

PSE WEEKLY HOWL

Week of October 6th!

Kindness Month at PSE

Please watch our broadcast video this month, which focuses on kindness. Our 5th-grade ambassadors and Mr. Ramsey did an outstanding job. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msvLWBq5ypI>

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

Join us for Donuts with Dudes! Bring your favorite "dude" to the cafeteria on October 8th and October 9th from 7:45-8:25. Students can attend with a parent or another amazing adult to enjoy a free breakfast, including donuts, fruit, milk, juice, and coffee. Last names A-M come on Wednesday,

October 8th, and N-Z on Thursday, October 9th. If you need to switch days, that is fine. We plan to have about half the families each day to spread out the crowd and help with parking.

- October 8th- A-M
- October 9th-N-Z

7:45-8:25 Donuts with Dudes (cafeteria)/ Book fair (library)

Reminder: Adults must stay with their student until 8:25 *

Parking Map for Donuts with Dudes!



Book Fair

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

We need volunteers for our Book Fair. Please use the following link to sign up. I appreciate your support. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFA62DA0FBC43-58995511-prairie>

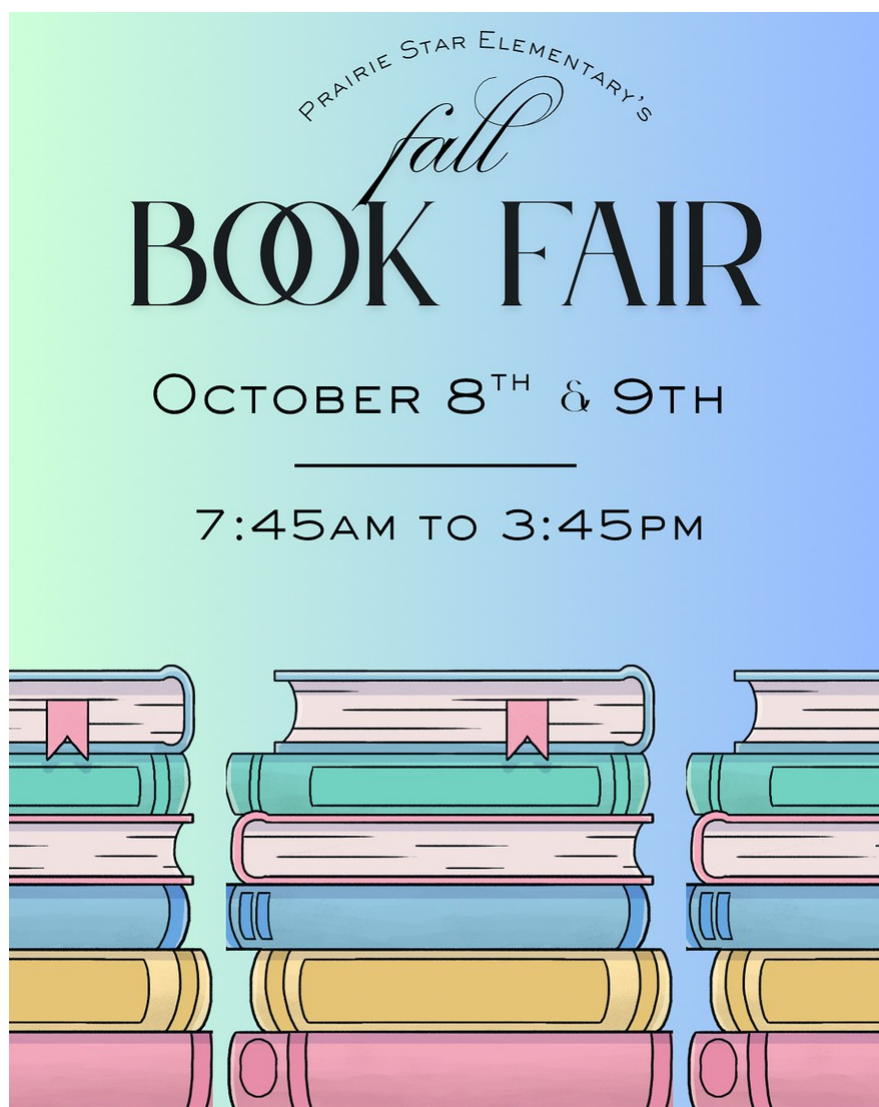
October 8th & 9th, students will explore Prairie Star's Literati Book Fair! Parents and guardians are welcome to shop with their students anytime during the fair and are especially invited to visit the fair during:

