

PSE WEEKLY HOWL

WEEK OF MAY 8TH! PSE STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

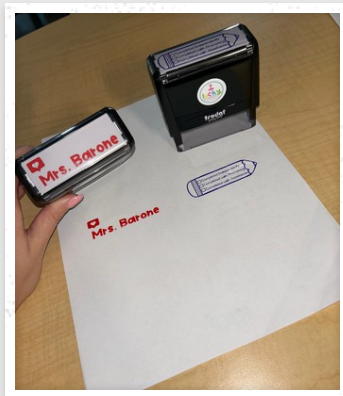
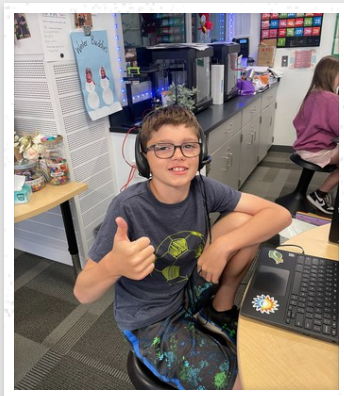
Thank YOU!

Thank you for our PSE PTO for allowing the staff to have a taco truck for lunch today. Thank you for filling our bellies and our hearts.



PSE PTO Giving Tree Donations

Thank you to the PSE PTO, the Tiegreen family, and all the parents who purchased items from the giving tree for our staff. We appreciate you!



Donations to our amazing PTO has allowed this

for staff appreciation week:

Monday-Sonic Drinks

Tuesday-Donuts and Coffee

Wednesday-Treat Cart

Thursday-Ice Cream Social

Friday-Chipotle Lunch

Thank you for supporting our fantastic staff!

Staff Updates for the 23-24 school year:

As the school year ends, it's time to say goodbye to four (Trom, Montgomery, Donaldson, and Weishar) excellent teachers who have helped us learn and grow over the past several years. We will miss them dearly and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

But with the end of one school year comes the exciting prospect of meeting new teachers (Ms. Watts, Ms. Byrne, and Mrs. Lange) in the fall. We can't wait to learn all the new things they have to teach us. We welcome them with open arms and look forward to the adventures that await us in the 23-24 school year.

With these changes, Mrs. Nicholson will move to 1st grade, and Ms. Chapman will join the 3rd-grade team.

Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed for signatures on the last day of school. While we understand that some families will miss that day, we will be keeping with the tradition in years past that all kids receive their books at once. If your child is gone, they can pick up the yearbook at school before the office closes for summer on June 12. After that date, please email us at praiestaryearbook@gmail.com, and we will make other arrangements. Thank you for your patience and the photo submissions that went into creating this year's yearbook!

Thanks,

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles & Amy Warren

Field Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Field Day on May 24th. Please consider volunteering to work at a station for a couple of hours. We need you from 12:45-3:30. Thank you in advance! ~Coach and Stacey

[Volunteers for Field Day](#)

Community feedback needed on proposed boundary adjustments

In February, the Facility Planning Board Advisory Committee began meeting to evaluate school boundaries and develop a plan to address elementary school enrollment and building capacity issues. The committee is now seeking feedback from the community.

The proposed boundary adjustments would bring the Glen Abbey & Villas of Chapel Green and Highland Villas & Highlands Creek neighborhoods to Prairie Star Elementary. These proposed adjustments are being considered for the 2024-25 school year.

Open Houses

To learn more, you are invited to attend any of the Open House events hosted by the district. The committee's work, including documents, maps, and a presentation, can be found on the [district's website](#).

- May 16, 5:30-6:30 PM at Harmony Elementary School
- May 16, 7-8 PM at Valley Park Elementary School
- May 18, 5:30-6:30 PM at Overland Trail Elementary School

Not able to attend an open house? Watch the [May 8 Board of Education meeting](#) at 5:30 PM for more information about the proposed boundary adjustments and share your feedback through an [online form](#).

Register for the 2023-24 school year today

[Elementary school registration](#) for the 2023-24 school year is open and [online now](#) for current students. Registration is required annually and is the time to update your child's information and pay fees. Completing registration confirms that your child will attend school in August. Thank you for providing important information as part of the registration process. For more information about registration, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration.

Author Bridget Heos is visiting our school!

Students will learn the following:

- How a picture book is made
- That they are using the same writing process as the author use
- That creativity and perseverance go hand in hand
- How to turn real life into a story

If you'd like a book signed, please purchase it from Amazon or a bookstore of your choice and send it with your student the day of the visit, May 16th!

Staff Appreciation Week May 8th-12th

Let's celebrate our Prairie Star staff during teacher appreciation week! We are asking families to consider *adopting a staff member* and spoiling them during the **week of May 8th - May 12th**.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aafad2ea20-pse2023#/>

Thank you for ensuring all our PSE staff know how much we appreciate them! Please see the link for "Favorite Things" lists for ideas! Please drop off all gifts between Monday, May 8th, and Friday, May 12th.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ilfkaStjOrlGtgoCu8EgEpOBA3mmj-vfG3N6cqcOcp8/edit?usp=sharing>

Wolf Walk 23-24 School Year

Hard believe we're already at this point, but it's time to start planning for next year's Wolf Wellness Week! Please consider joining the committee; sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4EA8AF2EABFD0-2023>

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)

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Your Teacher Requested

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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). **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 ...](#)

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 if you have any questions.

Thursday, May 4th

4:00- 5:00

Prairie Star Elementary Library

3800 W. 143rd Street

Leawood, KS 66224

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LOCATION) ON MAY 9TH!**

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Prairie Star Elementary PTO

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May 9, 2023 | 4PM-8PM

7301 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223

Offer valid only on select date(s). Only non-profit organizations are eligible to participate in the Freddy's fundraising program. Freddy's will donate 15% of qualifying food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, catering and delivery are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, email fundraising@freddys.com.

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 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 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

YMCA Fall Enrollment Opens May 10

For parents unfamiliar with Y-Club, the YMCA operates within district elementary schools during the school year. The program opens at 7:00 AM daily for early drop-off and stays open until 6:00 PM. Please [click here](#) to find out where to learn more or register for the 2023-24 school year. Registration opens on May 10th.

Important Dates:

May 8th-12th

- PSE STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

May 10th

- 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

May 26th

- Last 1/2 Day of school

Save the dates for August!

- August 8th- PSE MOVIE NIGHT 6:00-8:00 pm
- August 14th- New and Improved this year School Pictures 3:00-5:00
- August 14th- Sneak Peek 4:30-5:30
- August 16th- Kindergarten Orientation, First Day for 1st-5th grades
- August 24th- Back to School Night 6:00-7:30

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-[Volunteers for Field Day](#)

- 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 by using this sign-up genius: [Volunteers for Field Day](#).

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.

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 for more information.

