



# PSE Weekly Howl

Week of March 4th!

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## 1st-Grade Music Program

Thank you to Ms. Byrne, the staff involved with the 1st-grade program, and the students for producing the cutest program. All of your hard work paid off.

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## Spread Kindness not Germs!

This week, we have had a spike of illness—many headaches, fevers, sore throats, and tummy aches. We are deep cleaning PSE this weekend to stop the germs from spreading. Thanks!

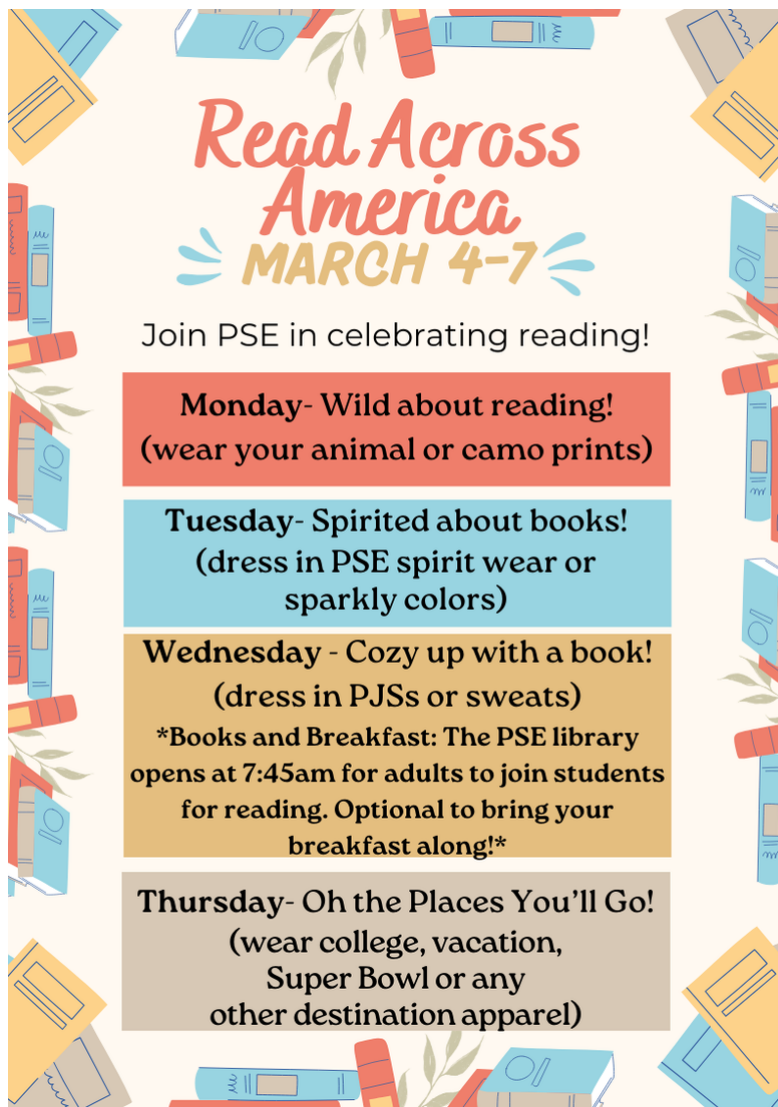
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## April 1 is now a school day

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.

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Join PSE in celebrating reading!

**Monday- Wild about reading!**  
(wear your animal or camo prints)

**Tuesday- Spirited about books!**  
(dress in PSE spirit wear or sparkly colors)

**Wednesday - Cozy up with a book!**  
(dress in PJSs or sweats)  
\*Books and Breakfast: The PSE library opens at 7:45am for adults to join students for reading. Optional to bring your breakfast along!\*

**Thursday- Oh the Places You'll Go!**  
(wear college, vacation, Super Bowl or any other destination apparel)

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## Spring Break & Other Professional Learning Dates

Blue Valley spring break runs the week of March 11 – 15. Also, there is no school in grades K-8 on Friday March 8th. Monday March 18 is a professional learning day for all BV staff. So, there is no school at PSE March 8-18. Fourth quarter will begin on March 19 (full day of school).

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## 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](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms).

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## Thank you!!!

Thank you so much to Andrea Musfeldt, Hannah Schumm, Rebecca Wayland, and Melissa Bonner for helping set up and organize the parent social and auction. Also a huge thank you to all parents who contributed to the success of the parent auction! We truly appreciate your time and dedication. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students.

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## 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](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas).

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## Optional Class Placement Form

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 (ATTACHED BELOW) will need to have the form completed and turned in to the office by April 12, 2024.

### PSE Parent Input.pdf

[Download](#)

67.7 KB

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## Yearbook Candids

We are currently seeking party, field trip, lunch and recess candids.

Please use this link to upload your yearbook candid pictures:

<https://images.jostens.com/00l2dlIr0KJMvaEbgZkDmiA>

If you receive an error message asking for a User ID, please email [priariestaryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:priariestaryearbook@gmail.com) and we will problem solve with you.

Thanks for your help,

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles & Amy Warren

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## **Order your PSE Yearbook**

If you haven't ordered your yearbook please follow this link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/login-form?r=%2F>. Once you log in, you will see yearbook purchase option listed under New Forms. If you do not see it listed, you likely already purchased. You can verify by looking under the My Account tab at the top and scrolling down to Previous Orders.

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## **Support the PSE Choir**

Come support the PSE Choir as they sing the National Anthem at the KC Comets indoor soccer game on Saturday, March 23. The game starts at 6 p.m. Specially priced tickets (\$16 checks made payable to Prairie Star Elementary) are available through the school. Please turn your money into Julie Byrne, the music teacher.

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Please join us for an exciting evening with the **Kansas City Comets** as they take on the **San Diego Sockers** at Cable Dahmer Arena Saturday, March 23rd at 6PM




Tickets are only \$16 and parking is always **FREE** at the arena!

For additional information, please contact Mike Rodriguez at [mrodriguez@kccomets.com](mailto:mrodriguez@kccomets.com).

Comets arena soccer is fast, furious, and high-scoring action for the entire family!!

 **CABLE DAHMER ARENA**  
19100 E. VALLEY VIEW PARKWAY, INDEPENDENCE, MO



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (# of tickets X \$16) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Prairie Star Elementary

## 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](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](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)
- 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

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## 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.

### Kindergarten Round-Up: Sessions | 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

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## PSE PTO Scholarships for 2024 Graduates:

Each year the Prairie Star PTO offers two scholarships to graduating seniors who are PSE Alumni

The 2024 deadline to apply is midnight on Friday March 22nd

The first scholarship is in honor of Dr. Laura Swartz, the very first Principal of Prairie Star Elementary. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00 and will be awarded to a 2024 graduate of one of the five Blue Valley High Schools **who attended Prairie Star Elementary for at least one year and intends to major in Education.**

Application: <https://praiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/272049>

Deadline: Friday March 22nd

The second scholarship is a general PSE PTO scholarship for those alumni displaying the virtues valued at Prairie Star Elementary. The amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to a 2024 graduate of one of the five Blue Valley High Schools **who attended Prairie Star Elementary for at least one year.**

Application: <https://praiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/272050>

Deadline: Friday March 22nd



**Stacey Sperry**

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