

# PSE WEEKLY HOWL

WEEK OF APRIL 3RD!

## PSE PTO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023 GRADUATES

I am pleased to inform you that the PSE PTO offers two scholarships of \$1,000 each to two deserving 2023 graduates of a Blue Valley high school who attended Prairie Star Elementary for at least one year.

One scholarship is the Dr. Laura Swartz Scholarship, named for a former principal of PSE, for a student who plans to obtain a B.S. in Education.

The other scholarship is the PSE PTO Scholarship for students who best exemplify the BV virtues.

For the application and details, please visit the PSE PTO website, <https://praiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/ptoscholarship>. The applications are to be uploaded by **Friday, April 4, 2023**. Winners will be notified by email, and we would like to present the certificate at Senior Night at their high school.

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## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCED FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

As we begin the fourth quarter, the district has determined the last day of school for students for 2022-23. The last week of school will occur as published, assuming no unforeseen circumstances are causing us to cancel school. This means staff and families can plan the last day for students in grades K-11 will be a half-day on Friday, May 26 (11:45 am dismissal for elementary schools).

For more information, or to subscribe to the district calendar, visit

[www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/calendar).

## 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!

Prairie Star Middle 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 PSMS student. School supplies will be delivered to PSMS 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 contact Erin Briggeman ([erin\\_boomer@yahoo.com](mailto:erin_boomer@yahoo.com)). [PRAIRIE STAR MIDDLE STUDENTS: Order Your School Supply Kit Now!](#)

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

## **LATE NIGHT AT THE STAR IS APRIL 14TH!**

The next late Night is April 14th. Each Friday night class costs \$50 and will run from 4:00-6:30. Please assume your child is enrolled in each requested class unless you hear from Mrs. Bonner.

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

To enroll in camps, please see the website link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>.

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

**All Late Night at the STAR questions goes to Melissa Bonner. Her email is [mabonner@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:mabonner@bluevalleyk12.org).**

**Sleeping Under the Stars with Orbeez-Purcell, Wayland, and Philips-K-5**

Join us for pjs, pizza, pop, and Orbeez at the Star. We will watch a movie, enjoys snacks, play games and have fun with Orbeez. Wear your favorite pjs and bring your sleep over supplies.

**Earth Day Fun!-Arquieta-K-5**

Hip, Hip, Hooray! It's almost Earth Day! Join us for fun games, arts and crafts and yummy snacks! We will learn how to reduce, reuse, recycle and "upcycle" as we create a gift with paint and recycled materials. We will have a "recycle or trash" relay race and create our very own Mr. Grasshead! We will also be enjoying chocolate icecream "dirt and worms." All ages are welcome!

**Flower Power-Mastorakos, Kinney-K-5**

Spend your Friday with flowers and freinds! We will make our own flower crowns, paint our own flower pots and plant something for spring! We will munch on flowerpot cupcakes and make tissue paper flowers! Join Miss M and Miss Kinney to breathe in the sweet scent of spring!

**Minute To Win It-K Teachers-K - 5**

Do you enjoy a little competition among friends? Are you "in it to win it?" If so, then join the Kindergtten teachers for a crazy fun evening of Minute To Win It Games! Earn prizes and enjoy pizza, drinks, and snacks. Sign up fast because "every second counts!"

**Clay Party-Wilson-K-5**

Come build and sculpt with us in the Art Room! Students will get to use up to 2 whole pounds of clay to build pots, sculpt figures, or make whatever the young artist can envision. Pizza and snacks too! [Projects will be kiln fired by Mr. Wilson the following week!]

## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP SESSIONS-PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO! (INCOMING FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR)

You are invited to our upcoming Kindergarten Round-Up event at Prairie Star Elementary (PSE)! Students will experience the kindergarten classroom with teachers, and guardians will tune into valuable information regarding registration and school preparation. We are excited to welcome our newest group of Wolves on Friday, April 14, 2023.

### Kindergarten Round-Up: Sessions | Friday, April 14, 2023

We will have two sessions that will last about an hour; you may **choose one** to attend by selecting a session. Please use the following sign-up genius to pick your session.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9A82DA0FE3-kindergarten4>

**Session 1:** 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM

**Session 2:** 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

At PSE, our staff is ecstatic and ready to welcome your children into our family--we look forward to meeting you soon!