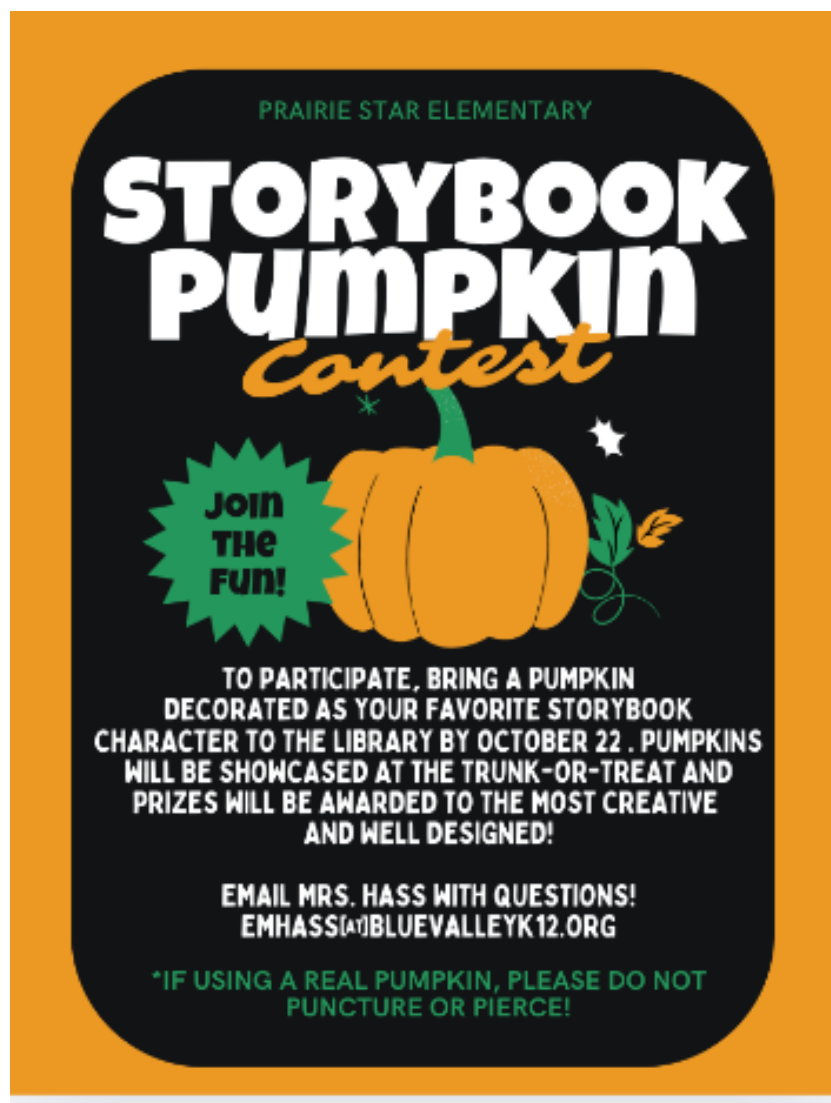
Donuts with Dudes on Wednesday, October 8th (A-M) & Thursday, October 9th (N-Z) from 7:45-8:25 am. Students are welcome to grab a donut with their favorite dude and then shop at the book

fair.

During the School Day: Each class will have an opportunity to shop the book fair on October 8th & 9th. Parents, guardians, and grandparents are welcome to join their students during their classes and shopping time. ** THE shopper must be in ParentVue to be allowed to shop at PSE during the day.

Literati allows parents to purchase **Digital Gift Cards** similar to Scholastics eWallet. To purchase go to our Literati page: <https://literati.com/store/?school=prairie-star-elementary-school-leawood-ks> **Please send a print out of your email confirmation with your student. The barcode will allow us to easily access their gift card.**





Spin Pizza Night for PSE Families this Thursday.



