

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of February 19th!



We look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday!

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

Prairie Star Spirit Night

DATE & TIME:

February 22, 2024 from 04:00 PM - 08:00 PM

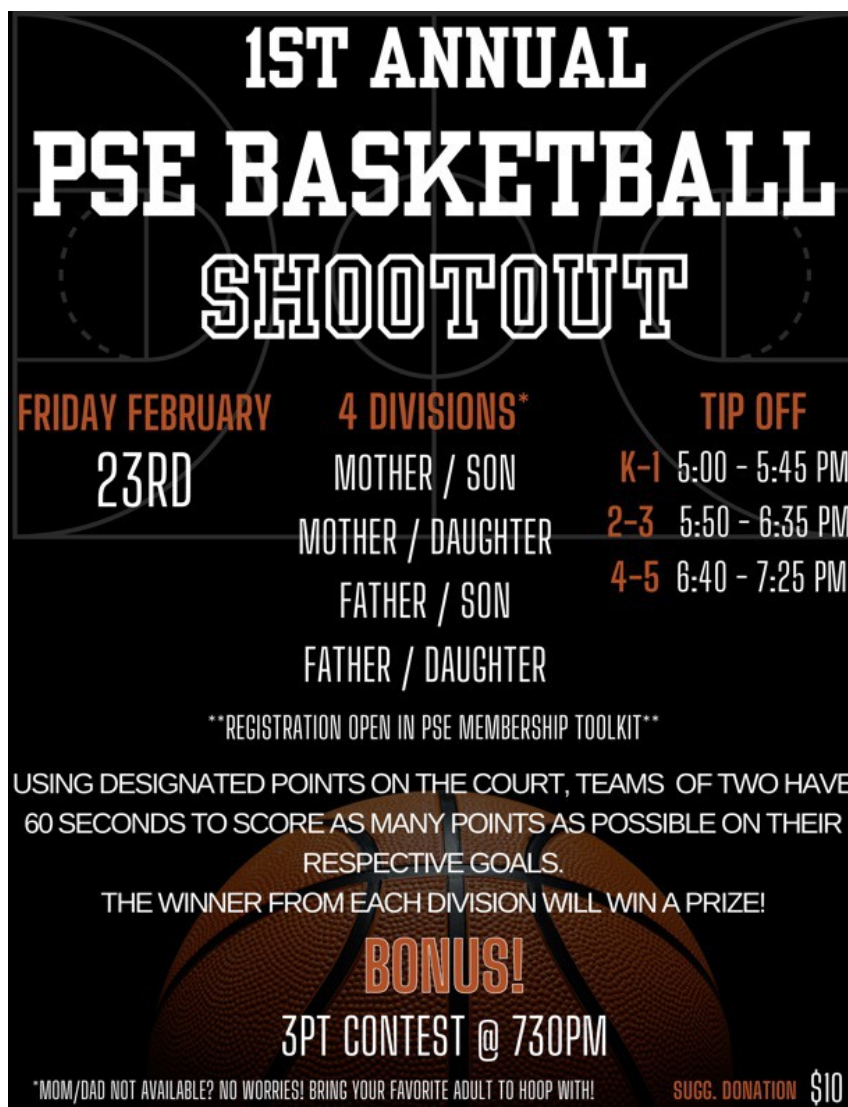
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Please use your membership toolkit to register!

A promotional poster for the 1st Annual PSE Basketball Shootout. The background is black with a basketball court floor pattern. At the top, the title "1ST ANNUAL PSE BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT" is written in large, white, bold letters. Below the title, the date "FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23RD" is on the left. In the center, "4 DIVISIONS*" lists "MOTHER / SON", "MOTHER / DAUGHTER", "FATHER / SON", and "FATHER / DAUGHTER". On the right, "TIP OFF" times are listed: "K-1 5:00 - 5:45 PM", "2-3 5:50 - 6:35 PM", and "4-5 6:40 - 7:25 PM". Below this, it says "**REGISTRATION OPEN IN PSE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT**". Further down, it explains the game rules: "USING DESIGNATED POINTS ON THE COURT, TEAMS OF TWO HAVE 60 SECONDS TO SCORE AS MANY POINTS AS POSSIBLE ON THEIR RESPECTIVE GOALS. THE WINNER FROM EACH DIVISION WILL WIN A PRIZE!". A basketball is visible in the background. At the bottom, it says "BONUS! 3PT CONTEST @ 730PM". At the very bottom, it says "*MOM/DAD NOT AVAILABLE? NO WORRIES! BRING YOUR FAVORITE ADULT TO HOOP WITH!" and "SUGG. DONATION \$10".

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PTO Parent Social Auction-A Night Under the Stars!

