

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of February 3rd!

Super Bowl Spirit Week



CHIEFS
PRAIRIE STAR ELEMENTARY'S SUPER BOWL SPIRIT WEEK
FEBRUARY 3RD - 7TH

M **MAHOMES MONDAY!**
A HAT-TRICK, A PAT-TRICK! LOOK LIKE QB1 AND WEAR A HAT, HEADBAND, CURLY HAIR, OR WIG

TU **TAYVIS TUESDAY!**
CHANNEL OUR POWER COUPLE AND DRESS AS TRAVIS KELCE, TAYLOR SWIFT, OR BOTH!

W **DRESSY GAME DAY**
WEAR YOUR BEST DRESSY GAME-DAY ATTIRE! THINK BOWTIES, DRESSES, BLAZERS, AND CLASS!

TH **TAILGATE THURSDAY!**
DECK YOURSELF OUT IN ALL THINGS CHIEFS - HATS, SCARVES, JERSEYS, NECKLACES, HEADBANDS, ETC.

F **I KC - RED FRIDAY**
"HOW 'BOUT THOSE CHIEFS!!!"
WEAR A KC HEART OR RED CHIEFS GEAR

Incoming Kindergarten Information for 25-26

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We are so excited to start the process of welcoming our Kindergarten families for the Fall of 2025. 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:**

[Pre-Registration form Kindergarten 25.](#)



More information will be shared with you at the end of February, including welcome videos, online registration instructions, and information about Kindergarten Kick-Off on April 11.

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

Valentine's Day Party

We are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day with our students and wanted to give you some preliminary information in case you are starting to think about Valentine's Day.

- Valentine's Parties will be on **Friday, February 7th at 2:45-You are welcome to attend if you are giving us a time, talent, or treasure.**
 - Students may distribute Valentine's Day cards to the entire class.
 - If you are going to attach food to the Valentines, we encourage it to be from the [nut-safer list](#).
 - Valentines can also have non-edible items attached or can be Valentine's card!
 - **All food consumed at the party (party snacks) must comply with the approved Nut Safer List.**
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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.
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Parent Teacher Conference

Save the date for conferences!

Our conference schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, February 12th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm held at PSE (Zoom or in person)**
- **Thursday, February 13th, 8:15 am - 4:00 pm, held at PSE (Zoom or in person)**
- **Thursday, February 13th, 4:00 pm -7:15 pm, held via ZOOM**

Staff will continue to utilize an online signup system as a convenient way for you to schedule conferences for your child(ren). Your student's teacher will email conference links the weekend of January 24th. All families are encouraged to sign up for a time slot.

Counselor Corner

During the past two weeks each grade has been talking about the Unthinkable Was Funny Once. This Unthinkable can make us silly during times when we need to be serious.

Classes came up with several places and times that they can be silly

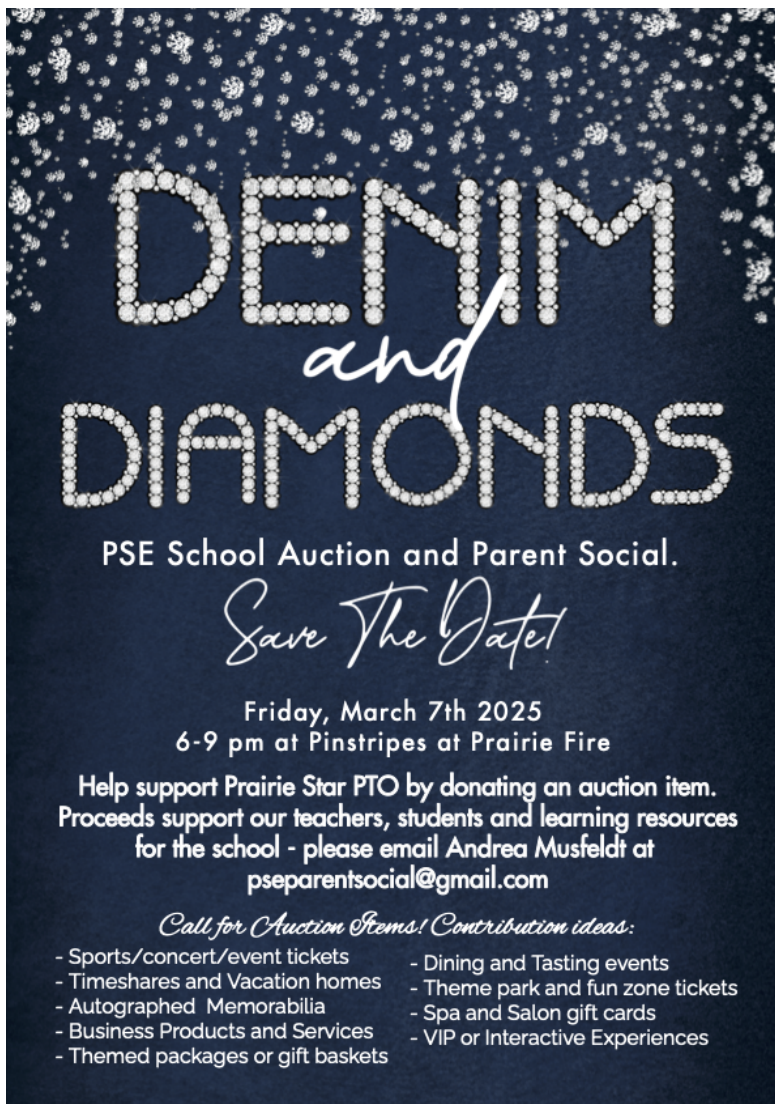


- Recess
- Lunch
- Brain Breaks
- P.E
- Morning Bins
- Class Parties

We also brainstormed when there are times to be serious:

