

PSE Weekly Howl

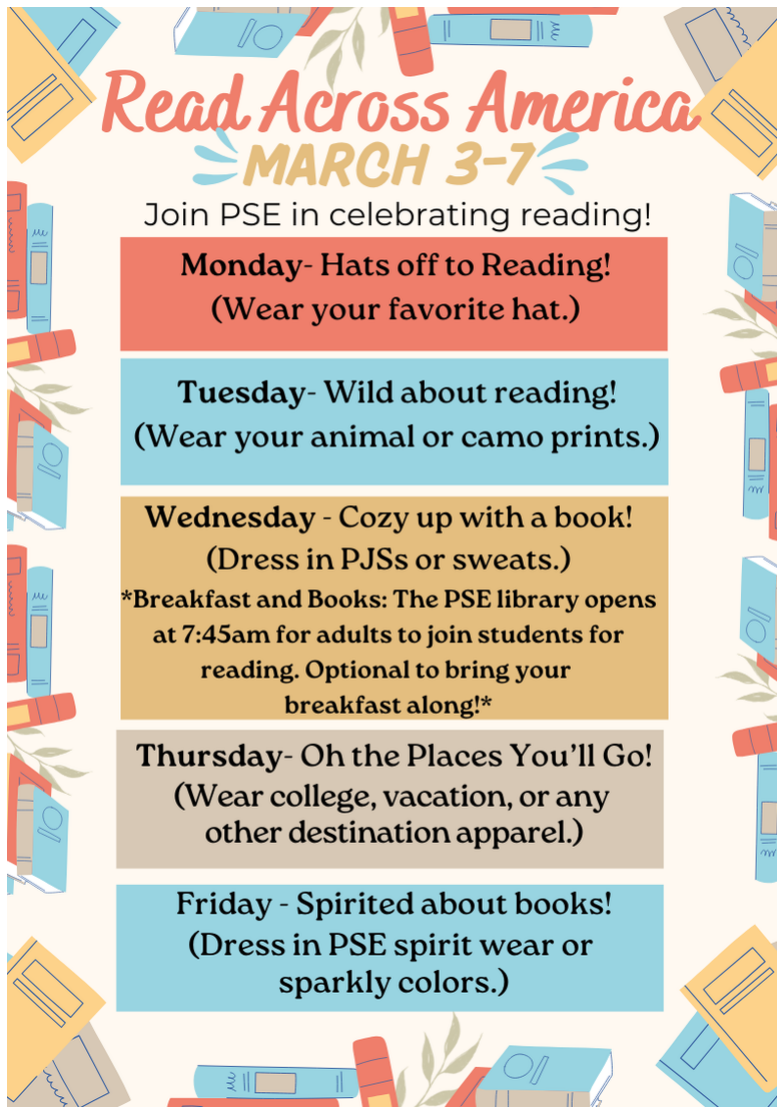
Week of March 3rd!

The Weekly Howl Podcast - First episode March 3rd!

The PSE PTO is launching the Weekly Howl Podcast! Hosted by 5th grade PSE students, now you can get all your weekly PSE community updates while you wait in the car line. Our first episode will be released on March 3rd, with new episodes every Monday!

[Tune in here](#)





Our PSE PTO is planning a Freddy's Restaurant Night on March 5th!



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**MARCH 5, 2025 | 4PM-8PM
7301 W 135TH ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223**

Offer valid only on select dates. Only non-profit organizations are eligible to participate in the Freddy's fundraising program. Freddy's will donate 15% of qualifying food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, catering and delivery are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising email fundraising@freddys.com ©2024, Freddy's, LLC.

2nd Annual PSE Basketball Shootout

Join us for the 2nd annual PSE Basketball Shootout on Thursday, March 6th! Register your teams in your PTO membership toolkit—prizes for each division winner.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for some volunteers to help during the PSE Shootout next Thursday. (If you volunteer during a time when you were going to compete, we can cover when it's your turn.) [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there.

2ND ANNUAL PSE BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

THURSDAY
MARCH 6TH

4 DIVISIONS*

TIP OFF

MOTHER / SON	K-1 5:00 - 5:45 PM
MOTHER / DAUGHTER	2-3 5:50 - 6:35 PM
FATHER / SON	4-5 6:40 - 7:25 PM
FATHER / DAUGHTER	

REGISTRATION OPEN IN PSE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT

USING DESIGNATED POINTS ON THE COURT, TEAMS OF TWO HAVE 60 SECONDS TO SCORE AS MANY POINTS AS POSSIBLE ON THEIR RESPECTIVE GOALS

WINNERS FROM EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!

