

A close-up photograph of several white marshmallows arranged in a bowl. Two of the marshmallows are decorated to look like snow globes, with small black dots for eyes and orange dots for noses. The text "PSE Weekly Howl" is overlaid in a large, teal, sans-serif font on a dark grey rectangular background.

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of December 18th!

Winter Break Details

We will dismiss at 11:45 on December 20th. The afternoon of the 20th is grade prep for our staff. Winter Break is December 21st-January 3rd. **School Resumes on January 4th!**

Wishing you a wonderful winter break! See you in 2024!

Return Library Books on Monday

Please remind your kids to bring their library books back to school on Monday for their final checkout before break! Thanks!

Winter Classroom Parties:

Classroom Parties

Students in grades K-4 will participate in winter parties with their classroom teacher on Wednesday, December 20th, at 10:45. The 5th Grade will have their winter party on Tuesday, the 19th, at 2:15. It is tradition to have our 5th graders create Gingerbread Houses. The tradition continues.

Any parents wishing to come to the party must be sharing a time, talent, or treasure. Feel free to check in starting at 10:30 on the 20th make sure to have your photo id ready.

- **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 simply 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.

7 Days of Holiday Cheer (3 Days Left)

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12/18 **Tired Monday** - Wear your school-appropriate PJs

12/19 **Sharing is Caring** - Wear your favorite holiday outfit

12/20 **MistleTOE Day** - Wear your favorite socks or slippers

PSE Holiday Helpers

Thank you for your generous donations! (*Note: If you know a family in the PSE community who might need assistance anytime during the year, please let me know. We do our best to help support students in need.*)

Our PSE PTO is on Instagram

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

Lost and Found

Beginning Monday, we will have this semester's worth of lost and found on tables out front. Please browse through them at your convenience. We will donate anything left over on December 20th to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. Thank you to Joanna Bramlett for organizing this for us.

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

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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