



Prairie Trace Elementary

New Family Buddy Program

If you don't know your Gaga Pit from a Pod or your Lighthouse team from ORFF*, you may need a "New Family Buddy"!

The Prairie Trace PTO's New Family Outreach Committee has a number of "veteran" Prairie Trace parents who have volunteered to share their knowledge and experiences with families that are new to the area and new to PTE! *The Gaga pit is a ball game location; Prairies Trace's classrooms are arranged by grades in areas called Pods, ORFF is a musical club and the Lighthouse team is a leadership group!

The Prairie Trace 'New Family Buddy Program' helps families new to the school by connecting new family parents with veteran PTE parents who can answer a variety of questions they may have. Some of those questions may include:

- *How to log on to Canvas and PowerSchool (which all parents need to be able to do)
- *How to find your child's Student ID number
- * How to find out school bus information and how to make Transportation Changes
- * School Supply questions
- * School activity questions
- * Lunch Menu/Money questions
- * Check-in Procedure for entry into school
- * Volunteer Procedures, including how to apply for a Criminal Background check, which is required for ALL parent volunteers

For more information, please feel free to contact either of our New Family Committee Co-Coordinators **Cathy VanNahmen** at cvannahmen@gmail.com or **Cat Briddle** at cathrynbriddle@gmail.com

Please fill out the information below and return it to your child's teacher via their take home folder!

New Family Buddy Request

Date ____/____/____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address(s): _____

Child(ren) new to Prairie Trace:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
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