

Principal's Message  
October, 2004

It was a pleasure to say hello to you at the Parent Orientation Nights this past month. One of the items that you should have received during your evening visit was a Parent Handbook. The section at the back of the handbook, printed on green paper, contains information that is specific to Prairie School. On those pages families will be able to locate the comprehensive guidelines for student behavior in addition to the phrase that is utilized school-wide: *Prairie School Kids are Proud, Safe, and Kind*. As is customary, each of the classroom teachers discussed the classroom and school rules with their students. In addition, Mrs. Klees and I met with the students at each grade level to reinforce the rules that promote a positive and productive learning environment. Of special importance, students learned that Door #1 is always available for them. This is especially critical during some situations such as if the children arrive at school after 8:15 or if they do locate their ride at the end of the day. (Those are just two possible examples.) Please remind your children that they can always enter the school using the front door and get help for any reason.

Another one of the items located in the back of the handbook is a map detailing the parking in the area surrounding the school. The map is duplicated in this newsletter for your reference and as a reminder to obey the signs posted by the City of Naperville. Law enforcement officers regularly patrol the streets around the school to insure that drivers are obeying the various signs posted by the city. Of particular interest to drivers that drop-off students in the morning are the designated zones on Charles Avenue. (The map's legend indicates the zones with crosshatch markings.) Approximately three vehicles can drop off students south of the school whereas more vehicles can drop off students north of that area. Please remember that the purpose of these parking restrictions is to maintain the safety of the children as they travel to and from school.

Prairie's Home & School has distributed a safety bulletin, via the children's backpacks. It is also duplicated in this newsletter.

All of us at Prairie School appreciate your cooperation and attention to these safety regulations.