Our PSE PTO is looking forward to a night under the stars for our annual Parent Social and Auction. This year, the auction will be at Pinstripes on Friday, March 1st, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

To donate auction items, please get in touch with Andrea Musfeldt at pseparentsocial@gmail.com

Register here for the Auction: <https://pse.schoolauction.net/underthestars/>



A Night Under the Stars

PSE Parent Social & *Silent Auction*

Friday, March 1st 2024 6-9 pm
Pinstripes at Prairie Fire

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Free Event - o'dourves and cash bar

Parent Information Night for Incoming 6th graders-DATE CHANGE!

The 5th grade parent informational night (for parents of rising PSMS 6th graders) has been moved to February 28th. This allows us to avoid conflicting with the Starting Strong presentation, sponsored by BV Well and Children's Mercy – which is scheduled for 6-8pm on February 29th at Hilltop Conference Center. We are shifting the PSMS date to allow parents the flexibility to attend both events if you choose. Details on our event are below – with updated dates.

On Wednesday February 28 PSMS will host a parent information night regarding enrollment for 6th grade. This informational meeting will be held in-person in our commons/cafe from 6:30-7:30pm – and I look forward to seeing and meeting next year's 6th grade parent community. In the event you are unable to attend, I will share my presentation powerpoint via email on after February 28th.

Additionally, the PSMS counseling staff and administrators will be presenting enrollment information to your student(s) at school the week of February 26th. The parent meeting on February 28th is our opportunity to share much of that enrollment information with parents and answer questions. Student attendance is not necessary at the parent meeting – the kids have already heard the same information.

Enrollment choices are due back to 5th grade teachers on Monday March 4th.

On behalf of the PSMS team – welcome to Prairie Star Middle!

Yearbook Candids

We are currently seeking party, field trip, lunch and recess candids.

Please use this link to upload your yearbook candid pictures:

<https://images.jostens.com/00l2dlr0KJMvaEbgZkDmiA>

If you receive an error message asking for a User ID, please email prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com and we will problem solve with you.

Thanks for your help,
Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles & Amy Warren

Order your PSE Yearbook

If you haven't ordered your yearbook please follow this link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/login-form?r=%2F>. Once you log in, you will see yearbook purchase option listed under New Forms. If you do not see it listed, you likely already purchased. You can verify by looking under the My Account tab at the top and scrolling down to Previous Orders.

BVEF's Innovative Educator Award

Do you know an educator who goes above and beyond to inspire, engage, and innovate in the classroom? Now is your chance to recognize their outstanding contributions! Nominations are officially open for BVEF's annual Innovative Educator Award. This prestigious honor celebrates two classroom teachers (one elementary and one secondary) who creatively apply innovative teaching methods, foster critical thinking skills, and ignite a passion for learning in their students.

Each innovative educator will receive a \$1,250 grant for their classroom. **Applications are due March 1st.** Click [HERE](#) to learn more and nominate a deserving educator. Thank you!

PSE Kindergarten Pre-Registration Form

Incoming Kindergarten Information

We are so excited to start the process to welcome our Kindergarten families for the Fall of 2024. Children who reside in Blue Valley Schools and turn 5 years of age by August 31 are eligible to attend kindergarten that school year. If you live in the PSE boundary area and will have an incoming Kindergarten student this fall, **please click on this link to pre-register:** [Kindergarten Registration Form](#).

More information will be shared with you at the end of February including welcome videos, online registration instructions, and information about Kindergarten Round Up in April.

Please pass this message/link on to neighbors that might not have a student in our system and might not yet receive our weekly emails!



INCOMING KINDERGARTEN DATES
2024-2025

Kindergarten Online Registration Begins
February 20

Kindergarten Round-Up Sessions
April 12

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions
August 13

First full day of school for Kindergarten
August 14

Contact your neighborhood school for more information.





Calling all Blue Valley 5th and 6th grade parents and caregivers!

BV Well and **BV School Counselors, Social Workers** and **Psychologists** invite you to attend a complimentary session designed especially for **5th and 6th grade parents** and caregivers that will address:

- expected **social and cognitive milestones** for 11 to 14-year-olds and the importance of championing your child's **online safety** at this age
- the **number one parent factor that fosters child wellbeing** and what you can do to build and sustain it
- **digital health and wellness** practices for your family

Featuring:

- **Dr. Libby Matile Milkovich, MD**, Pediatrician, Children's Mercy Kansas City
- **Annie Rusthoven, Screen Sanity**, nonprofit whose programs help parents consider technology in their lives and connect with their kids in meaningful ways
- **Panel Discussion** with Dr. Libby, Annie and additional experts

Scan to register online for Starting Strong: Middle School Edition
Space is limited - register today!



