

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of October 28th!

PSE Updates:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher during conferences. We appreciate the opportunity to share all the wonderful attributes that make your child shine at PSE. Enjoy the long weekend, and see you on Monday!

Attendance Matters: Setting the Stage for Success

At the elementary level, regular attendance is key to building habits that last a lifetime. Children thrive on routine, and attending school every day helps them feel part of their class, stay engaged in learning and build confidence. When students are absent, they miss valuable lessons, classroom discussions and social interactions.

Regular attendance ensures that your child stays on track with their learning. Each day builds upon the previous one, and when your child is present, they are able to grow academically and socially. You play an important role in helping your child establish good attendance habits, which will serve them throughout their school years and beyond.

PSE FOOD DRIVE!

NOVEMBER 11-15, 2024



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.

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.

4th Grade Veterans Day Assembly

The PSE 4th grade students will pay tribute to our military heroes on Veterans Day. If you know a Veteran you'd like us to celebrate, please invite them to our assembly and 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, at 2:30 PSE Gym.

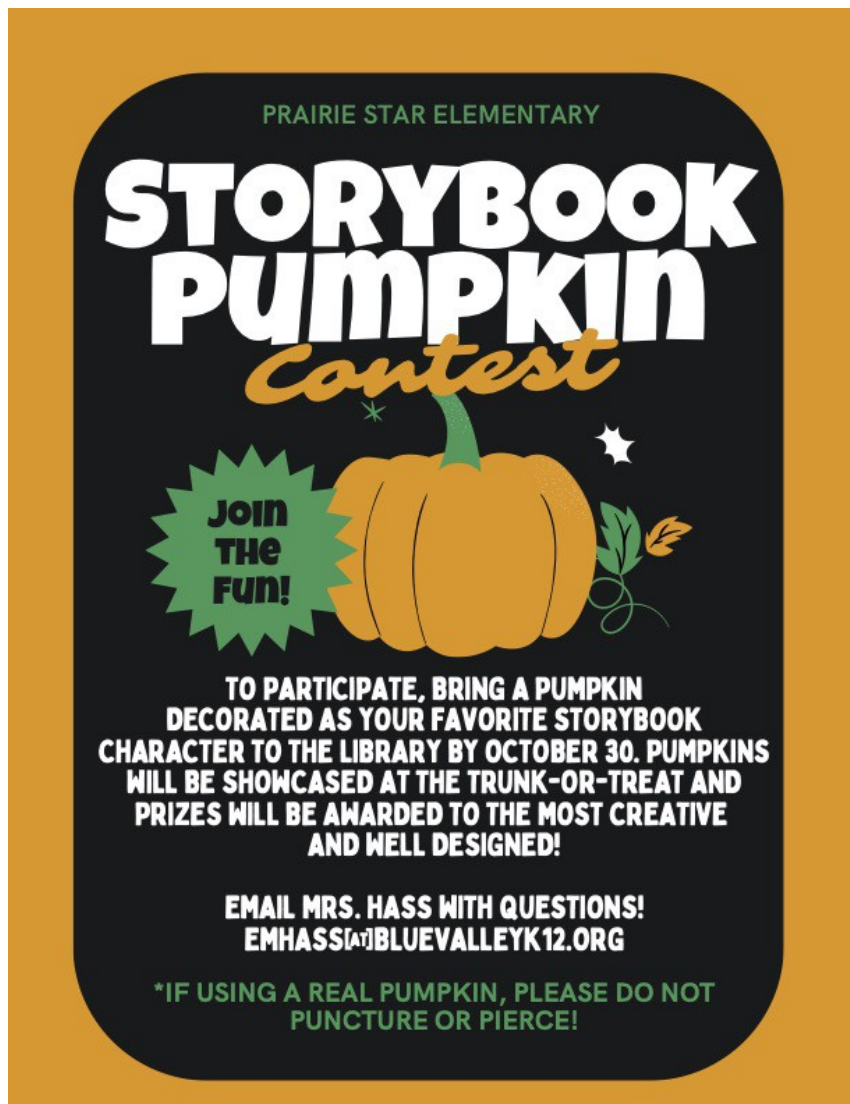
PLEASE FOLLOW [THIS LINK](#) TO RSVP

Mycoplasma Pneumonia Facts



- ☀️ A frequent cause of respiratory infections, including community-acquired pneumonia, in school-age children and young adults.
