

PSE WEEKLY HOWL

Week of October 13th!

No school for student on Friday, October 10th

We have professional learning tomorrow in the morning, and staff will be preparing report cards in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing all of you on Monday.

End of Quarter Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and Quarter Grades

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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.

Quarter 1 ends on October 10th, and you will be able to view grades on October 17th.

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.

Late Night at the Star - October 17th!

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.

To enroll in camps, please see the website link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. **Registration closes the day before at 6:00 pm.** Camp scholarships are now available. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Sperry for more information.

Halloween Glow Party -Kindergarten Team

It's almost Halloween! Is there a better time to enjoy a glow-in-the-dark party? We will decorate t-shirts (provided), get our faces painted with glow-in-the-dark paint, and play glow-in-the-dark games! Awesome party favors, snacks, and dinner included! It will be so frightful if you don't sign up!

"Spook-tacular" Haunted Houses -Arquieta

Join the fun and be creative as we break out the craft supplies and decorate our own illuminated haunted houses just in time for Halloween! All materials and yummy snacks will be provided. It's going to be "spook-tacular!"

The Engagement Party of the Decade -Purcell & Phillips

Join us for a red-carpet experience as we celebrate Travis and Taylor's engagement and the release of Taylor Swift's new album! We will have music, dancing, red carpet pictures, Chief's football trivia, and Taylor trivia. A delicious sit-down dinner will be provided! Dress to impress!

Frightfully Fun Friday -Mastorakos

Enjoy Halloween games, spooky sweets, and festive fun! Each student will decorate their own cake to take home. We'll play lots of Halloween-themed games, create a spooky craft to keep & dinner will be provided. It's going to be a frightfully fun night, you won't want to miss it!

Parent Teacher Conference - Schedule open from Oct. 3rd- Oct. 17th!

Please follow the steps below to schedule a conference in ParentVUE with your child's teacher.

[PSE Steps to Schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences in ParentVUE](#)

Our conference schedule is as follows:


- **Tuesday, October 21st, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm (your child's teacher will send the Virtual Conferences-Teams Link).**
- **Wednesday, October 22nd, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm, virtual or in person**
- **Thursday, October 23rd, 8:00 am -4:00 pm, virtual or in person**

Staff will use ParentVue as a convenient way for you to schedule conferences for your child(ren). Your student's teacher will email directions to you on October 3rd. All families are encouraged to sign up for a time slot by October 17th.

Donuts with Dudes & Book Fair Thank YOU!

Thank you to Lauren Levy and Lauren Bohning for all of your work this week with Donuts with Dudes and the Book Fair. Thanks for making this week a fun and exciting week for all.

LITERACY CORNER



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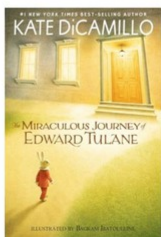
OCTOBER IS DYSLLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

- Dyslexia is neurobiological in origin.
- It is characterized by unexpected learning difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition.
- It typically occurs from a deficit in the phonological (sound) component of the brain.
- Dyslexia is **NOT** related to intelligence and quite often occurs despite effective instruction.
- Dyslexia affects 1 in 5 individuals, regardless of age.
- Dyslexia is a life-long condition, although with early intervention and adequate support, individuals with dyslexia can learn to read and write well.
- Individuals with dyslexia benefit from explicit instruction, audiobooks, and extra time to complete tasks.

TIPS FOR STRUGGLING OR RELUCTANT READERS:

- Encourage audiobooks (they "count" as reading).
- Read books to your child to encourage the love of a story over drilling reading practice.
- Encourage graphic novels.
- Model reading books as an adult.

OCTOBER BOOK IDEA TO READ AS A FAMILY:



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

Mrs. Hass - PSE Library Media Specialist
Mrs. Vaupell - PSE Reading Specialist

4th Grade Veteran's Assembly

4th Grade Veterans Day Assembly

The PSE 4th-grade students will be paying tribute to our military heroes on Tuesday, November 11, which is Veterans Day. If you know a Veteran you'd like us to celebrate, please invite them to our assembly, then fill out the RSVP link below so we can properly acknowledge them in our program.

- Any PSE family may invite Veterans who have served or continue to serve in the US military. Please fill out the RSVP link with the Veteran's information.
- PSE families bringing a Veteran are invited to refreshments in the library following the assembly.
- All 4th-grade families are invited to watch their students perform on Tuesday, November 11th, at 2:30 PSE Gym.

10/31 Fall Party Information: Please READ

Time, Talent, and Treasure for Class Parties

We would love for you to help the students on party days. However, if you aren't giving us your time, talent, or treasure, feel free to stay home/work and pick up as usual. If you want a free pass to stay away, here it is!! Party days are really about the students and their activities. If you are volunteering, thank you, and we can't wait to see you!!!!

ALL visitors, even on class party days, must enter school property using our secure entry by showing his/her government-issued photo ID. Only guests who are listed in ParentVue as parents, guardians, or emergency contacts will gain access to the event.

WARNING: Due to the number of visitors, there will be a wait when checking in and gaining access to the school building/property. Please be patient and plan accordingly.

Costumes

Students are invited to wear basic costumes to school on Friday, October 31st. **Families should work with their students to select comfortable costumes for the entire school day. Students need to be able to use the restroom in their costumes without assistance.** Please be advised that students may not wear costumes that contain any weapon (real or play), blood, or scary costumes that are not elementary school-appropriate.

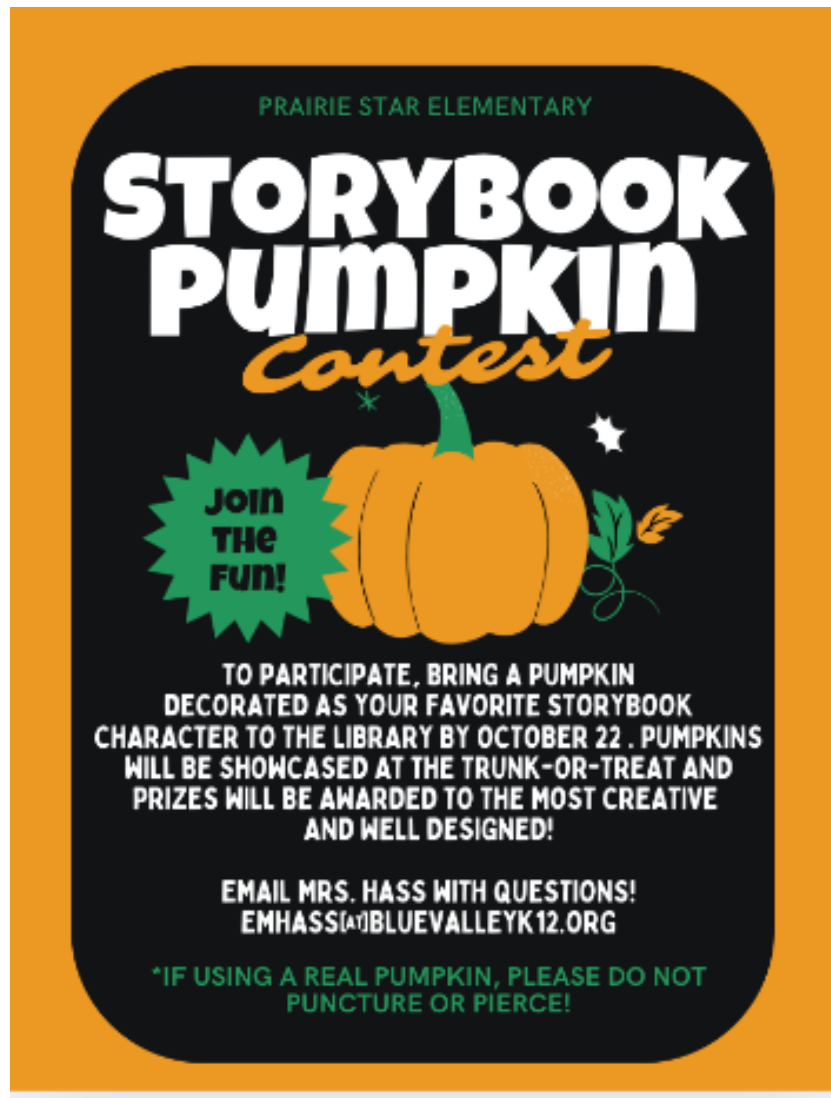
Parade begins at 3:10***NEW TIME THIS YEAR **** ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO THE PARADE!**

We look forward to hosting an outdoor costume parade beginning at 3:10 p.m. Family members are invited to line the school sidewalk if they are interested in attending the parade. Each class will parade around our sidewalk beginning at 3:10 pm.

Classroom Parties-BEGIN AT 2:30

- **Food planning:** All food brought to the parties must be from the nut-safer list. The school nurse will check all food before being brought to the classrooms. The nut safer list, as well as approved brands, are found on the Blue Valley Website.
- **Siblings:** Although former PSE students love to stop by and see their former teachers, classroom parties are organized for the current students at PSE. The classrooms are too crowded to accommodate extra bodies on party days, and we want the focus to be on our elementary-aged students. We will not allow middle school students to enter the building on party day without their parents, and we strongly encourage families to make other arrangements for all siblings.

Our utmost job is to keep PSE students and staff safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to a fun time celebrating.



BV Unmuted

The new season of BV Unmuted, Blue Valley's official podcast, meet Blue Valley's new superintendent, Dr. Gillian Chapman. From her favorite part of visiting schools to big picture goals for innovation and personalized learning, Dr. Chapman, with the help of three Blue Valley students, shares how she ended up at Blue Valley and her vision for the district.

Joined by Madison Kraft, a senior at Blue Valley Northwest, Penelope Mowatt, an eighth grader at Harmony Middle and PJ Cocherl, a second grader at Morse Elementary, this episode is filled with candid questions and heartfelt answers. Learn what's surprised her most so far and why she believes student voices should always be a part of the conversation.

To listen to the podcast episode, visit www.tinyurl.com/BVSuptQA.

Yearbook and School Picture Updates

Our Yearbook needs your pictures!

Our Josten's Photo Share link is now live and ready for you to upload. Please share your pictures of PTO events, Sneak-a-Peek, First Day, Spirit week and Wolf Walk. We also can accept after-school clubs, scouts and sports/hobbies. Please no pictures of adults, playdates or birthday parties!

<https://photos.jostens.com/MWUKX7>

Still Need to Order Your Yearbook?

Log in to the PTO Membership Toolkit at <https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com> and click the Yeabook link under new forms.

Upcoming Dates:

October:

Friday, October 10: No School EC-12, End of Quarter

Tuesday, October 21: Conferences 4:00 PM-7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 22: Conferences 4:00 PM- 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 23: Conferences 8:15 AM-4:00 PM

Friday, October 24: No School

Friday, October 31: Fall Class Parties

November

Thursday, November 6: PTO Meeting 8:30 AM

Friday, November 7: No School | Teacher Professional Collaboration

Monday, November 10: No School | Professional Learning

Tuesday, November 11: 4th Grade Veterans Program 2:30 PM

Friday, November 14: Late Night at the Star

Thursday, November 20: 1st Grade Thanksgiving Program 6:30 PM

Monday, November 24-Friday, November 28: No School EC-12 | Thanksgiving Break

Safe School 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](#).

TRUNK DECORATING CONTEST: We will have prizes for the best decorated trunks. So bring your creativity and imagination for a prize and some insane bragging rights!!

We need 60 volunteers with decorated trunks to pass out candy. Not decorating a trunk this year? You can still join the fun by signing up to donate a big bag of candy for our trick-or-treaters!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

If you are donating candy, we kindly request that it be dropped off by Tuesday, October 21st. It can be sent to school with your child, dropped by the office, or mailed directly.

Trunk or Treat Visual for Parking and Trunks!

Food Drive- Save the Date!



Stacey Sperry

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters