



# PSE Weekly Howl

Week of February 26th!

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## **Spring Break & Other Professional Learning Dates**

Blue Valley spring break runs the week of March 11 – 15. Also, there is no school in grades K-8 on Friday March 8th. Monday March 18 is a professional learning day for all BV staff. So, there is no school at PSE March 8-18. Fourth quarter will begin on March 19 (full day of school).

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## **Thank YOU!!**

Thank you to everyone who came out to Cane's last night to support PSE!

Thank you to Laura Eakin, Colin Ramsey, and Melissa Bonner for their work on the PTO Basketball Shootout. We appreciate you!

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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](mailto:pseparentsocial@gmail.com)

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

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# *A Night Under the Stars*

## *PSE Parent Social & Silent Auction*

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

*To donate auction items,  
please contact Andrea Musfeldt at  
pseparentsocial@gmail.com*

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

*Free Event - e'douves and cash bar*

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## **Viewing Canvas Courses and 3rd Quarter Grades**

### **End of Quarter Information: Viewing Canvas Courses and Third Quarter Grades**

At the end of each quarter, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app and website. Courses for this year's third quarter will conclude on March 7th at 11:59pm. Report cards will be generated and families will be able to view third quarter grades on ParentVUE at the end of the day on March 29th.

How do I view my child's report card?

- Log in on [ParentVue](#).
- Select your elementary student's name.
- In the left navigation bar, choose Report Card.

If you have questions about Standards Based Grading as you view your child's report card, please review the information found on the [Elementary Report Card resource page](#).

Each new quarter, classroom teachers will publish their next quarter 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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## 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 [priariestaryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:priariestaryearbook@gmail.com) and we will problem solve with you.

Thanks for your help,

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles & Amy Warren

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## Order your PSE Yearbook

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

<https://praiariestarpto.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.

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## 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!

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## Support the PSE Choir

Come support the PSE Choir as they sing the National Anthem at the KC Comets indoor soccer game on Saturday, March 23. The game starts at 6 p.m. Specially priced tickets (\$16 checks made payable to Prairie Star Elementary) are available through the school. Please turn your money into Julie Byrne, the music teacher.

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Please join us for an exciting evening with the **Kansas City Comets** as they take on the **San Diego Sockers** at Cable Dahmer Arena Saturday, March 23rd at 6PM




Tickets are only \$16 and parking is always **FREE** at the arena!

For additional information, please contact Mike Rodriguez at [mrodriguez@kccomets.com](mailto:mrodriguez@kccomets.com).

Comets arena soccer is fast, furious, and high-scoring action for the entire family!!

 **CABLE DAHMER ARENA**  
19100 E. VALLEY VIEW PARKWAY, INDEPENDENCE, MO



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (# of tickets X \$16) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Prairie Star Elementary

## 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!

## Kindergarten Round-UP: Friday, April 12th

You are invited to our upcoming Kindergarten Round-Up event at Prairie Star Elementary (PSE)! Students will experience the kindergarten classroom with teachers, and guardians will tune into

valuable information regarding registration and school preparation. We are excited to welcome our newest group of Wolves on Friday, April 12, 2024.

### **Kindergarten Round-Up: Sessions | Friday, April 12, 2024**

We will have two sessions that will last about an hour; you may **choose one** to attend by selecting a session. Please use the following sign-up genius to pick your session.

[Kindergarten Round-Up](#)

**Session 1:** 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM

**Session 2:** 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

At PSE, our staff is ecstatic and ready to welcome your children into our family—we look forward to meeting you soon!

Best,

Stacey Sperry



**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](http://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.





**Stacey Sperry**

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters