

# PSE WEEKLY HOWL

WEEK OF APRIL 17TH!

## WELCOME CLASS OF 2036 TO PSE!

We welcomed our newest class to PSE today. It was a great group of families. We are so honored to welcome them to PSE. Here is the information from today. See you soon! ~Stacey

<https://www.smores.com/cn485>



DONUTS WITH DIVAS

## Donuts with Divas

Join us for Donuts with Divas! Bring your favorite "diva" to the cafeteria on April 26th and 27th from 7:30-8:30. Students can attend with a parent or another amazing adult to enjoy a free breakfast, including donuts, fruit, milk, juice, and juice coffee. Last names A-M come on April 26th and N-Z on April 27th. If you need to switch days, that is fine. We are hoping to have about half of the families each day to spread out the crowd and help with parking.

April 26th- A-M

April 27th-N-Z

7:30-8:30 Donuts with Divas (cafe)/ Book fair (library)

**Reminder: Diva's must stay with their student until 8:25 \***

## ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM OUR PSE PTO FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

Prairie Star Elementary School has partnered with 1st Day School Supplies to simplify school supply shopping! Use the following link to purchase a school supply kit for your PSE student. School supplies will be delivered to PSE in August and distributed before the first day of school. The order deadline is July 1 - no exceptions. If you have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jessica Cartwright ([jcart1105@gmail.com](mailto:jcart1105@gmail.com))

### PRAIRIE STAR ELEMENTARY

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# SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR PSMS-INCOMING 6TH GRADE STUDENTS!

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[Your pre-built school supply kit is ready to order with the exact school supplies your teacher requested. Click ...](#)

## PSE SENIOR RETURN

Prairie Star would like to welcome back all graduating seniors. Please plan to join present and past faculty as we reminisce and celebrate your accomplishments! Don't hesitate to contact Rebecca Wayland @ [rwayland@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:rwayland@bluevalleyk12.org) if you have any questions.

Thursday, May 4th

4:00- 5:00

Prairie Star Elementary Library

3800 W. 143rd Street

Leawood, KS 66224

## BVEF NIGHT OF THE LIGHTS

**Don't Miss Night of Lights Family-Friendly Festival**

**BVEF is looking forward to another annual signature event to raise money for our schools AND celebrate all the wonderful things about the Blue Valley district!**

**Night of Lights 2023 will feature food trucks, robotics, musical performances, cheer demonstrations, yard games, face painters, caricature artists, a fire truck, inflatables, a juried art show, a balloon artist, a raffle for a Weber grill package, glow items to purchase and fireworks for a great evening of fun on Friday, April 28, 2023, from 6-9 p.m. on the District Office Campus at 15020 Metcalf.**

**Get your glow wristband fidget spinners and raffle tickets for a Weber Smoker package with accessories TODAY!**

**[https://bluevalleyeducationalfoundation.formstack.com/forms/nol2023\\_428](https://bluevalleyeducationalfoundation.formstack.com/forms/nol2023_428)**



## INCOMING KINDERGARTEN SUMMER CAMPS

Meet the Kindergarten Teachers, Make New Friends, and Learn "How to do School!"

We are excited to offer K Camp to your incoming Kindergarten student! During the session, your child will have an opportunity to learn and reinforce "whole body listening," taking turns, following the "plan," and other important skills needed for a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

Two Sessions Available...

Session 1: Monday, **June 12** - Thursday, **June 15**, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Session 2: Monday, **July 10** - Thursday, **July 13**, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Both sessions will be held in the Kindergarten classrooms at Prairie Star Elementary!

More Information...

\*Tuition for each session is \$175. You can Venmo Sue Rasette (@Peggy-Rasette) on or before the first day of camp.

\*Snack provided each day (please inform us of any food allergies)

\*Daily written reports are provided for parents, and a comprehensive report at the end of each session.

\*Daily outdoor play

Sign Up Here!

Complete the following form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/qoRy1nX8WEJ4axjJA>



PSE Parent Input.pdf

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## OPTIONAL CLASS PLACEMENT FORM-DUE APRIL 14TH!

One of the biggest concerns of most parents is classroom placement each year for their students at school. I'm sharing our current procedure for placing students in classes with that in mind.

In the spring, current grade classroom teachers, building learning specialists, the counselor, and the principal meet to discuss student needs and form initial classes for the upcoming year. There are always changes during the summer due to new students that may enroll. With 400 students to consider at Prairie Star Elementary, we take this task very seriously to end up with classes where students can thrive. We work hard to develop classes that include:

- A mix of boys and girls
- A range of academic abilities
- Compatible student personalities
- Overall class sizes that are approximately equal across the grade level

Parent input in this process is undoubtedly welcome if parents want to share information about their child that we might not already know. The parent input form (attached) has been designed for this purpose. Parents who complete the optional input form will need to have the form **completed and turned in to the office by April 14, 2023.**

Although current-year teachers are involved in the process, they should not be put in the difficult position of discussing next year's teachers. Our staff members know each other well on a personal basis, but few have first-hand knowledge of the teaching style of a colleague. Parent and teacher input is essential, but the administrator makes final classroom placement decisions.

Our common goal is to make the school experience the best for every child. Prairie Star Elementary is fortunate to have excellent teachers who put children first. We pledge to do all we can to create a positive learning experience for your child and family.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Sperry

## PSE KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Hello, Incoming Kindergarten Families-

We are excited to welcome your new kindergarten student for the 2023-24 school year.

Please review/complete the steps below. Your timely registration will ensure our team is prepared. We will send more information about Kindergarten Round-Up in a future message.

Step 1: Please watch this school welcome video. [PSE Kindergarten Video](#)

Step 2: Do you have questions about kindergarten programs in Blue Valley? (Click on the blue links below)

What do kindergarten students experience during a typical day?

What opportunities are provided within our partnership with Greenbush for Virtual Education?

How can I learn about the Chinese immersion option?

Step 3: Is there another language spoken in your home?

If so, please complete this form. Otherwise, move to step 4.

Step 4: How do I register my child?

 To view registration instructions in a language other than English, click here.

To begin the registration process for the 2023-24 school year, simply go to

[www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration) and click New Student Registration in the Useful Links.

Families new to Blue Valley will be asked to create an online parent account. Online registration will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, and it is an important step in getting your student started with kindergarten! You will be asked to pay fees later this spring. Please note: If your child is currently enrolled in the Blue Valley early childhood program, you will not complete online registration at this time. Families transitioning from early childhood to kindergarten will have an opportunity to verify the information and complete the registration process later this spring.

To make Blue Valley's Online Registration process smooth and convenient, please have the following information available:

- Student proof of identity (birth certificate, passport or VISA)
- Emergency contact name(s) and phone number(s)
- Doctor, dentist and preferred hospital contact info
- Immunization record and health assessment (physical)
- Proof of residency (purchase contract, lease or current utility bill)
- Custodial documentation (if applicable)
- Previous school records and contact info
- IEP or 504 Plan (if applicable)

Tip: As soon as your child's registration is complete, you will receive all-school communication items that will help welcome you and your family into the school community.

If you have any questions, please call the PSE Elementary office at 913-239-7100.

### Important Dates for Kindergarten Families

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions | Wednesday, August 16

First full day of school for Kindergarten | Thursday, August 17

## IMPORTANT DATES:

April 14th

- Late Night at the Star

April 24th

- Professional Learning Day-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

April 26th-27th

- Book Fair
- Donuts with Divas

April 28th

- Kindest KC Assembly 2:00

May 4th

- PTO @ 8:30 am

May 5th

- Last Late Night at the Star of the YEAR

May 18th

- 5th-grade talent show matinee 9:15
- 5th-grade talent show for parents 6:00 PSE GYM

May 19th

- 5th-grade farewell @ 9:00 PSE GYM

May 24th!

- Field Day 12:45-3:15

**SAVE THE DATES -END OF YEAR FUN!**

## **5TH GRADE TALENT SHOW**

### **WHEN**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18TH, 6PM**

### **WHERE**

**3800 WEST 143RD STREET  
LEAWOOD, KS**

### **MORE INFORMATION**

5th grade will perform extraordinary acts. It starts promptly at 6:00!

Students are working hard to present their talents to parents on Thursday, May 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the PSE Gym. They will perform for the school on Thursday, May 18th, at 9:15 a.m.

## **5TH GRADE FAREWELL**

### **WHEN**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19TH, 9AM**

### **WHERE**

**3800 WEST 143RD STREET  
LEAWOOD, KS**

### **MORE INFORMATION**

We will say farewell to our 5th-grade students with a small ceremony in the gym.

