

# PSE Weekly Howl

WELCOME BACK-JULY 25TH EDITION

## PSE FRONT OFFICE REOPENS ON MONDAY, JULY 25TH!

The PSE front office opens on Monday, July 25th. The fantastic Cathy Lodes and Mary Kenny are in the office, and I am working from Children's Mercy, as Brock is still recovering from his surgery. I should be back in the PSE office by the middle of the week.

We are excited for the 22-23 school year!! WE can't wait to see you!

~Stacey

## PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR!

Early childhood, elementary and middle school registration for the 2022-23 school year is now open [online](#) for current students and families. Registration is required every year and includes reviewing/updating your child's information (phone, email, emergency contacts, health information, etc.). Simply log in and click the registration tab to begin!

### **Important items of note**

- Families have access to pay all required and optional fees with the exception of middle school course fees. Middle school course fees will be assigned in August.
- The Early Childhood program requires an advanced application for new students only. More information about the program and application process is available [online](#).
- High school registration opens July 13, 2022.

Completing registration and fee payment helps the district predict how many students will be participating in each grade level in the fall as we work to be financially responsible and stay within guidelines for teacher/student ratios. As we prepare for the new school year, we look at paid registration as a commitment from a family regarding their attendance for the upcoming year. Thank you for providing important information and parent permissions through registration.

## FIRST EVER BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT AT PSE

### WHEN

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10TH, 6PM

### WHERE

3800 WEST 143RD STREET  
LEAWOOD, KS

### MORE INFORMATION

Join us for the movie Encanto and popcorn as we get together before school starts. Hope to see you there!

## FALL INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

### WHEN

MONDAY, AUG. 15TH, 2:30-5:30PM

### WHERE

PRAIRIE STAR ELEMENTARY -GYM DOORS

### MORE INFORMATION

- **NEW THIS YEAR**-we will have school photos as an option from 2:30-5:30 in the gym before and during Sneak a Peek. You will not be allowed to visit classrooms until 4:30, but the gym will be open from 2:30-5:30 for come-and-go school pictures. We will have retakes on August 24th during the school day if you cannot make it.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEXT YEAR

- **Wednesday, August 10th: PSE Movie Night sponsored by our amazing PTO** 6:00 pm on the PSE playground.
- **Monday, August 15th: Fall Picture Day 2:30-5:50** in PSE gym; see details above.
- **Monday, August 15th: Sneak a Peek - 4:30 pm -5:30 pm** Students and parents can come and meet their teacher, drop off school supplies, and enjoy a frosty treat outside.
- **Wednesday, August 17th: First Day of School for grades 1-5 and Kindergarten Orientation sessions** throughout the day.

- **Wednesday, August 24th: Fall picture day** -offered for students that missed Sneak a Peak.
- **Thursday, August 25th: Back to School Night for Parents/Guardians 6:00-7:30 pm** (students do not attend). Come and listen to a presentation by your student's classroom teacher and find out classroom information for the year.

### **School Day**

#### **Arrival**

Doors open for arrival: 8:25 am - this is the soonest students can be dropped off.

School Start time: 8:40 am

#### **Dismissal**

Walkers dismissed at 3:45 pm

**Next year's Blue Valley district calendar can be found here:** [2022-2023 Calendar](#)

## INCOMING KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

Incoming Kindergarteners for next Fall:

Please sign up for a Kindergarten Orientation Day Session if you haven't already:

Wednesday, August 17th click here: Incoming Kindergarteners for next Fall:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca9a82da0fe3-kindergarten2>

Here is the link to a more full of the information for our new Kindergarten families:

<https://www.smore.com/3rewj>

## INFORMATION FOR KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We look forward to welcoming your family to Kindergarten Orientation Day on Aug. 17. Our kindergarten teachers are excited to meet with families and students in small groups throughout the day.

During the orientation, you and your child will:

- Become familiar with classroom routines and expectations
- Put away school supplies
- Get to know new friends and families
- Take pictures
- Calm any kindergarten fears or anxieties (for students and parents)

If you have not signed up for a Kindergarten Orientation Day time slot, please use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca9a82da0fe3-kindergarten2>.

Important reminders

- No bus service or lunch provided for kindergarten students on Aug. 17.
- Aug. 18 will be a regular school day for all students.
- Bring a government-issued ID for the buzz-in entry system. All visitors, including families, are asked to use the outside intercom and security camera to show their ID and share the purpose of their visit before being "buzzed in." Once inside, adults will continue to sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge while in the school.