BONUS!

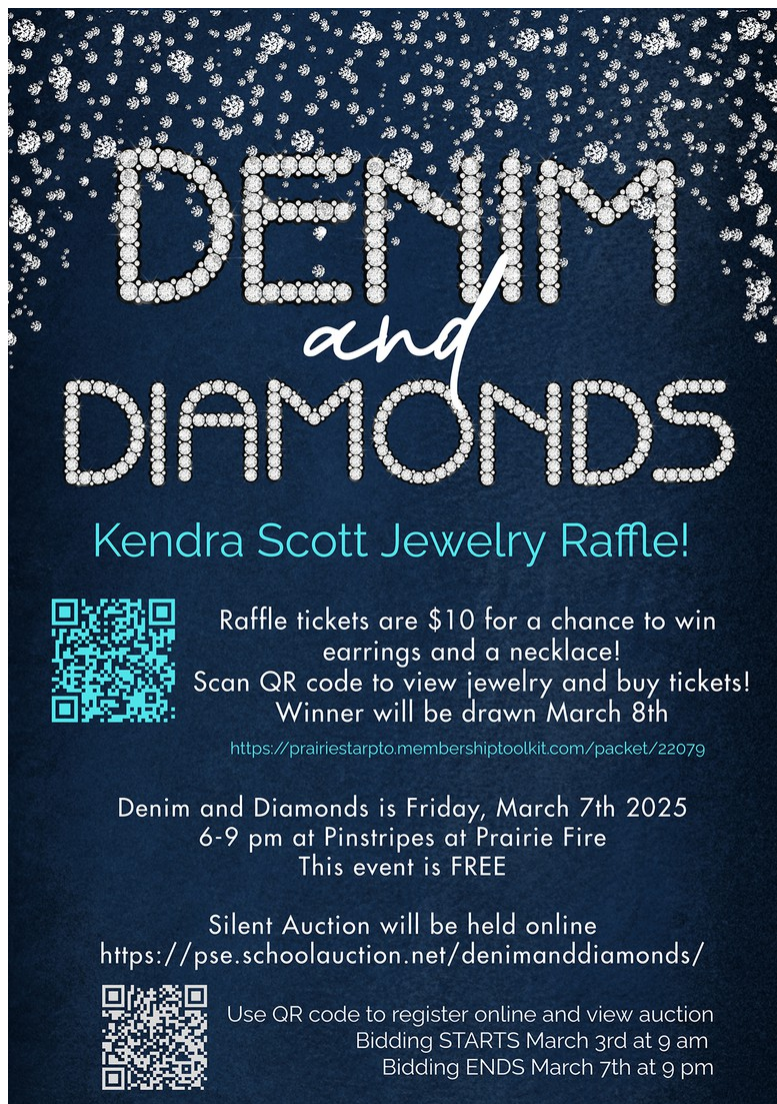
3PT CONTEST @ 7:30PM

Scan to
Sign Up




*MOM/DAD NOT AVAILABLE? NO WORRIES! BRING YOUR FAVORITE ADULT TO HOOP WITH! **SUGG. DONATION: \$10 / TEAM**

Save the Date for the PSE PTO School Auction!




**DENIM
and
DIAMONDS**

Kendra Scott Jewelry Raffle!

 Raffle tickets are \$10 for a chance to win earrings and a necklace!
Scan QR code to view jewelry and buy tickets!
Winner will be drawn March 8th
<https://praiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/22079>

Denim and Diamonds is Friday, March 7th 2025
6-9 pm at Pinstripes at Prairie Fire
This event is FREE

Silent Auction will be held online
<https://pse.schoolauction.net/denimanddiamonds/>

 Use QR code to register online and view auction
Bidding STARTS March 3rd at 9 am
Bidding ENDS March 7th at 9 pm



Denim And Diamonds plus raffle.pdf

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15.7 MB

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.](#)



**INCOMING KINDERGARTEN DATES
2025-2026**

- Kindergarten Online Registration Begins
February 18
- Kindergarten Kick-Off Sessions
(Formerly Kindergarten Round-Up)
April 11
- Kindergarten Orientation Sessions
August 13
- First full day of school for Kindergarten
August 14

Contact your neighborhood school for more information.

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!

Kindergarten Kick-Off: Friday, April 11th

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You are invited to our upcoming Kindergarten Kick-Off 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 11, 2025.

Kindergarten Round-Up: Sessions | Friday, April 11, 2025

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 Kick-Off](#)

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

Kindergarten Camp Information

If you are interesting in K Camp, please read the smore below. Thanks!

<https://secure.smores.com/n/8quxf>

Beginning Band in 6th Grade!!

