

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of March 25th!

Save the Dates: End of Year Activities

April 15-18th: Noah's Band-Aid Drive Spring Community Service Project-details coming soon

May 6th-10th: PSE Staff Appreciation Week-details coming soon

May 16th: 5th Grade Talent Show @6:30

May 20th: 5th Grade Farewell @9:00

May 21st: 5th Grade School Matinee Talent Show @ 9:00 *****date change****

May 22nd: Field Day 12:45-3:15

Late Night at the Star - April 5th!

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

To enroll in camps, please see the website link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. Registration closes the day before at 6:00 pm.

All Late Night at the STAR questions go to Melissa Bonner. Her email is mabonner@bluevalleyk12.org.

Earth Day Fun! Arquieta

Grades: Kindergarten-5th

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!

March Madness/Sports with the 2nd Grade Team

Grades: Kindergarten-5th

Join the 2nd grade teachers for a night of basketball madness to prepare for the upcoming final four games! We will shoot hoops, scrimmage, and run drills. You'll be drafted to a team and create some swag. There will be a bracket competition you can enter and more! Be sure to wear comfy clothes (maybe your favorite team gear) and tennis shoes! We can't wait to BALL with you all!

Bob Ross Paintings with Mr. Wilson

Grades: Kindergarten-5th

Bob Ross may not be there, but Mr. Wilson will be guiding us as we paint some SWEET landscapes together—Bob Ross style! We will have all the supplies, plus pizza, and sweeties (aka, candy). Expert painters and beginners are welcome!

Fairy Princess Party with the Kindergarten Team (Vaughn and Rasette)

Grades: Kindergarten-5th

Join your fairy godmothers (Ms. Vaughn and Mrs. Rasette) for an enchanting evening of all things princess and fairy! We will create fabulous crowns, beautiful jewelry, and all the sparkly and shiny things! Snacks, dinner, dessert, and favors included!

Games, games and more games with the 5th Grade Team and Phillips

Grades: Kindergarten-5th Grade

Gamers, are you ready? We will play games with technology, have a candy scavenger hunt outside, and so many more exciting activities indoors and out! Let the gaming begin! Dinner will be provided.

Last Call for 2023-2024 Candid Yearbook Pictures:

We are making our final call for candid yearbook pictures. If you have class pictures of school parties, music performances, specials, celebrations, lunch, field trip, Late Night or special learning activities please upload them to the yearbook site via this link:

<https://images.jostens.com/00l2dlr0KJMvaEbgZkDmiA>

If you have problems, please reach out to priariestaryearbook@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles and Amy Warren

Solar Eclipse..April 8th!

On April 8, a solar eclipse will cross a portion of the United States. What a great opportunity for our school community to experience a rare scientific phenomenon! We plan to incorporate this unique learning experience into our afternoon on April 8th. We have ordered safe viewing glasses for our staff and students to utilize. If you prefer your child NOT to participate in the solar eclipse viewing, please let your child's teacher and Mrs. Sperry know and there will be an option for your child to have an excused absence on this afternoon or a supervised, alternative activity that will be

Blue Valley Summer Explorations enrollment opens March 18

Is your child looking to do a little exploration this summer? What about breaking out of summer boredom? Is your child a poet and they don't know it yet? Don't miss out on Blue Valley's Summer Explorations program, which features a variety of one-week, hands-on experiences that put fun at the forefront of learning. From Cardboard Constructions and Football Talk to Junior Chef Adventures, there is something for everyone. Enrollment opens 8 a.m. March 18 and closes 4 p.m. April 3. All summer programs will be held in person unless otherwise noted. Additional information about the Summer Explorations program, including a course catalog, can be found online at www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms.

April 1 is now a school day

This is not an early attempt at April Fool's :)

School will be in session on April 1st instead of the previously scheduled professional learning day in order to meet the state attendance requirements. This adjustment was made in response to the Chiefs Super Bowl Parade Day. We understand that this change may impact your plans, and we apologize for any inconvenience it may cause. If your child will not be present on this day, please use our typical absence reporting protocols to report the absence.

Viewing Canvas Courses and 3rd Quarter Grades

End of Quarter Information: Viewing Canvas Courses and Third 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 third quarter will conclude on March 7th at 11:59pm. Report cards will be generated and families will be able to view third quarter grades on ParentVUE at the end of the day on March 29th.

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 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.

Optional Class Placement Form

Digital Version

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 (Google Form below) has been designed for this purpose. Parents who complete the optional input form (Google Form below) will need to have the form completed no later than April 12, 2024.



PSE Parent/Guardian Input Form

March 1, 2024

Dear PSE Parents and Guardians,

One of the biggest concerns of most parents and guardians 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.



Paper / Pencil Version

If you would prefer to handwrite a paper copy of the form, you may print the attached PDF form and turn in to the office by April 12, 2024.

PSE Parent Input.pdf

[Download](#)

67.7 KB

PSE Kindergarten Registration

Hello, Incoming Kindergarten Families

We are excited to welcome your new kindergarten student for the 2024-25 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.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GLX9cN3Wf2kp__i-mVtFOoctZKZQOPux/view?ts=65ce8d68

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 2024-25 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)
- 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 begin receiving 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 20

Kindergarten Round-Up Sessions | Friday, April 12

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions | Wednesday, August 13

First full day of school for Kindergarten | Thursday, August 14

Kindergarten Round-UP: Friday, April 12th

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 12, 2024.

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.

[Kindergarten Round-Up](#)

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

PSE Flower Planting and Campus Beautification

Date: April 12, 2024

Time: 3:45-5PM

Location: Meet at PSE Playground

Come join us to help make PSE beautiful! Meet with other PSE families at the playground after school. We will have a quick garden chat and snack then will spruce up the flowers in front beds at the PSE sign! Parent supervision required. Shovels and supplies will be available, but please feel free to bring extra to support our efforts.

REGISTER
BY APRIL 1ST
FREE EVENT

Rumble Strips

Recognizing Signs of Addiction

Tuesday, April 2nd | 6-7:30pm

Hilltop Conference Center | 7710 W 143rd St

All BV parents, grandparents and adult caregivers are invited to the BV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Task Force's annual community event, which will focus on **addiction in youth and adolescents**.

Speakers:

- **Janet Schrick** will share her 'Rumble Strips' presentation on moments when her sister could have chosen to get help toward recovery, but who sadly lost her life to addiction.
- **Jennifer Clarke, LSCSW, LMAC**, Team Leader - Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services at Johnson County Mental Health, will present on 'Adolescent Addiction Trends' and how to access help if needed.

Panel with Q&A: Janet and Jennifer's presentations will be followed by a 30-minute Q & A session.

REGISTER HERE



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