

# PSE Weekly Howl

Week of October 14th!


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No school tomorrow as it is the end of the 1st quarter.  
See you Monday!

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PRAIRIE STAR ELEMENTARY

## STORYBOOK PUMPKIN *Contest*



**Join  
THE  
FUN!**

TO PARTICIPATE, BRING A PUMPKIN  
DECORATED AS YOUR FAVORITE STORYBOOK  
CHARACTER TO THE LIBRARY BY OCTOBER 30. PUMPKINS  
WILL BE SHOWCASED AT THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND  
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST CREATIVE  
AND WELL DESIGNED!

EMAIL MRS. HASS WITH QUESTIONS!  
EMHASSI@BLUEVALLEYK12.ORG

\*IF USING A REAL PUMPKIN, PLEASE DO NOT  
PUNCTURE OR PIERCE!

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## 4th Grade Veterans Day Assembly

The PSE 4th grade students will be paying tribute to our military heroes on Veterans Day. If you know a Veteran you'd like for 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 Monday, November 11th, 2:30 PSE Gym

PLEASE FOLLOW [THIS LINK](#) TO RSVP

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## Canvas Family Resources

**Enroll in this course:** <https://bvusd.instructure.com/enroll/73CN87>

The Family Resources Canvas Course is now available for Blue Valley families. This course is designed to help families navigate Canvas, whether beginning or looking for a reminder. Additionally, the course includes Canvas guides for Observers (the role assigned to parents).

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## Thank YOU!

Thank you to Lauren Levy and Maggie Heilman for all their work on the amazing Donuts with Dudes. We appreciate you!

Also, please thank Lauren Bohning and Chelsea Anderson for their work at the Book Fair. We appreciate all that you do for our school.

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## Late Night at the October 18th!

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](mailto:mabonner@bluevalleyk12.org).**

### **Halloween Glow Party (Kindergarten Staff) Kindergarten - 2nd Grade**

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!

### **Forts and Fun Party (Purcell, Wayland, Philips) Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

Bring your blankets, pajamas and stuffed animals and join us in making forts in the pod. We will also watch a movie, have dinner and dessert, and play fun games in the dark!! Get ready for an awesome fort night!

### **Halloween STEAM (Nicholson, Gabler, Brush) Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

Join the first grade teachers for an exciting night full of halloween steam activities! Compete in challenges to earn prizes! Snacks, dinner, and a festive Halloween drink included!

### **"Spook-tacular" Haunted Houses (Arquieta) Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

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, pizza and snacks will be provided. It's going to be "spook-tacular!"

### **Sculpy Clay Sculptures (Wilson) Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

Sculpey "oven-bake" clay is fantastic for small sculptures—halloween ghouls, goblins, flowers, or puppy dogs. Join us in the art room for a creative night of sculptures, candy, and pizza!



### **PSE STEM Club**

Prairie Star Elementary PTO is thrilled to announce our new 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. This monthly after-school club will have its first session on November 5th from 3:45 - 5. (A small snack, from the approved list by the school, will be provided.). Our meeting area has our class size currently capped at 30 students, so we

recommend you sign up quickly!

You can sign up on the PTO website or with this link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/307969>

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## BVHS Show Choir

Come join the BVHS show choir students on October 26th at our annual Howl and Shake Kids Show Choir Clinic! This clinic is open to 2nd-6th grade students who are interested in musicals, choir, singing, or dancing! You can sign up for this morning of fun here:

<https://gofan.co/event/1683262?schoolId=KS18096>

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## 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.**

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## Fall Party-Parade and Party information

FALL PARTY - PARADE AND PARTIES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

We are excited to celebrate our Fall Party at Prairie Star this year on Thursday, October 31st.

### Costumes

Students are invited to wear basic costumes to school on Thursday, 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

We look forward to hosting an outdoor costume parade beginning at 2:15 p.m. Family members are invited to spread out along the sidewalk of the school if interested in attending the parade. Each class will parade around our sidewalk beginning at 2:15 pm.

### Classroom Parties

Our for our parents who are volunteering a time, talent, or treasure. See the note above.



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- **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.

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## 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](mailto:priariestaryearbook@gmail.com).

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

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## Counselor Corner

This week, third through fifth graders learned more about Rock Brain and T-Flex. Rock Brain represents stuck thinking/inflexibility, not wanting to ask for help, and believing there is only one way to solve a problem. T-Flex teaches us to be flexible, giving us specific strategies, such as a brain break, asking for help, or recognizing multiple ways to solve a problem.

Flexibility is a life skill that students need to practice throughout their academic, social, home, and work lives. The students listened to *A Little Spot of Flexible Thinking* and participated in a scavenger hunt to find items that represent flexible thinking (rubber bands, fidgets) and items that represent inflexibility (desks, smart boards). In two short weeks, we will focus on Worries.

K-2 will be introduced next week to all the Thinkables and Unthinkabots.

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## PSE Spirit Days

- 10/18-PSE Spirit Wear
- 11/11-Thank a Veteran-Red, White and Blue Day
- 11/22-Warm and cozy day-slipper day
- 12/12-12/20-7 Days of Holiday Cheer



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## 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](#).

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## 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:

- November 1

- December 6
- 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!

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## **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.

Grades will be viewable on October 22nd at 4:00.










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

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## I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I have a Fever	I am Vomiting	I have Diarrhea	I have a Rash	I have head lice	I have the Flu, Covid-19, or RSV	I have Strep Throat	I have a bacterial eye infection	I have Pertussis (Whooping cough)
								
100°F or above	Within the last 24 hours	Two or more loose or watery stools within the last 24 hours	Rash with itching or fever	Presence of live lice and/or nits within ¼" of scalp	Flu symptoms, fever, or positive test	Positive test	Bacterial conjunctivitis with inflammation and discharge	Positive test

## I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication	No vomiting for 24 hours	Diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication	Cleared by a physician	After treatment with an antiparasitic shampoo	Symptoms are getting better AND no fever for 24 hours without the aid of medication	Past 24 hours of antimicrobial therapy or after 10 days if not receiving therapy	Started on prescribed therapy	Done with antibiotic therapy
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**Stacey Sperry**

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters