

PSE WEEKLY HOWL

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9TH!

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH!

There is no school in Blue Valley (K-12) on Friday the 13th – teachers will have professional learning activities in the morning and grade prep time in the afternoon.

LATE NIGHT AT THE STAR-OCTOBER 20TH!!!-REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 6:00 P.M. ON OCT.19TH-NO EXCEPTIONS!

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.

Thank you for your support of Late Night at the Star. We look forward to this exciting session and many more to come.

Camp scholarships are now available. Please contact 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 p.m.

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

Forts and Fun-Wayland, Purcell, Phillips

Bring your blankets, pajamas, and stuffed animals, and join us in making forts in the pod. We will also watch a movie, have dinner and dessert, and play fun games in the dark!! Get ready for a fun night!!

"Not So Spooky" Halloween Glow Party-Peterson, Rasette, Vaughn, Younger

It's almost Halloween, so what better time to enjoy a Glow Party with the Kindergarten teachers? We'll decorate pumpkins with glow paint, play glow games, have fun face-painting, and have a "spooktacular" glow dance party with black lights! Pizza, dessert, spooky witch's brew and party favors are included! Don't be too scared to sign up!

"Spook-tacular" Haunted Houses-Arquieta

"Spook-tacular Haunted Houses" Join the fun and be creative as we break out the craft supplies and decorate our illuminated haunted houses just in time for Halloween! All materials and yummy snacks will be provided. All ages are welcome!

Sculpey Clay Beads and Sculptures-Wilson

Make beaded bracelets or build fantastic sculptures with quick oven-baked clay that you can take home at the end of the night. As usual, we'll have all of the SCULPEY CLAY, tools + materials, pizza, and candy!

JOIN US FOR "TRUNK OR TREAT" ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH!

We're excited to invite you to participate in our annual "Trunk or Treat" event! This year, we need 75 trunks for our trick-or-treaters to enjoy. Please consider volunteering your trunk for a chance to win a prize and bragging rights!

In addition to music, fun, and trick-or-treating, Two Guys and a Grill food truck will be on hand. You can purchase food tickets for \$8 on your membership toolkit page.

You can donate candy if you cannot host a trunk but want to help! Drop it off with the front office before the end of the school day on Friday, October 27th. We will have teachers on hand to also pass out candy.

Don't miss out on the fun! See you Friday, October 27th!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DA9AE28A46-44946761-trunk>



THANK YOU-DONUTS FOR DUDES

Thank you to Maggie Heilman, Natalie Vogt, and the committee for organizing and working Donuts for Dudes. We appreciate you, it was a fun and successful event.

END OF QUARTER INFORMATION - VIEWING CANVAS COURSES AND FIRST QUARTER GRADES

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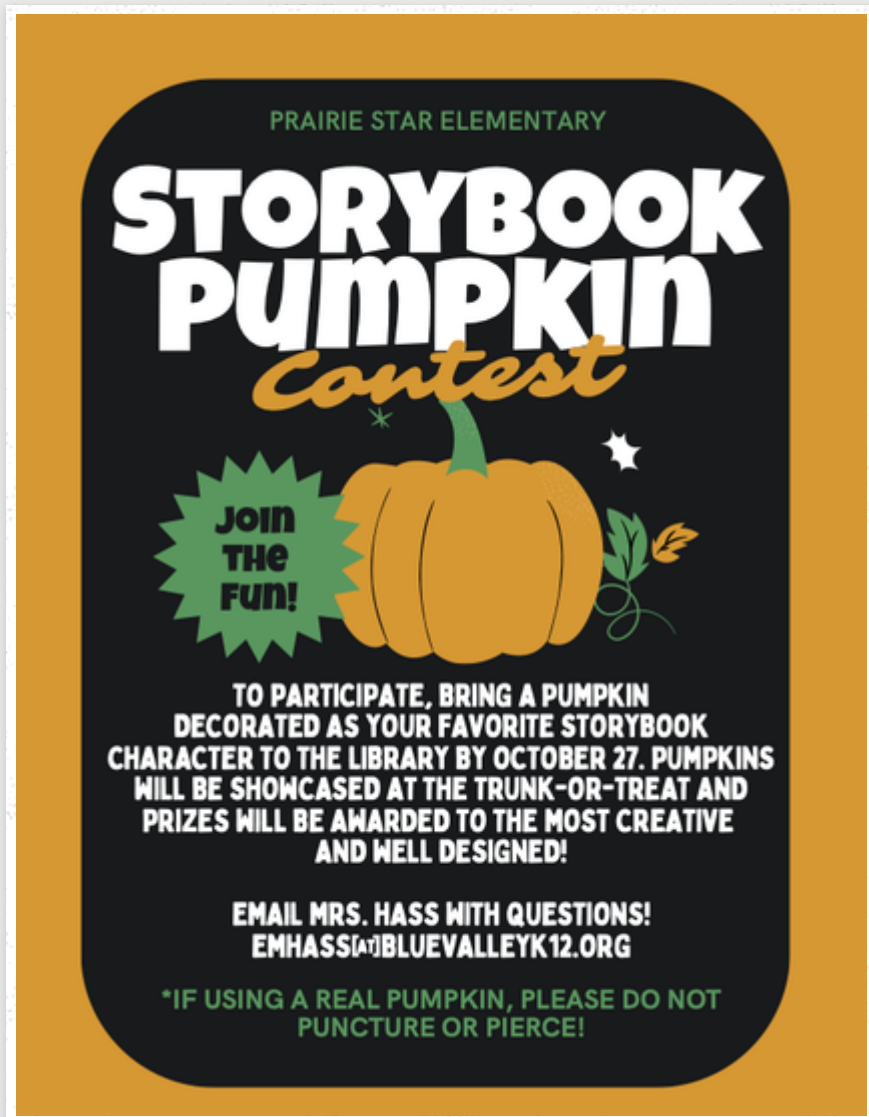
At the end of each quarter, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app and website. Courses for this year's first quarter will conclude on October 12th at 11:59pm. **Report cards will be generated and families will be able to view first-quarter grades on ParentVUE at the end of the day on Tuesday, October 24th.**

