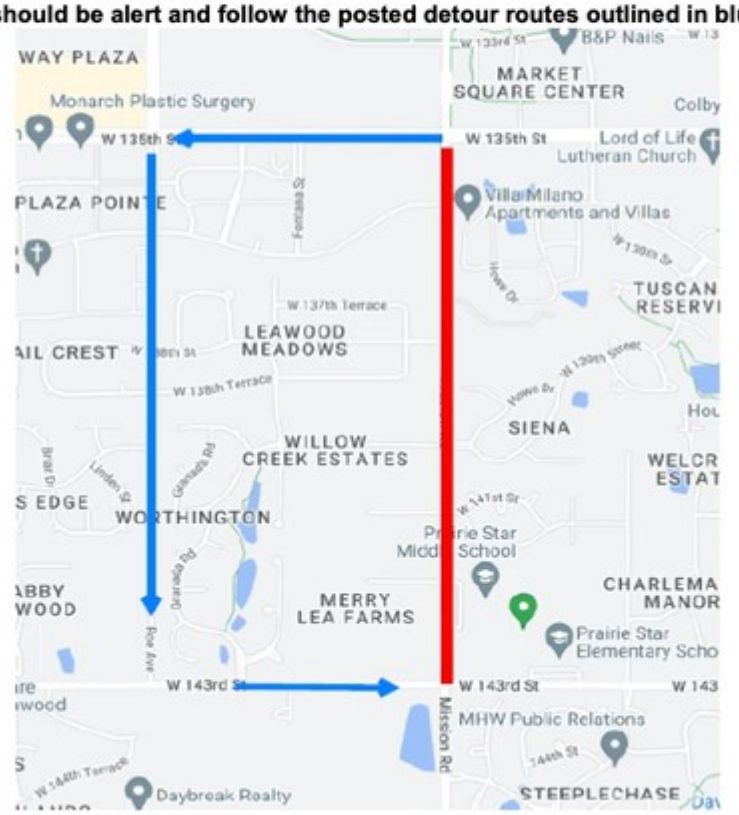
PSE Weekly Howl

January 23rd!

Starting Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 am, southbound Mission Road from the south side of 135th Street to the north side of 143rd Street will be closed for full reconstruction of the roadway. The closure will allow for <u>northbound local traffic only</u> and will be in place throughout 2023. Anticipated project completion is April 2024.

**** Drivers should be alert and follow the posted detour routes outlined in blue below ****



REPORTED BY: LEAWOOD PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mission Road construction update

I have received info from the city of Leawood to expect closures on Mission Road beginning as early as next week. Please note that I am sharing information as I receive it – I am not in direct contact with the contractor and am relying on information being passed to me from the city engineering team. Here are some things I expect to happen soon:

- Mission Road to be closed to southbound traffic from 135th to 142nd St.
- The portion of Mission Road in front of the middle school to remain open until summer

Thanks!
Stacey

Valentine's Day Party

We are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day with our students and wanted to give you some preliminary information in case you are starting to think about Valentine's Day.

- Valentine's Parties will be on **Friday, February 10th at 2:45**
- Students may distribute Valentine's Day cards to the entire class.
- If you are going to attach food to the Valentines, we encourage it to be from the nut-safer list.
- Valentines can also have non-edible items attached or can be Valentine's card!
- All food consumed at the party (party snacks) must comply with the approved Nut Safer List.

Watch for more information from your room parents and classroom teacher in the next week or two.

Lock Down Lights Out-Safety Drill

As you may be aware, we completed installation and training for a new layer of physical security at Prairie Star over winter break. The recent crisis alert system empowers all staff members to initiate a call for help. With a simple push of a button on a specialized badge, building officials are alerted to the following:

- *Everyday events such as medical or student emergencies*
- *Crises that require a campus-wide lockdown*

We want to ensure students and staff know what to do and where to go in an emergency. We conducted a lockdown lights-out drill with students and staff using our new system yesterday. During the drill, students saw lights flash in every room and hallway; instructional messages popped up on their district-provided devices and announcements over the intercom.

I appreciate your support as we strive to provide our students with the safest learning environment possible.

PSE Kindergarten Pre-Registration Form

Incoming Kindergarten Information
We are excited to start welcoming our Kindergarten families for the Fall of 2023. Children who reside in Blue Valley Schools and turn 5 years of age by August 31 are eligible to attend kindergarten that school year. If you live in the PSE Elementary boundaries and will have an incoming Kindergarten student next fall, **please click on this link to pre-register:**
CLICK HERE: Pre-Registration Kindergarten 22-23

More information will be shared with you at the end of February, including welcome videos, online registration instructions, and information about Kindergarten Round-Up in April.
Please pass this link on to neighbors that might not have a student in our system and might not yet receive our weekly emails!

Save the Date for Spring Conferences at PSE

Here are the times that PSE will hold the Spring Conferences:

- **Wednesday, February 15th, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm** held at PSE (zoom or in person)
- **Thursday, February 16th, 8:15 am - 4:00 pm** held at PSE (zoom or in person)
- **Thursday, February 16th, 4:00 pm -7:15 pm** held via ZOOM

Staff will continue to utilize an online signup system as a convenient way for you to schedule conferences for your child(ren). Your student's teacher will email conference links the weekend of

January 27th.

If you sign up for a Zoom conference, a Zoom link will be emailed to you by your teacher about one week before the conference.

PSE Parent Social
& Silent Auction

Feb. 24th 6-9 pm

Pinstripes at Prairie Fire

This is a free event for PSE Parents
Enjoy an evening of socializing,
o'dourves and silent auction!

We are looking for Auction items!

Donations like: Event tickets, Vacation rentals,
Gift cards, Products, Services, etc!
All proceeds from the auction go back into the
school and help support teacher needs,
school events and much more!
Pleae email Andrea with any questions!

To donate or RSVP contact
Andrea Musfeldt at pseparentsocial@gmail.com

Fostering Safe Learning Environments

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around our schools. Through the convergence of physical and intellectual security measures, we are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of emergencies. Please check out available ways to report safety concerns.

PSE Yearbooks

Yearbook Purchasing
Yearbooks are on sale through the PTO website https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/. As with everything in life, publishing prices have increased, so book prices have increased too, but we will still be creating a hardcover, 84-page book of memories that your kids will love. If you are unsure whether you have ordered it, please go to the PTO website, log in and look under previous orders for the year. You can click on your orders and view whether you purchased a book. If you have not ordered a book, the option to purchase will appear under the "New Forms" category.

Picture Submissions
After lots of false starts with the new upload site, we have figured it out. To submit, you will need a Shutterfly account in order...it is easy and free. Once you have a username and password, you must go to community.lifetouch.com. It will prompt you to enter your Shutterfly credentials, and once logged in; you can enter the code TEAM-PRAIRIE-STAR-23. You can select, upload and tag images according to grade and event. Please see the flyer for the steps.

Please email us with questions at prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles & Amy Warren (Welcome to our newest advisor, Amy!)

Opportunities to learn more about Bond 2023

All registered Blue Valley voters will have an opportunity to vote in a no tax rate increase bond election in January 2023. Bond projects include investments in facilities, safety and technology that will benefit staff and students for years to come.

Here are a few ways to learn more about Bond 2023.

- **Listen to a podcast**: Take time to listen to two 15-minute podcasts about Bond 2023 & Facilities and Bond 2023 & Safety.
- **Watch a video**: Watch a short video that breaks down how bond funds can be used. Want to learn more? Watch an informational video that highlights the opportunity to invest in facilities, safety and technology projects through Bond 2023.
- **Review the Bond 2023 website**: The Bond 2023 website includes information about voting, answers to frequently asked questions and more.
- **Register to vote**: All registered Blue Valley voters will automatically receive a mail ballot around January 11. Not a registered voter? Register online.

Important Dates:

January 20th
- Late Night at the Star

February 2nd
- PTO @ 8:30

February 6th-10th
- 13 Beats Fundraiser-more information to come

February 10th

- Valentine's Day Party 2:45

February 13th

- PTC Week

February 17th

- No School

February 20th

- No School President's Day

February 24th

- PSE PTO Parent Social and Silent Auction 6:00-9:00 @ Pinstripes

February 28th

- 1st Grade Program at 6:30

March 2nd

- PTO @ 8:30

March 10th

- No School

March 13th-17th

- Spring Break

March 20th

- No School

March 24th

- Late Night at the Star

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR

2023 BLUE VALLEY

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS
Education Beyond Expectations

13TH ANNUAL

If you are a parent, teacher or caregiver of an individual with special needs, or a self advocate, PLEASE JOIN US!

EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023
5:00-8:00PM

Hilltop Conference Center
7700 W 143rd St. Overland Park, KS 66223

(Entrance is on the WEST side of the campus)

Visit IN-PERSON with service providers in the Kansas City area representing various disabilities, information on camps and other recreational opportunities, therapies, equipment, adult/transition services, financial/legal, health & wellness, and much more!

There will be NO CHILD CARE this year due to COVID-19 precautions.

Sponsored by the Blue Valley School District and the Blue Valley Special Education Advisory Council (BVSEAC)