This will be a fun day full of celebrations. We will start with the 5th-grade ceremony in our gym. After the ceremony, the class and families will enjoy a selfie station and a donut truck. Yum! Then in the afternoon, we will have a grade-level pizza party before launching into a kickball tournament. Parents are welcome for the pizza party and kickball.

5th-grade parents can enter the main doors at 8:45. We would like to start our day with students in their classes before the parents enter. Thank you for understanding this.



# PSE FIELD DAY

## WHEN

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH, 12:30PM**

## WHERE

**3800 WEST 143RD STREET  
LEAWOOD, KS**

## MORE INFORMATION

Best day of the year. :)

Field Day - Wednesday, May 24th - Parent Volunteers Needed

- Field Day will be during the school day on **Wednesday, May 24th, from 12:50-3:20** (weather permitting).
- All students can **wear a PSE t-shirt, fun!**
- **Please apply sunscreen before school or send sunscreen that they will use themselves.**
- Students may wear a hat if they wish!
- Volunteer for a couple of hours: sign-up genius is coming

## 5TH GRADE CLAP-OUT MAY 26TH

We are starting the 5th-grade clap-out on May 26th at 11:00. All 5th-grade parents that would like to attend need to line the sidewalk from the parking lot (by PSMS track) to the playground by 11:00. We will walk outside from the old recess doors. When you see your child, please join them and walk with them. If you cannot attend, those students will step back in the front doors and to class and be dismissed as usual. This will allow us to keep everyone safe during dismissal and enable you to spend time with your child on the last day at PSE.

Grades K-4 will be dismissed starting at 11:35.

## SCREENAGERS DOCUMENTARY

The Blue Valley Educational Foundation generously funded a grant for the Elementary School Counselors in the Blue Valley School District to host a **FREE** screening of the movie Screenagers with a discussion to follow. Our goal is for parents to feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time after this event.

Screenagers is a documentary about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance. Screenagers is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and offer parents and families proven solutions that work. This includes a roadmap for introducing your kids to

smartphones and social media, and time for parents to interact about challenges they are facing – no matter what age or stage your kid is at in the process. The content is designed for adults only, but will give you practical ways you can talk to your kids about this topic.

Click here for the [MOVIE TRAILER!](#)

Please register here: <https://BVPresentsScreenagers.eventcombo.com>.



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## ENROLL IN BV SUMMER PROGRAMS

Is your child enrolled in one of Blue Valley's Summer Programs courses? Fees will be posted in [ParentVUE](#) for all Summer Programs and available for payment starting April 10. All Summer Programs fees are due by May 1. Visit [bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms](http://bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms) for more information.

### SPRING ALLERGIES - NIP THEM IN THE BUD

OUR HEALTH ROOM HAS BEEN SEEING AN INCREASE IN ALLERGY SYMPTOMS AS POLLEN COUNTS HAVE GONE UP. BELOW ARE TIPS TO HELP AVOID AND TREAT ALLERGY SYMPTOMS:

- STAY INDOORS ON DRY, WINDY DAYS. THE BEST TIME TO GO OUTSIDE IS AFTER A GOOD RAIN, WHICH HELPS CLEAR POLLEN FROM THE AIR.
- REMOVE CLOTHES WORN OUTSIDE AND SHOWER TO RINSE POLLEN FROM SKIN AND HAIR.
- IF HIGH POLLEN COUNTS ARE FORECASTED, START TAKING ALLERGY MEDICATIONS BEFORE SYMPTOMS START.
- AVOID OUTDOOR ACTIVITY IN THE EARLY MORNING WHEN POLLEN COUNTS ARE HIGHEST.
- SEVERAL TYPES OF NONPRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS CAN HELP EASE ALLERGY SYMPTOMS. SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE ORAL ANTIHISTAMINES AND CORTICOSTEROID NASAL SPRAYS.
- RINSING NASAL PASSAGES WITH SALINE SOLUTION (NASAL IRRIGATION) IS A QUICK, INEXPENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO RELIEVE NASAL CONGESTION. RINSING DIRECTLY FLUSHES OUT MUCUS AND ALLERGENS FROM YOUR NOSE.