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 review the information found on the [Elementary Report Card resource page](#).

Each new quarter, classroom teachers will publish their next quarter 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.



MUSICAL HAPPENINGS

Here are the upcoming dates for this school year. We can't wait to perform for you! Please reach out to jabyrne@bluevalleyk12.org.

- 4th Grade Veteran's Assembly in the gym- Friday, Nov. 10 at 2:30 p.m.
- 3rd Grade Program in the gym- Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4th and 5th Grade Choir at BVHS gym- Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7:15 p.m. performance
- 1st Grade Program in the gym- Thursday, February 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5th Grade Talent Show in the gym- Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

****Saturday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.– 4th and 5th Grade Choir sings at the Comet's game. All PSE families are invited to attend. More information is coming soon!

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

4th Grade presents Prairie Star Elementary Veterans Day Assembly

- Please invite anyone who has or continues to serve in the US military
- All 4th-grade families are invited to watch their students perform
- November 11th, 2:30 PSE Gym
- Refreshments after in your child's 4th grade classroom with your student.
- All Veterans of non-4th grade students will have a reception with your student in the library.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK TO RSVP

<https://forms.gle/L6yqysTAqihZQs35A>

OCTOBER SPIRIT DAYS

October 27th-Wear Fall/Orange Spirit Day

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE FOR CLASS PARTIES

We would love for you to help the students on party days. However, if you aren't giving us your time, talent, or treasure, feel free to stay home/work and pick up as usual. If you want a free pass to stay away, here it is!! Party days are really about the students and their activities. If you are volunteering, thank you, and we can't wait to see you!!!!

ALL visitors, even on class party days, must enter school property using our secure entry by showing his/her government-issued photo ID. Only guests who are listed in ParentVue as parents, guardians, or emergency contacts will gain access to the event.

WARNING: Due to the number of visitors, there will be a wait when checking in and gaining access to the school building/property. Please be patient and plan accordingly.

FALL PARTY - PARADE AND PARTIES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

We are excited to celebrate our Fall Party at Prairie Star this year on Tuesday, October 31st.

Costumes

Students are invited to wear basic costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31st. **Families should work with their students to select comfortable costumes for the entire school day.**

Students need to be able to use the restroom in their costumes without assistance. Please be

advised that students may not wear costumes that contain any weapon (real or play), blood, or scary costumes that are not elementary school-appropriate.

Parade

We look forward to hosting an outdoor costume parade beginning at 2:15 p.m. Family members are invited to spread out along the sidewalk of the school if interested in attending the parade. Each class will parade around our sidewalk beginning at 2:15 pm.

Classroom Parties

Our for our parents who are volunteering a time, talent, or treasure. See the note above.

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- **Food planning:** All food brought to the parties must be from the nut-safer list. The school nurse will check all food before being brought to the classrooms. The nut safer list, as well as approved brands, are found linked at the bottom of each Friday newsletter.
- **Siblings:** Although former PSE students love to stop by and see their former teachers, classroom parties are organized for the current students at PSE. The classrooms are too crowded to accommodate extra bodies on party days, and we want the focus to be on our elementary-aged students. We will not allow middle school students to enter the building on party day without their parents, and we strongly encourage families to make other arrangements for all siblings.

Our utmost job is to keep PSE students and staff safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to a fun time celebrating.