See you at Kindergarten Orientation Day!

## PSE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you need to purchase school supplies, you can find them on the PSE website or click the link below.

<https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/cms/lib/ks02212623/Centricity/Domain/1063/School%20supplies%202021.pdf>

## ARRIVAL AT PSE

Arrival at PSE

**As you and your family are getting back into a school routine, please remember that doors will open at 8:25.**

**Arrival** → Doors open at 8:25 AM. Students arrive naturally anytime between 8:25 and 8:40 when class starts. Walkers will continue to use the front entrance. Bus riders will continue using the exterior door on the side of the gym. Car riders will continue entering using the front doors. As students enter the building, they will go directly to their classroom.

## DISMISSAL AT PSE

Dismissal time will be staggered by a sequential order and in terms of which exit doors are used:

- Car riders will remain in their classroom until they are called on the walkie, starting a little before 3:40 PM, when their car has arrived in the car loop. Car riders will leave out the front doors to the car loop. We will give you a car tag to place in your car.
- If you pick up your children on PSE property, we will radio your child out when we see you on the school grounds.
- Y-Club students will be dismissed at 3:45 PM to go to the cafeteria, where Y-Club is held.
- **Walkers will be dismissed at 3:45 PM. They will exit the main entrance.**
- Bus riders will remain in their classroom until it is announced over the intercom that their bus has arrived in the bus lane. Bus riders will leave out the exterior side door in the gym.

# TRAFFIC PATTERN AT PSE

## Traffic Pattern for PSE

- **Vehicles should follow the two-lane outer loop of the circle at the end of the outer loop both lanes will merge into one lane to turn back towards the school when approaching the curb for pickup.**
- Pulling up as far as possible in the loading zone reduces the number of cars stuck on 143rd. Similar to last year, we will have staff directing the traffic flow for the beginning of the year to help you familiarize yourself with our traffic patterns. If every vehicle stops right by the front door/crosswalk to let out student(s), we will have a very inefficient and congested process. Please pull forward as far as you can before stopping and letting out your student.
- All students exiting vehicles need to do so on the curb/school side – do not open left-side vehicle doors, as there is exiting traffic in that area.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and efficient arrival and dismissal process.



PSE Traffic Map 2022.pdf

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# PSE STAFFING UPDATE:

We are excited to announce that we have amazing staff joining us next year at PSE. Please welcome to our family:

- **Mrs. Nicholson** will be joining the Kindergarten team. She comes to us with lots of Kindergarten experiences.
- **Ms. Gabler** will join the 1st-grade team. She is a BV alum and excited to be at PSE.
- **Mr. Montgomery** will be joining the 3rd-grade team. He is also a BV alum and is excited to be at PSE.
- **Ms. Hannah** will be joining the 4th-grade team. She has experience at the 4th-grade level as well.
- **Mr. Wilson** will teach ART. He has lots of work experience and is so excited to be at PSE.
- **Mrs. Ehlers** will be our new school Nurse. She has vast experience in pediatric nursing.
- **Mrs. Fitori** will be a Special Education teacher. All of Sarah's boys went to PSE and we are thrilled to welcome her to this new role.
- **Mrs. Hess** will be our reading specialist. She has taught various grades and taught reading.
- **Mrs. Numrich** will be our new Social Worker. She has many years at Children's Mercy as a Social Worker.

# YMCA Y CLUB ENROLLMENT

For parents who are not familiar with Y Club, we operate inside district elementary schools during the school year. We open at 7:00 AM daily for early drop-off and stay open until 6:00 PM. Our program is fully-licensed, and we offer children a great opportunity to extend daily learning and have fun with their friends.

Enrolling for Y Club is easy! Go to our website, <https://kansascityymca.org/programs/before-and-after-school> and click on your school district's button. From there, click on the school your child attends to enroll. We do have limited scholarships available for parents interested in financial assistance. The application can be found under the FAQs & FORMS button. If you need assistance, please email [yclubsupport@kansascityymca.org](mailto:yclubsupport@kansascityymca.org) for a quick response. We are looking forward to a great 2022-23 School Year!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### **Bus Information**

If you wish for your child to be a bus rider, please visit the bus website to sign them up:

[Durham Bus Services](#)

You can also sign up for text message alerts for your student's bus.

### **Lunch Information**

Lunch menus can be found online here: [Lunch menus](#).

You can also download the Nutrislice app to easily access daily/weekly menus.