Prairie Star Elementary School Spin Flier Oct.pdf

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Dismissal Reminders

Car Riders (Car Loops)

1. Enter the PSE car loops from 143rd Street. Please use the east side loop if you are coming from the east, or the west side loop if you are coming from the west.
2. If you are using the west side car loop, you may only turn right.
3. Stay in your vehicle
 - Staff will be out front to help your child during arrival, beginning at 8:25
 - Staff will call students from their classroom between 3:35 and 3:40 PM using the PickUp Patrol App. Please make any daily changes by 3:00 pm..
1. Students exit only on the curb/school side for safety.

2. Keep your car tag visible on the dashboard or mirror for quick identification.
3. Exit the loop slowly and safely/

🚶 Parent Pickup on School Grounds – Door 10 or Front of the Building

1. Depending on what direction you are coming from, we offer parent pickup at door 10 and the front of the building.
2. If you are using door 10, please walk along the PSM track sidewalk toward the playground.
3. Write your name on the glass window next to Door 10.
4. If you are picking up in front of the building, the staff will enter your name into PickUp Patrol upon your arrival.
5. **Staff will call your child using the PickUp Patrol App when you arrive, beginning around 3:35-3:40.**
6. Exit the same route that you entered.

🚌 Bus Riders

1. At dismissal, students remain in their classrooms until their bus is announced.
2. Staff dismiss students to the gym.

🚶 Walkers / Bike Riders

1. Continue using the ****front entrance****.
2. Dismissed at 3:45 PM from the main entrance.
3. Follow crosswalks and sidewalks to leave campus safely.

🕒 Y-Club

1. Students are dismissed to the cafeteria at 3:45 PM for after-school care.

Important Reminders:

1. **Drive slowly on school property and be alert for pedestrians.**
2. **Left-side car doors must remain closed during pickup.**
3. ****Exiting Vehicles:****
 - **All students exiting vehicles should do so on the ****curb/school side**** only.**
 - ****Do not**** open the left-side vehicle doors, as there is exiting traffic in that area.

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!

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.

Please follow this [link to RSVP](#).

STEM Club at PSE

The PSE PTO is excited to offer **STEM Club: Adventures in Coding** for 3rd–5th graders to dive into the world of technology through hands-on projects. This fall, students will explore the foundations of **coding** using the **micro:bit mini PC**—a pocket-sized computer that makes coding fun and accessible for beginners. With the micro:bit, kids can write programs that light up LEDs, sense motion, play games, and more. It's a powerful yet kid-friendly way to introduce programming concepts in a way that feels like play, not homework.

This fall's session will be a **three-part series** held after school from 3:30–5:00 PM on

- **October 16**
- **November 6**
- **December 4.**

Throughout the program, students will use their micro:bit to tackle creative challenges and see their code come to life. Best of all, each student will get to **take their micro:bit home at the end of the series**, so the learning and experimenting can continue long after the club ends.

The cost for all three sessions, including the take-home micro:bit, is **\$75 per student**. REGISTER HERE <https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Any questions can be directed to [Colin Ramsey](#) or [Mrs Bonner](#).

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 Yearbook Link under New Forms.

Picture Retakes and Class Picture Day

Thursday, September 25! If you could not make it to sneak-a-peek for pictures, this is your student's chance to get their yearbook portrait. Students will also be taking whole class photos on this day. Not happy with your first picture? Your child may take a retake this day too but you will need to email prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com to ensure your child's name is on our retake list.

Upcoming Dates:

October:

Wednesday, October 8: Book Fair & Donuts with Dudes

Thursday, October 9: Book Fair & Donuts with Dudes

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](#).

BV WELL EVENTS!

Starting Strong (Elementary): A Parent's Guide to Executive Function Skills

Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Hilltop Conference Center 7710 W 143rd St Overland Park KS

Kick off the school year with confidence! As part of **BV Well's Starting Strong series**, this special program features internationally recognized executive function expert **Sarah Ward**. In this practical session focused on Elementary aged learner, Sarah will share proven strategies to help your student develop essential executive function skills including time management, organization, task initiation, and focus. You'll walk away with tools you can use at home to support your child in managing homework, reducing distractions, and staying on track throughout the school year. Whether your child struggles with structure or you simply want to help them thrive, this session will give you the insight and tools to help them start strong.

Sarah Ward, MS, CC/SLP is the Co-Director of Cognitive Connections. A popular speaker, Sarah regularly presents workshops on the programs and strategies she has developed including the "revolutionary" and "groundbreaking" 360 Thinking Program. She has presented to and consulted with over 2,000 schools worldwide.

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