- ☀️ Transmitted from person to person via respiratory droplets during close contact.
- ☀️ Disease onset is gradual, with initial complaints of headaches, malaise, and low-grade fever. A nagging cough is usually the most prominent respiratory feature. Chest soreness from coughing is common. Wheezing can also occur. Other respiratory symptoms include pharyngitis, rhinorrhea, and ear pain.
- ☀️ Macrolides are generally considered the treatment of choice for young children. Resistance to macrolides emerged in *M. pneumoniae* in the early 2000s - please remember to complete the full course of treatment to prevent antibiotic resistance!

Literacy FUN!



Counselor Corner

This week Third through Fifth grade learned about Worry Wall and Worry WiseWorm. During our lesson, we distinguished between helpful worries and non-helpful worries. We also discussed that we need to collect clues or evidence to determine if the worry is tiny or a wise worry. We reviewed a few examples to determine what type of worry it was. The students then had time to write down their worries or what their peers worry about.

Kindergarten through Second grade will be learning about Rock Brain and T-Flex next week.

PSE Spirit Days

- 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



PTO Events and Updates!

Join us for "Trunk or Treat" on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th!

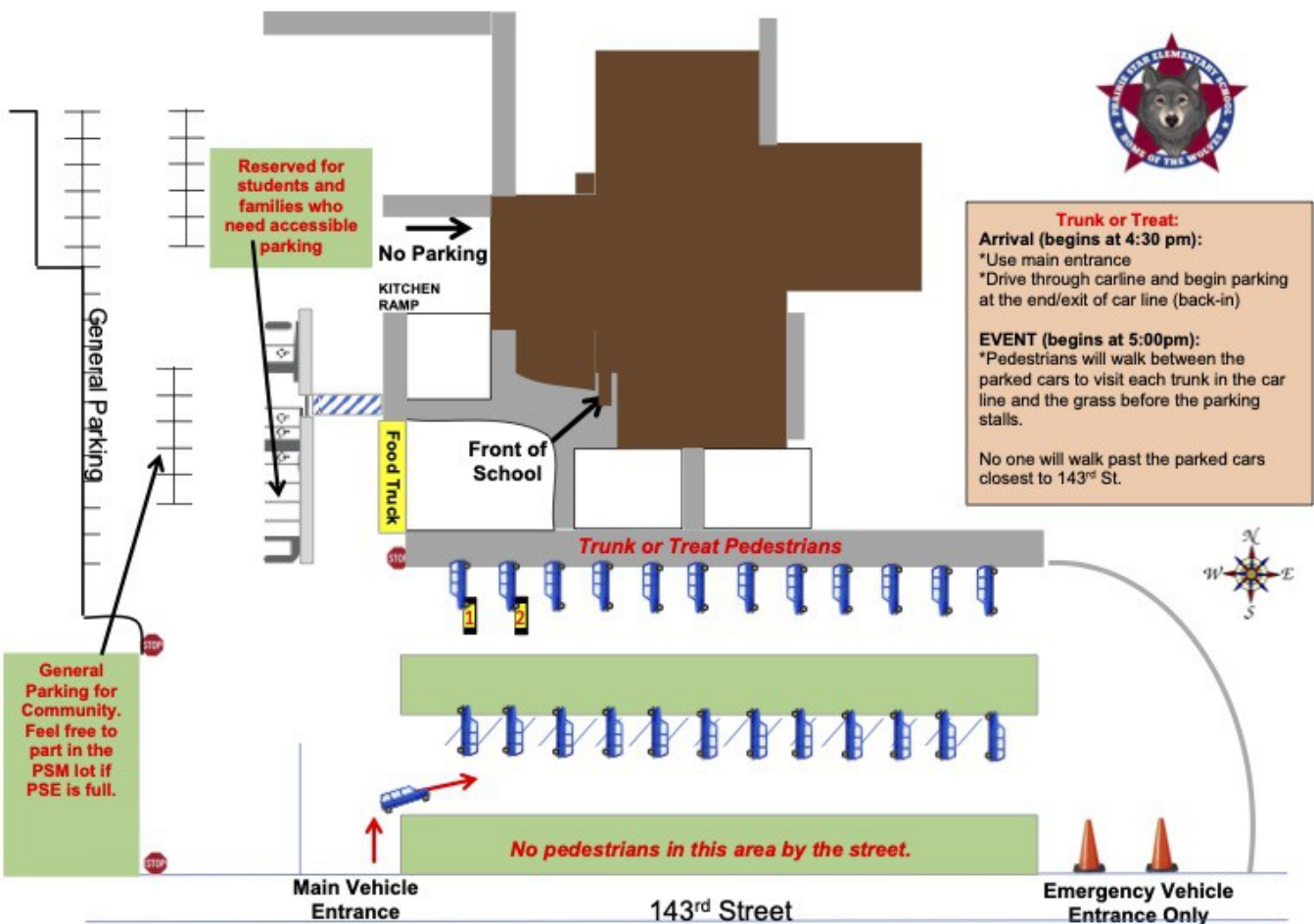
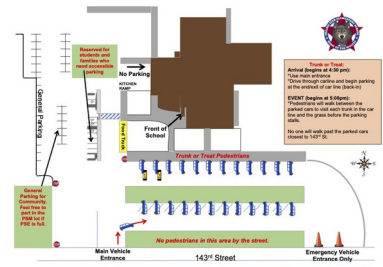
We're excited to invite you to participate in our annual "Trunk or Treat" event! This year we need **60 trunks** for our trick-or-treaters to enjoy. Please consider volunteering your trunk for a chance to win a prize and bragging rights!

