

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of January 6th!

PSE Updates: See you next week!

Cheers to 2025!

As we usher in the new year, I want to reflect on the past year and look forward to what's to come. As principal of this wonderful community, I have seen our students and staff work hard and achieve great things. Here's to a successful 2025 filled with new challenges, opportunities, and growth. Cheers!

Stem Club-JANUARY SESSION!

It's time for our January session (1/14) of the PSE STEM Club for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! We will dive into the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, and math through fun, hands-on activities that challenge your student to think outside the box. Our session will run from 3:45 - 5:00pm with Mrs. Bonner and Mr. Ramsey. Reminder that these sessions are dependent from one another. You must sign up for each individual session to attend STEM club.

Pick up will be at 5pm in front of the building. Parents/Guardians must pick up in person - carline is not an option for this event.

Thanks!



Late Night at the Star-January 24th!

Prairie Star staff is excited to continue Late Night at the Star! Late Night at the Star classes are after-school enrichment programs offered to the students here at Prairie Star.

Each Friday night class costs \$50 and will run from after school until 6:30. If you enroll in Late Night, you will not need to pick up your child until 6:30. Please assume that your child is enrolled in each class that they have requested unless you hear from the office.

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.

Valentine's Day Boxes (Purcell, Wayland, and Philips) K-5

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and PSE's parties are February 7th. Wouldn't it be nice to make the Valentine's Day box now?!! Get crafty with us as we make amazing boxes to collect cards and candy! Dinner, drinks, and dessert provided!

Pancakes and Pajamas (Klndergarten Team) K-5

Breakfast for dinner! Pack your PJs and join the K teachers for a cozy after-school "sleep under!" We will decorate pillowcases (provided), create dream catchers, make night lights, and participate in other fun activities! Snacks and pancake bar included!

Spa/Self Care Night (2nd Grade Team) K-5

After a full school week, aren't you ready to relax? Join the 2nd-grade teachers for a night of pampering at the PSE Spa. We will do hair, paint nails, make sleep masks & more! You will get to take some things home so you can continue to have a relaxing weekend. We will provide snacks, dinner & a fun spa drink!

Canvas Painting Night! (Mr. Wilson) K-5

Come paint with us in the Art room! We'll have canvases for everyone, all the supplies, pizza, and sweeties (aka, candy). Paint what you want, or follow Mr. Wilson as we paint together. Expert painters and beginners are welcome!

Puppy "Paw"ty! (Arquieta) K-3

Join the fun at our Puppy Pawty! Unleash your creativity with arts and crafts, adopt your "fur"ever friend (small stuffed dog), and enjoy tail-wagging games. "Pup"erroni (and cheese) pizza and other snacks will be provided. It's going to be a "paw"sitively, doggone good time! Grades K-3

Reminder: Personal Electronic Device expectations at school

With the holidays around the corner, we know personal electronic devices, like cell phones, may be on some wish lists. As a reminder, Blue Valley elementary schools are committed to keeping

classrooms focused and distraction-free during the school day.

If students bring devices to school, they must remain silenced and stowed away in backpacks at all times. If your child needs to contact you, they can use a classroom or main office phone, and we ask families to call the main office if they need to reach their child.

Thank you for helping us create a positive, distraction-free environment where students can thrive.

PSE Holiday Helpers

Thank you for the generous donations to support families in our community for the holidays. We appreciate you!

End of Quarter Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and Quarter Grades

At the end of each quarter, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app. However, a concluded course remains visible through the Canvas website by selecting ALL COURSES and then PAST ENROLLMENTS. **You can view your child's report card on January 10th after 4:00 pm.**

How do I view my child's report card?

Log in on ParentVue.

Select the student's name

In the left navigation bar, choose Report Card

Each new quarter, classroom teachers will publish the next quarter's 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.

PSE PTO Updates!

Tickets must be purchased by January 24th on the PTO Membership Toolkit!

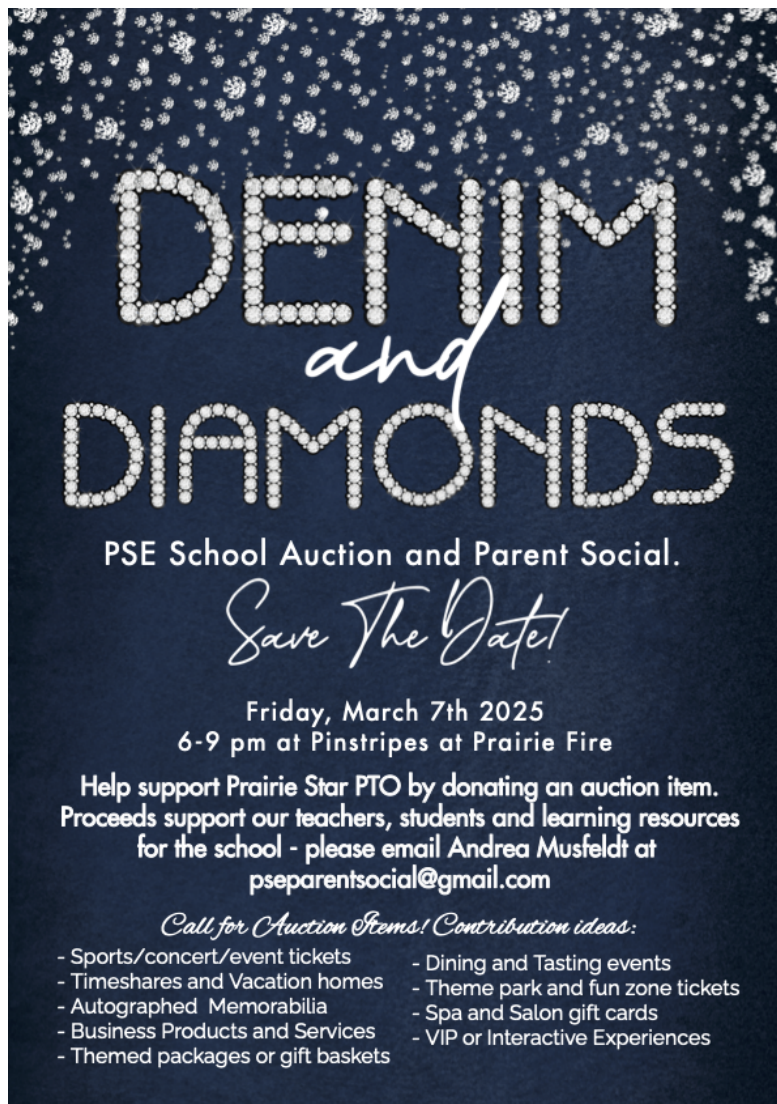
Please join us for the 1st Annual
Prairie Star Elementary PTO
Daddy / Daughter
*Sweetheart's
Dance*
Dancing- Photo Booth
Valentine's Crafts -

Tickets must be purchased through PTO membership Toolkit.
TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

25 JANUARY	PRAIRIE STAR ELEMENTARY GYM	6PM - 8PM
		\$20 / Couple \$ 5 each additional daughter

Event is welcome to all father-like figures

Save the Date for the PSE PTO School Auction!



Yearbook Candid Photo Uploads

It's that time of year again! Time to start sending in your yearbook candid photos that you have been collecting. This year, we have a direct link to upload to: [Photo Share: Be in the yearbook more. A lot more.](#)

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When you get to the site, you will enter your guardian info and email and will receive a verification code. Then you can upload your images and tag with your student's name and grade. The events we currently need are: Movie Night, Sneak-a-peek, First Day of School and Wolf Walk/Spirit Week.

Throughout the year if you have pictures of extra curriculars like sports/recitals/competitions/community service/scouts we would love to include those as well. No playdates, vacations or parties, please! Thanks in advance for helping to make our yearbook!

Questions? Email us at priariestaryearbook@gmail.com.

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles & Amy Warren
Yearbook Co-Chairs

District News:

Mark your calendars for the 2024-25 K-5 teacher professional collaboration days.

As we kick off the 2024-25 school year, I want to remind families about the teacher professional collaboration days designed for teacher plan and collaboration time. These eight days, which occur throughout the school year, are non-student attendance days for K-5 students. These days are vital to ensure the best possible preparation for our elementary students and key to quality teacher retention.

The following days, which can be found in the [2024-25 calendar](#) on the district website, have been designated as teacher professional collaboration days:

- January 31
- February 28
- April 11
- May 2

Thank you for your support and partnership as we ensure our educators have adequate plan and collaboration time. Have a wonderful school year!

Safe Schools Reporting

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all our schools. We are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of situations. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

Important Travel Outside of the USA Information

This important message is for any family or staff that will travel out of the United States during the school year. Please [click here](#) to read the restrictions and recommendations for Out of the Country travel. Blue Valley resources such as Canvas, Classlink, and school email are not accessible out of the country unless you have a personal device with a VPN on it.

Community Events:



Stacey Sperry

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