Register by Feb 28th
FREE event

Optional: scan to purchase Screen Sanity's Middle School Plugged-in Planner. Books will also be available for sale at the event.



Screen Sanity's presentation sponsored by:



Chinese Immersion info meeting set for incoming kindergarten families

Are you interested in providing your child with an immersive educational experience that broadens horizons, enhances cognitive skills and teaches second language skills? Would you like to learn more about Blue Valley's Chinese Immersion Program?

Prospective Chinese Immersion Family Information Session

📅 Monday, Feb. 26, 2023, @ 5 p.m.

📄 [Register for the information session online](#)

🔗 Zoom link provided upon registration

📺 Watch a [video](#) that provides a glimpse into Chinese Immersion classrooms

Online applications for the program will open Feb. 26 with a lottery system determining participation in the program. For more information about the immersion program, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/immersion.

BVEF Information

BVEF loves supporting our schools and there are two fundraisers happening right now to do just that! Don't miss out on these incredible opportunities!

Battle of the Bands- Saturday, Feb. 24, 7-11 p.m.

Proceeds from this annual fundraiser support music and performing arts programs throughout the district, and YOU can be part of the fun! Don't delay- event tickets have nearly sold out- and you won't want to miss a chance to dance the night away at RC's in Martin City for a great over-21 night out. [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2024 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net).

Can't make it to the event itself? No worries! Just visit [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2024 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net) to bid on incredible auction packages and see what your school submitted! You can also vote by donation for your favorite adult school-affiliated band! Band names and school representations are as follows:

Young Medicine- Lakewood Elementary

Modern Thieves- Mission Trail Elementary, Leawood Middle, Blue Valley North

4-Track Mind- Blue River Elementary

Wednesdays at Herman's- Cedar Hills Elementary, Prairie Star Middle, BV North, BV West, BV Northwest

This auction will **close Saturday, February 24 at 9:30 p.m.** and you do not have to be present to win!

Raffle for a Reason- Tickets only available until March 5

Want Taylor Swift concert tix? How about a trip to Disneyland or Washington DC?

BVEF is selling ONLY 300 raffle tickets at \$100/ticket and the lucky winner has their choice of one of eight amazing packages! See them all at [Welcome! \(onecause.com\)](https://onecause.com).

Proceeds support our students and educators; **winner drawn March 6 so don't delay!**



**12TH ANNUAL
BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**



Invite your friends
and join us for an
incredible night...

**Saturday
FEB. 24
2024**
RC's Back Door | Martin City

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Bands start at 7:30 PM

**Who will be named
BEST BAND IN
BLUE VALLEY?**

4-Track Mind
Young Medicine
Modern Thieves
Wednesdays at Herman's

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, & MORE!
SAVE THE DATE

PSE PTO Scholarships for 2024 Graduates:

Each year the Prairie Star PTO offers two scholarships to graduating seniors who are PSE Alumni

The 2024 deadline to apply is midnight on Friday March 22nd

The first scholarship is in honor of Dr. Laura Swartz, the very first Principal of Prairie Star Elementary. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00 and will be awarded to a 2024 graduate of one of the five Blue Valley High Schools **who attended Prairie Star Elementary for at least one year and intends to major in Education.**

Application: <https://praiiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/272049>

Deadline: Friday March 22nd

The second scholarship is a general PSE PTO scholarship for those alumni displaying the virtues valued at Prairie Star Elementary. The amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to a 2024 graduate of one of the five Blue Valley High Schools **who attended Prairie Star Elementary for at least one year.**

Application: <https://praiiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/272050>

Deadline: Friday March 22nd

SPRING IS COMING!

WE ARE ALREADY SEEING AN INCREASE IN ALLERGY SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL

IF YOUR CHILD HAS SEASONAL ALLERGIES, PLEASE CONSIDER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OPTIONS AT HOME TO HELP THEM STAY COMFORTABLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL DAY. SOME MEDICATION OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- **ANTIHISTAMINES:** CLARITIN® (LORATADINE), ALLEGRA® (FEXOFENADINE) AND ZYRTEC® (CETIRIZINE)
- **NASAL SPRAYS:** TOPICAL NASAL STEROID LIKE FLONASE® (FLUTICASONE), RHINOCORT® (BUDESONIDE), NASONEX® (MOMETASONE) OR NASACORT® (TRIAMCINOLONE).
- **ANTIHISTAMINE EYE DROPS:** ASK YOUR PHARMACIST TO SUGGEST A BRAND (SUCH AS ZADITOR OR PATADAY). NO PRESCRIPTION IS NEEDED.



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