



Week of October 7th!

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

Hearing & Vision



THANK YOU TO THE PSE STAFF AND FAMILIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL HEARING AND VISION SCREENING!

IF YOU RECEIVED RESULTS THAT INCLUDE A "RECHECK", THOSE WILL BE COMPLETED AROUND THE END OF OCTOBER/START OF NOVEMBER.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE NURSE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



Canvas Family Resources

Please include the information about accessing Canvas Family Resources below in your weekly parent newsletters for the next few weeks.

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).

Morning Arrival

I am reaching out to you with a very important safety reminder. Prairie Star students are periodically dropped off at school in the morning before the doors are unlocked or staff is present to welcome them. We believe this is an unsafe practice and ask parents not to drop off their children until our adult staff is on duty at 8:25 AM to provide supervision. Thank you for your cooperation

Donuts with DUDES!!!

Calling all Dads or other amazing Adult:

Join us for **Donuts with Dudes** in the cafeteria on October 9 and 10 anytime from 7:45 to 8:25 a.m.

You and your student can enjoy a *complimentary* breakfast, which includes donuts, fruit, milk, juice, and Roasterie coffee.

Last names A-M should come on October 9 and N-Z on October 10. If you need to switch days, that should be fine.

We hope to have about half the families each day to spread out the crowd and help with parking!

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

From **October 8th -10th**, students will explore starfields of stories at 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:

Dinner & Books on **Tuesday October 8th 3:45 -7:30pm**. In addition to the book fair, the *5th grade* will be selling *Take N' Bake Pizzas* for \$12 each as a fundraiser for their class gift. We are asking that you preorder pizzas , so we have an accurate amount of pizzas. You will pay the day of the event via cash or venmo. Preorder your pizza's here:

[Papa Murphy's Pizza Preorder - 10/8/24](#)
docs.google.com

Donuts with Dudes on **Wednesday October 9th & Thursday October 10th 7:45-8:30 am**. Students are welcome to grab a donut with their favorite dude and then shop the book fair.

During the School Day: Each class will have an opportunity to shop the book fair on October 9th or 10th. Parents, guardians, grandparents are welcome to join their student during their classes shopping time.

Literati allows parents to purchase Digital Gift Cards similar to Scholastics eWallet. To purchase go to our Literati page

[Home - Literati School Store](#)
literati.com

****Please send a print out of your email confirmation with your student. The barcode will allow us to easily access their gift card.****

Volunteer at the Book Fair: We still need several volunteers to help out with the book fair. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help out. If you'd like to volunteer when your student's class is scheduled to shop, the teacher schedule is at the top of the sign up genius. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFA62DA0FBC43-51659133-book>

We can't wait for our students to experience our upcoming book fair! Thank you for helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading.



Save the Dates
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WORLDS AT THE
Literati
BOOK FAIR

Online Book Fair is Open Now!
<http://fairs.literati.com>
Don't Miss the Online Exclusives

◆ **EXPLORE STARFIELDS OF STORIES** ◆

Dinner & Books Tuesday October 8th 3:45-7:30pm Shop the Book Fair and grab a Take N' Bake Pizza being sold by the 5th grade class. Pizza Pre-order will open up next week!	Donuts with Dudes October 9th & 10th 7:45 - 8:30am Grab a donut with your favorite dude and shop the book fair
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Each Class will have an opportunity to shop during the school day on October 9th & 10th. Parents are welcome to join!

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.

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!

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>

Time, Talent, 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.

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](#)

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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 curriculums 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 prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com.

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

Counselor Corner

During lessons this week for Kindergarten- 2nd grade the Unthinkabots and Thinkables were introduced. We matched each Unthinkabot to a Thinkable and discussed each character's "bot" power (expected vs unexpected choices).

The Unthinkabots and Thinkables are important to build self-awareness about one's learning. The imaginary characters are a way for students to learn about themselves and find strategies for self-awareness and regulation.

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



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](#).



THE BRAIN, BEHAVIOR, AND LEARNING

Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Nervous System

BV Well and **Blue Valley School Counselors, Social Workers and Psychologists** invite you to this FREE session designed especially for early elementary (K-2) parents and caregivers. Presented by **Dr. Dustin Springer**, this workshop will:

- **explore the connections between early brain development, behavior, and learning** through the lens of applied educational neuroscience
- **examine how to support your child both at school and home** with the understanding that behaviors are often signs of nervous system dysregulation
- **offer practical strategies and deeper understanding** for creating environments that promote regulation, resilience, and optimal learning for every child.

A **Panel Discussion with Dr. Springer and Blue Valley educational leaders** will follow the presentation. The session is free but please register in advance via the QR code below.



Dr. Dustin Springer is an experienced educator with 27 years of service as an elementary teacher, a community school liaison, and now an elementary school administrator. He is also a consultant for Revelations in Education and a renowned author and international speaker specializing in applied educational neuroscience and trauma-responsive practices. He serves as affiliate staff at Butler University, co-teaching in the applied educational neuroscience certification program alongside Dr. Lori Desautels. Guided by the belief that "hard work is heart work," he is committed to leading a much-needed paradigm shift in education, fostering connection, equity, and resilience within school communities.



Dr. Springer's presentation sponsored by:



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!

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