- Whole group learning
- When we go to the restroom
- During a test
- Drills

Students were also introduced to the Thinkable Dr. HumorUS. Dr. HumorUS teaches us that humor is okay and appropriate when it is the right time, place, and people.

Save the Date for the PSE PTO School Auction!



**DENIM
and
DIAMONDS**

PSE School Auction and Parent Social.
Save The Date!

Friday, March 7th 2025
6-9 pm at Pinstripes at Prairie Fire

Help support Prairie Star PTO by donating an auction item.
Proceeds support our teachers, students and learning resources
for the school - please email Andrea Musfeldt at
pseparentsocial@gmail.com

Call for Auction Items! Contribution ideas:

- Sports/concert/event tickets
- Dining and Tasting events
- Timeshares and Vacation homes
- Theme park and fun zone tickets
- Autographed Memorabilia
- Spa and Salon gift cards
- Business Products and Services
- VIP or Interactive Experiences
- Themed packages or gift baskets

FINAL CALL FOR YEARBOOK PURCHASING

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Don't forget to buy your 2024-2025 yearbook! Reminders went home Friday. If you are unsure if you have purchased one you can check by logging in to the PTO website:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home> and looking under "New Forms" on the main page. If you have questions, please email prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com.

YEARBOOK PICTURES SOS

Do you have pictures of school-related events like field trips, parties, concerts, Wolf Walk, PTO fundraisers, community service or general class fun??? Submit on our yearbook site:

<https://photos.jostens.com/MWUKX7> Please do not submit private playdate or non-school party pictures. Thanks in advance for your help!

District News:

Major Saver Fundraiser for Prairie Star Elementary

The Major Saver Digital Fundraiser is LIVE! 📱

The Major Saver fundraiser is LIVE and off to a great start! Please help your student raise funds for our school and the Blue Valley Educational Foundation by sharing their digital fundraiser link with friends and family. Remember, Major Saver cards are DIGITAL this year! Cards sell for \$20, and deals will be with you all the time on your phone!

Your student's digital link makes it easy for friends and family—near or far—to support schools. Out-of-town relatives? No problem! They can contribute a flat donation directly through your student's fundraising link.

Every card purchased or donation made helps fund programs that make a big difference for our students. Thank you to all the local businesses and families helping make this a successful fundraiser. If you haven't joined our schools' fundraising page, please do so!

Mark Your Calendar!

The fundraiser officially starts January 23rd and ends on February 7th. Don't miss this opportunity to support our students and school community.

Enroll Now for Your Fundraiser in 3 Easy Steps:

1. Register Your Student: Click the link below to sign up and create your student's profile.

<https://msvr.co/BVPrairieStar>

2. Take a Smiling Selfie: Upload a cheerful photo of your student for their profile.

3. Add 5+ People to "My Circle": Include friends and family to spread the word and boost participation.

View the amazing deals and prizes on the Student Launch Guide here:

<https://msvr.co/PrairieStarLG>

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Your support makes all the difference!



CHECK OUT THESE GREAT MAJOR SAVER DEALS! THESE OFFERS WILL LIVE ON YOUR PHONE & ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.



MAIN EVENT Buy One \$20 Game Card, Get One FREE!

TORCHY'S TACOS Buy Any Taco, Get A Queso FREE!

DUCK DONUTS \$2 OFF Any Dozen Donuts

SUNSET GRILL Buy Any Entree, Get A FREE Cup Of Artichoke Dip!

PUMPiTUP \$50 OFF Any Birthday Party Package!

PUMPiTUP Buy One Open Jump, Get One FREE!

IRONHORSE Buy One Menu Item, Get One FREE! (Lunch or brunch only)

NuSpine First Visit For \$10! (Exam and adjustment)

GRIMALDI'S \$10 OFF Any \$35 Food Purchase!

ACTMATE 10% OFF Bookings Monday - Thursday!

KOLACHE FACTORY Buy Any Kolache, Get One Coffee Or Kolache FREE!

MOD Buy One Mod Size Pizza Or Salad, Get One FREE!

Calver's Buy One Double Deluxe, Get One FREE!

Two Pizzas FREE Order Of Espinaca Con Queso With Purchase Of Adult Entree!

Pizza St. Buffet Buy Any Adult Buffet, Get A Kid's Buffet FREE!

ROCK & BEERWS \$5 OFF Any \$10 Purchase!

Jason's Deli Buy One Entree, Get One Of Equal Or Lesser Value FREE!

TAKE 5 25% OFF Any Oil Change!

Thai Zappz \$5 OFF Any \$20 Food Purchase!

Twist \$5 OFF Any Class!

BUFFALO WILD WINGS \$5 OFF Any \$25 Food Purchase!

McDonald's Buy One Breakfast Sandwich, Get One FREE!

SMOOTHIE KING Buy Any 32oz Smoothie, Get A 20oz Smoothie FREE! (Not valid on Fridays)

tropical CAFE Buy Any Smoothie, Get One Of Equal Or Lesser Value FREE!

Red Robin Buy Any Full Priced Entree, Get A Pretzel Bite FREE!

MAGGIANO'S Buy Any Entree, Get A Dessert FREE!

Securely Home

Have you ever wondered how to monitor your child's usage on their Blue Valley device? We have parent tools that allow you to receive notifications to ensure your child is using their device safely. School staff members monitor these devices during the school day and intervene, when necessary. However, parents can receive alerts if concerns arise when students use devices after school hours—including weekends and school breaks. Check out the [Securely Home](#) Parent Portal App here.

Every Child Can Read Act

On July 1, 2023, the Every Child Can Read Act went into effect in Kansas. The intent of this legislation was to address literacy initiatives with a target of ensuring students reach grade level benchmarks by third grade. In Blue Valley, we prioritize partnership with families in conjunction with high quality, evidence-based instruction rooted in the science of reading. This has been and remains a large area of focus for professional learning. Rather than limit conversations about reading progress to 3rd grade, it is our practice to do so at each grade level. KSDE has provided a summary of this Act which can be found [here](#). Our teachers look forward to talking with you about your child during Parent-Teacher conferences.

13th Annual Battle of the Bands- Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, 6:30-10 p.m.

Join friends for a great adult night out with live music, a silent auction, a wine and bourbon pull and more! Proceeds from this annual fundraiser support music and performing arts programs throughout the district, and YOU can be part of the fun! Check out our new location at Fiorella's event space in OP for a great over-21 night out. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and YOU choose the "Best of Blue Valley" live band when the competition wraps up at 10 p.m. Bands are made up of BV parents, teachers and staff and funds provide significant funding for performing arts programs including band, orchestra, choir, theater, debate and competitive speaking. Get tickets today at [Event Details](#). Can't make it to the event in person? No worries! Visit [Silent Auction](#) to start your bid on incredible auction packages and see what your school submitted. Check back frequently as more items are added to the offerings every week. The auction will close on Friday, February 21 at 8:45 p.m. and you do not have to be present to win!

You can also vote by donation for your favorite adult school-affiliated band, and the winner receives a \$1,000 grant to their school of choice. The 2025 band names, order of performances and school representations are as follows:

Young Medicine- Lakewood Elementary

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

KC Prime- Leawood Elementary and Leawood Middle

Hope to see you Friday, February 21, 2025, as we Rock the Valley for BV Schools!



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:

- 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!

BVEF Innovative Educator Award

Do you know a Blue Valley educator who goes above and beyond to inspire, engage and innovate in the classroom? Help the Blue Valley Educational Foundation (BVEF) recognize their extraordinary impact by nominating them today for the BVEF annual Innovative Educator Award! This BVEF award recognizes two exemplary teachers (one elementary, one secondary) who creatively apply innovative teaching methods, foster critical thinking skills and ignite a passion for learning in their students. Honorees will receive a \$1,250 grant for their classroom. To nominate a teacher, fill out the [2025 BVEF Innovative Educator Award form](#) by Monday, February 3.

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 Events:



**Starting
STRONG**
EARLY ELEMENTARY EDITION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 6-7:30PM
HILLTOP CONFERENCE CENTER | FREE!

NAVIGATING TRANSITIONS: Empowering Parents with Conscious Discipline

BV Well invites **early elementary (K-2) parents** and caregivers to this session designed to provide insights and tools for supporting your child's development and wellbeing.

Presented by certified instructor Heather Buckman, this session will focus on helping families navigate transitions through the framework of **Conscious Discipline**. Parents will gain insights into **how the brain responds to stress and change**, learn **practical techniques to support emotional resilience**, and explore strategies to **build stronger connections with their children**. The session will include interactive discussions, real-life examples, and take-home resources to empower parents to create a harmonious and nurturing home environment.

A **Panel Discussion with Blue Valley educational leaders** will follow the presentation. The session is free; for planning purposes, please [register](https://fundbv.org/bvwell) in advance at fundbv.org/bvwell.



Heather Buckman spent 7 years teaching 4th and 5th grade while contributing to various building and district leadership roles before transitioning to an administrative position as assistant principal in a Title I School; a role she has currently held for the last nine years. There, she spearheaded the transformative implementation of Conscious Discipline where they've witnessed an increase in academic achievement and school culture, alongside a decrease in discipline issues and staff turnover. Heather holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education from Missouri State University and a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Northwest Missouri State.



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