In addition to music, fun and trick-or-treating, 5th graders will be on hand selling slices of pizza as a fundraiser towards their class gift.

If you're unable to host a trunk but want to help, you can donate candy! Simply drop it off with the front office before the end of the school day on Wednesday, October 30th. We will have teachers on hand to also pass out candy.

Don't miss out on the fun! See you **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DA9AE28A46-52484163-trunk>



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://praiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/307969>

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 praiestaryearbook@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:

- 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!

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](#).

Community Celebrations and Observances

Some November Celebrations & Observances:

- Native American Heritage Month - celebrates the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and ongoing contributions of Indigenous peoples.
- National Veterans and Military Family Appreciation Month - honors the military family by recognizing their sacrifices and commitments.
- All Saints Day - November 1 - celebrated by some of the Christian faith, this solemn, holy day honors the saints of the church.
- Day of the Dead - November 1 - celebrated by some with Mexican heritage, a joyful time to remember and honor deceased loved ones.
- Diwali - November 1 - the festival of lights celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and the human ability to overcome observed by some Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists, and others. Some will decorate their homes with lights and rangoli art, exchange gifts, dress in colorful clothing, feast with family, and/or go to temple.

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day–November 14th

On Nov. 14, students across the country will participate in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, an annual, commemorative event that honors the courage of Ruby Bridges who made history by becoming the first Black student to integrate an all-white elementary school in New Orleans in 1960. Students across the country now walk to school on this day to commemorate her bravery and continue the important conversation about equality and inclusion. To learn more about Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, visit <https://rubybridges.foundation/>. We invite our PSE families to walk to school on November 14th to participate in this nationwide event.

Community Events:

Trunk or Treat - Hosted by BVHS Tungsten Tigers

Blue Valley's Tungsten Tigers robotics team will host a **Trunk or Treat** event on **Saturday, October 26th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** in the senior parking lot that is WEST of the high school. This

event is open to the entire community, and we would love for our feeder schools—elementary and middle—to join us in the fun!

Elementary and middle school students are invited to attend and enjoy the trunk-or-treat. Dressing up or wearing costumes is strongly encouraged to get in the spooky spirit. The high school's clubs and student organizations will be set up in the parking lot decorated with themed trunks and full of candy.

Please feel free to spread the word to anyone you know. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Tungsten Tiger coach, TJ Slade, at tjslade@bluevalleyk12.org.

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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