



PSE Weekly Howl

Week of January 8th!

REaD Friday at PSE-January 13th!

We welcome **all** students, boys **and** girls from **all** grades, to join us for REaD Friday! We will meet from 7:45 AM to 8:25 AM in the library to ready with your child/children. **All you need to do is bring yourself, an adult, breakfast and a book!** If you need a book, the library will be open for checkout and our eBooks are always available. At each meeting, you may enter your name into a drawing to win a free book!

PSE Kindergarten Pre-Registration Form

Incoming Kindergarten Information

We are so excited to start the process to welcome our Kindergarten families for the Fall of 2024. 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 [Kindergarten Registration Form](#).

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 message/link on to neighbors that might not have a student in our system and might not yet receive our weekly emails!



INCOMING KINDERGARTEN DATES
2024-2025

Kindergarten Online Registration Begins
February 20

Kindergarten Round-Up Sessions
April 12

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions
August 13

First full day of school for Kindergarten
August 14

Contact your neighborhood school for more information.



Attendance Reporting and Notifications

Families can expect automated attendance messages by email, phone, and text if a child is absent and their absence has not already been reported by a parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to report an absence or reply to the automated email or phone message.

What is the purpose of attendance notifications?

We realize that students may occasionally need to miss school for planned absences, illnesses, and appointments. However, when a student does not arrive at school or unexpectedly misses a portion of the school day, we are concerned and want to make sure you are aware that your child is absent.

How can I get push notifications?

Families who would also like a push notification can download the ParentVUE app and manage their notifications. If a child has an unreported absence when a teacher submits attendance, then a push notification will immediately be sent to the parent/guardian's mobile device.

Interested in push notifications? Simply download the ParentVUE app ([iTunes app store](#) or [Google Play](#)), enable push notifications in device settings and select attendance notifications through in-app settings. Once the app is downloaded, [these instructions](#) will help you complete the set-up.

Safe Learning Environment

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all of 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](#).

Late Night at the Star- January 19th!

January 19th is our next Late Night at the STAR! Registration closes at 6:00 pm on January 18th!

Prairie Star staff is excited to continue **Late Night at the Star!** Late Night at the Star classes are after-school enrichment programs offered to the students here at Prairie Star.

These sessions, taught by the staff, offer various experiences to the Prairie Star students. With **new and exciting classes**, you won't want to miss out!!!! We will present Friday night sessions in the fall and spring semesters.

Each Friday night class costs \$50 and will run from after school until 6:30. If you enroll in Late Night, you will not need to pick up your child until 6:30. Please assume that your child is enrolled in each class that they have requested unless you hear from the office.

Camp scholarships are now available. Please get in touch with Mrs. Sperry for more information.

To enroll in camps, please see the website link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. **Registration closes the day before at 6:00 pm.**

All Late Night at the STAR questions go to Melissa Bonner. Her email is mabonner@bluevalleyk12.org.

Mind Blowing Science Experiments (Wayland, Purcell, Phillips) Kindergarten-5th Grade

Join us for amazing experiments that will blow your mind! You will get to take home some fun, new items! Drinks and snacks will be provided!

Pancakes and PJs (Vaughn/Rassette) Kindergarten-5th grade

Join Ms. Vaughn and Mrs. Rassette for a "sleep under!" We will wear pajamas, decorate pillow cases, make dream-catchers, and create night lights...but the best part is that we'll enjoy pancakes for dinner! Don't "snooze and lose!" Sign up now!

Spa Night (2nd Grade Team) Kindergarten-5th Grade

After a full school week aren't you ready to relax? Join the 2nd grade teachers for a night of pampering at the PSE Spa. We will do hair, paint nails, make sleep masks & more! You will get to

Your PTO is now on Instagram! Follow along to see all the wonderful things happening at PSE!
[@prairiestarelementarypto](#)

5th Grade Families

South Area 5th Grade Families,

We're very excited to give your student an opportunity to start an exceptional experience next school year – Beginning Band in 6th Grade!!

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Band in 6th Grade!

PSE Yearbook

Please upload your candid pictures! We are currently seeking:

- sneak-a-peek
- first day
- spirit days
- trunk-or-treat/parade/parties
- field trips
- school-related projects/parties
- extracurricular pictures that show off your students' talents-- sports, recitals, competitions, clubs, scouts, etc.

You can follow this link directly to upload pictures to our PSE yearbook library. [ReplayIt Private Photo Submission Site](#).

We are taking orders for the the 23-24 PSE Yearbook through January 2024. Please order at the PTO Membership Toolkit under the New Forms section on the main page. Questions? Email Abbie Moles, Amy Warren and Sally Groesbeck at prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com

End of Quarter Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and Second Quarter Grades

At the end of each quarter, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app and website. Courses for this year's second quarter will conclude on December 20th. Report cards will be generated and families will be able to view second-quarter grades on ParentVUE at the end of the day on January 12th.

How do I view my child's report card?

- Log in on [ParentVue](#)
- Select your elementary student's name
- In the left navigation bar, choose REPORT CARD

If you have questions about Standards Based Grading as you view your child's report card, please

Each new quarter, classroom teachers will publish their next quarter's Canvas course. As courses are published, students and families will again be able to see current courses on the Canvas app and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas.



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