Best,

Stacey Sperry

Principal

## YEARBOOK PURCHASING DEADLINE APPROACHING

Yearbooks are on sale through the PTO website

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/>. They must be purchased by April 1. If you are unsure whether you have ordered it, please go to the PTO website, log in, and look under the "previous orders" tab for the year. You can click on the order number and look through this year's receipt to see if you have purchased the yearbook. Once you have purchased a yearbook, the option to purchase disappears from your home screen.

## 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>

## PICTURE SUBMISSIONS FOR THE YEARBOOK

We need your pictures! We are currently seeking pictures of your students at school events-- Sneak-a-Peek, First Day, Wolf Walk, Field Trips, Halloween (parade, party, and Trunk-or-Treat), Late Night at the Star, and any special activities/awards/achievements extra-curricular. Please make sure pictures are in-focus and include ONLY PSE students. No parties or playdate pictures, please. To submit, please go to [community.lifetouch.com](https://community.lifetouch.com), log in with your Shutterfly username and password, and use the code TEAM-PRAIRIE-STAR-23. You may also view these directions here: [PSE 2022-23 Upload](#)

Please email [priariestaryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:priariestaryearbook@gmail.com) with questions!

Thanks for your help in making this year's book our best one yet!

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles, and Amy Warren

Yearbook co-chairs

## Hey Prairie Star Elementary, we need your pictures!



### Follow these three simple steps:

1. Go to: [community.lifetouch.com](https://community.lifetouch.com)
2. Enter your Shutterfly credentials. (If you don't have a shutterfly account, you will need to create one)
3. Use this code to upload images:  
**TEAM-PRAIRIE-STAR-23**

\*Note: Photos will be reviewed by our yearbook sponsors and there is no guarantee that your images will be included in the yearbook.

**Lifetouch**



2023

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO LEARN ABOUT THE DANGERS RELATED TO DRUGS/ALCOHOL/VAPING?

**THE TIME IS NOW**  
LEARN HOW TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD AND HAVE CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS RELATED TO PREVENTION

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**APRIL 4, 2023**  
**6 PM - 7:30PM**

HILLTOP CONFERENCE CENTER  
ROOM A  
7710 W. 143RD STREET  
OVERLAND PARK, KS  
66223

PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS QR CODE





**BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS**

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**CONNECT TO PREVENT**

**Calling all BV Parents and Guardians:**  
Become more aware of the culture of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products or vape that your teen may be exposed to every day in our community. Speakers will share information on current drug, alcohol and tobacco products and use in youth.  
What are we seeing and how can parents prevent their teens from initiating or continuing their use? Find ways to connect, learn and prevent. Panel Q & A following speakers.

**KEVIN KUFELDT**  
LCPC, LCAC  
Director of Addiction and Residential Services  
Johnson County Mental Health  
"Adolescent Drug Trends"



**JAMIE KATZ**  
MPH, CPP  
Prevention Coordinator  
Johnson County Mental Health  
"Vaping-More Than Just A Trend"



**MICHELENE KRUEGER**  
M.A.  
Community Health Educator  
Johnson County Department of Health and Environment  
"Vape-Emerging Products"



Sponsored by the BV Drug & Alcohol Education and Prevention Committee and BV Well

## 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 Parent Input.pdf

[Download](#)

66.0 KB

## PSE KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION AND 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](#)

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 Online Registration Begins | Tuesday, February 21

Kindergarten Round-Up Sessions | Friday, April 14

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions | Wednesday, August 16

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



## PTO NEWS

Please click the following link for our PTO newsletter!

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFZWudlXww/p54QH1r7sZi7DIKuRqOzwQ/view?website#4>

Stock the lounge:

Please help us stock the lounge for our fantastic staff. Here is the link if you would choose to donate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ba5aa2fa3f58-stock#/>

## IMPORTANT DATES:

April 6th

- PTO @ 8:30 am

April 14th

- Kindergarten Round-Up-NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT KINDERGARTEN Students!
- Kindergarten Round-Up Sessions

April 14th

- Late Night at the Star

April 24th

- Professional Learning Day-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

April 26th-27th

- Book Fair
- Muffins with Momma

April 28th

Kindergarten Assembly 9:00

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!

## **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. Stay tuned for more details.

# **PSE FIELD DAY-DATE CHANGE**

## **WHEN**

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

## **WHERE**

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

## **MORE INFORMATION**

Best day of the year. :)