changes have happened at PCE.

1st Grade - Mrs. Szalay moved from 4th grade to 1st grade.

4th Grade - Mr. Johnson returned to 4th grade from 3rd grade.

4th Grade - Mr. Hammel joins us as a 4th grade teacher.

Special Education - Ms. Young moved from speech teacher to special education teacher.

Music - Mrs. Briles joins us as a music teacher.

Maintenance - Mr. Flynn joined our maintenance staff.

Meet Mrs. Briles

I'm a high school graduate of Seeger Memorial High School and a college graduate of Indiana State University. I am married and a mother of two sons in their early twenties. I taught elementary/intermediate general music for many years in Plymouth, IN and recently taught elementary music in Delphi. I am thrilled to be at Prairie Crossing and can't wait to meet my students to share my passion for music. I love for students to experience music through singing, moving, creating, and playing. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy walking my 4 year old golden retriever, Rizzo. (Yes, I am a Cubs fan!). I also enjoy hanging out on the lake with friends, biking, playing SongPop, and decorating.

Meet Mr. Hammel

Hello! My name is Jarrett Hammel. I graduated from Valparaiso University in May of 2020. I am a former Division One baseball player. I know we have a wonderful year ahead of us full of learning, laughter, and growth. I am very passionate about teaching and I will try my best to make every day fun. I am excited to be a part of the Prairie Crossing Staff, but even more thrilled about meeting each and every one of you! A few of my favorites are: color: orange, sport: baseball/ basketball, hobbies: spending time with family and friends/doing things outside, movie: Hoosiers, Singer: Luke Combs, food: Chipotle, drink: iced coffee. Fun fact: I have a three legged dog.