BAND "Try-It " NIGHT by Appointment!

You and your student are invited to participate in our Band Try-It Night by Appointment where you can meet your band teachers, try instruments, and get excited for band in 6th grade!

March 5 at PSMS

[Sign-Up HERE](#) for your Band Try-It Night Appointment!

We look forward to meeting you - See you soon!

Questions? Let us know:

Julia Janda: jjanda@bluevalleyk12.org - BVMS, PSMS, BVH

Paul Aubrey: paubrey@bluevalleyk12.org - PSMS
Mark Adair: mjadair@bluevalleyk12.org - BVMS
Paul Bessetti: pbessetti@bluevalleyk12.org - BVH

BV South Area Band Team

Volunteers needed for GIRLS ON THE RUN!

"Want to help?! We're looking for 2 parents to join our coaching team! Flexible commitment- you don't need to attend every practice. Contact Laura or Mallory if for details!"



We want you on our team!

Make new friends, get your body moving, set and achieve goals at your pace, gain new skills and have TONS of fun.



Are you ready to unlock the leader that's always been inside of you?

A GOTR SEASON LOOKS LIKE THIS:

- Your team meets twice a week for eight weeks
- Caring coaches lead fun lessons and games, group discussions, and physical activities
- Each team dreams up and completes a Community Impact Project that helps make the world a better place
- You will cross the finish line with your team in an exciting and joyful 5K!



Prairie Star Elementary

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY

3:45 - 5PM

Season length: 8 weeks

Season starts the week of March 10, 2025

Celebratory 5K May 10, 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS?

LAURA EAKIN
(LCLEAKIN@GMAIL.COM)

OR

MALLORY HANNAH
(MALLORY.A.HANNAH@GMAIL.COM)

PSE Running Club Permission Slip

WHO: Any PSE Student

WHERE: Check In at Back Playground Sidewalk

WHEN: Friday Before School 8:00 am-8:25 am

Meeting dates: March 7th, March 28th, April 4th, April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th, May 16th

Beginning Date: March 7th, 2025



Cost: \$5 per student

We are excited to offer Prairie Star students the opportunity to join the running club for the spring 2025 season. This will allow students to learn the fundamentals of running and build healthy habits.

E-mail Katie Haberberger at kaitlyn.steis@gmail.com or Kelsey Antcliff kelsey.antcliff@gmail.com for further information or questions. I appreciate your support!

PSE Chess Club

Are you ready to make your next move, Prairie Star families? We are calling all kings, queens, and future grandmasters to sign up if they are interested in a Chess Club! Chess is a *pawn-derful* way for kids to sharpen their minds, build strategy, and have a *rook-solid* good time with friends. Please fill out [this google form](#) if you would like to receive more information on the club, get updates and reminders for upcoming sessions, and be the first to know when registration opens! ***This club is looking to start in the Fall of 2025***



PSE PTO Scholarships for 2025 Graduates:

Each year the Prairie Star PTO offers two scholarships to graduating seniors who are PSE Alumni. The 2025 deadline to apply is midnight on Friday March 28th.

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 2025 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://prariestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/319779>

Deadline: Friday March 28th

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 2025 graduate of one of the five Blue Valley High Schools **who attended Prairie Star Elementary for at least one year.**

Application: <https://prariestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/319780>

Deadline: Friday March 28th

District News:

Calendar Adjustment

This winter has brought an unprecedented number of inclement weather days – eight so far – exceeding the five built into our 2024-25 school calendar. While keeping our students and staff safe remains our top priority, we must also ensure we meet the state’s required instructional time. To put our district in the best position to meet these requirements and maintain our long-standing goal of ending the school year by Memorial Day, we are making the following adjustments:

- **Friday, Feb. 28** – The scheduled elementary teacher professional collaboration day will now be a school day.
- **Early March high school late start changes** – There will be no late start on March 4, 6, 11 or 13. School will begin at the normal time on those dates.
- **Friday, April 25** – The scheduled professional learning day will now be a school day for all students.

You Have a Chance to Win a Fabulous Experience! Raffle for a Reason Open Now through March 3

It’s back and better than ever! Want to rock out at the Country Music Awards? How about a trip to Napa or a family vacation to the Virgin Islands? BVEF is selling ONLY 300 raffle tickets at \$100/ticket and the lucky winner has their choice of one of eight amazing packages. You can enter as often as tickets are available! Proceeds support our students and educators, and the winner will be drawn live on Facebook at the end of day on March 4. Check it all out here and good luck!

[Welcome!](#)

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:

- 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!

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:



Stacey Sperry

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters