

# PSE Weekly Howl

Week of April 1st!

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## **April 1 is now a school day**

This is not an early attempt at April Fool's :)

School will be in session on April 1st instead of the previously scheduled professional learning day in order to meet the state attendance requirements. This adjustment was made in response to the Chiefs Super Bowl Parade Day. We understand that this change may impact your plans, and we apologize for any inconvenience it may cause. If your child will not be present on this day, please use our typical absence reporting protocols to report the absence.

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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

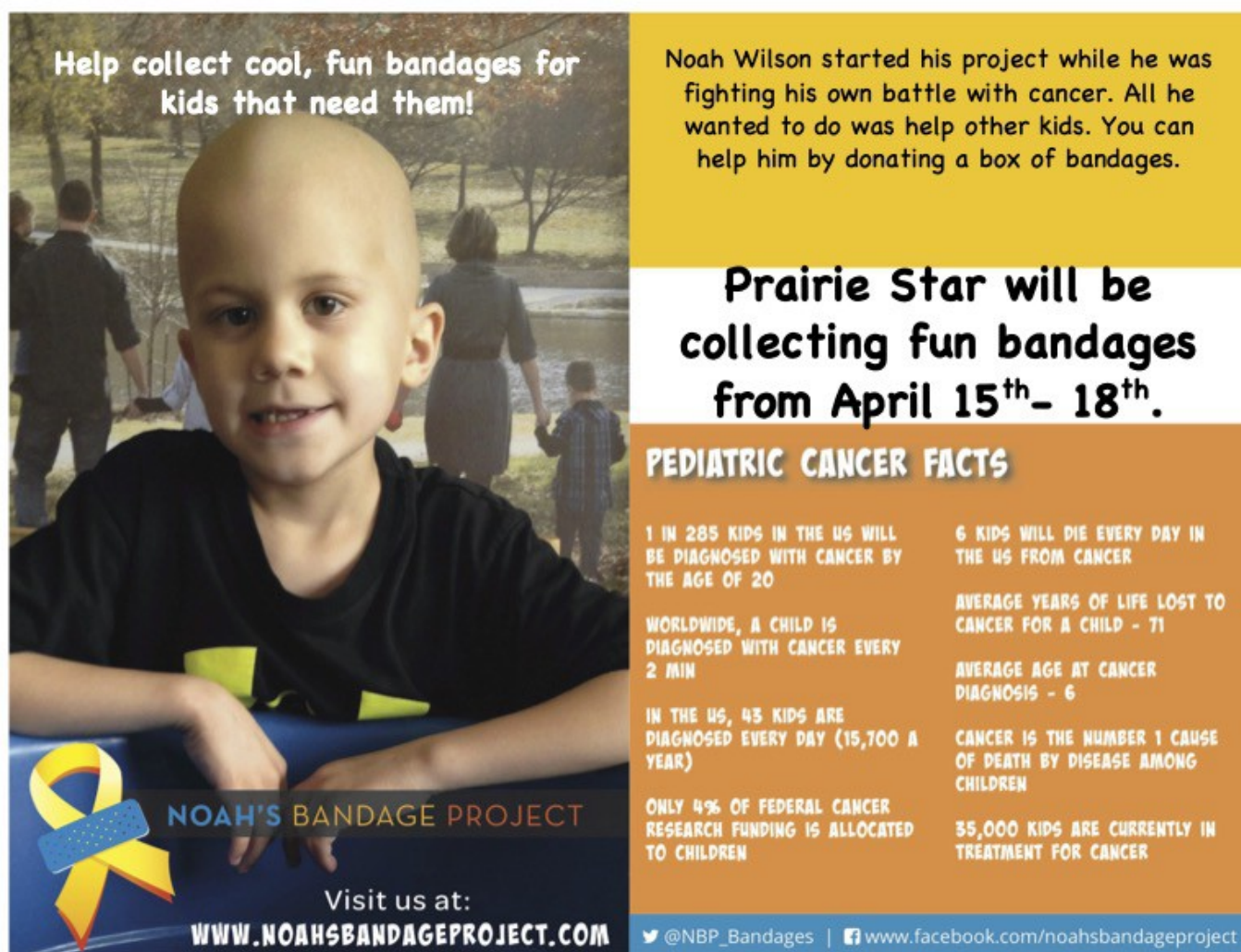
## Noah's Bandage Community Service Drive: April 15th-18th!

Noah's Bandage Project:

*Our mission is to end childhood cancer through awareness, support, and the gift of hope. We do this through the collection of cool, fun bandages for kids.*

Noah's Bandage Project was started by Noah Wilson while he was fighting his own battle with cancer. All he wanted to do was help other kids. You can help him by donating a box of bandages. Prairie Star will be collecting fun bandages from April 15th- 18th. Collection bins will be in the front hall. See attached flyer and video for more information. Thank you for your support!

<https://vimeo.com/605296397/9bdbcc5a3c?scrlybrkr=f562e61a>



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**PEDIATRIC CANCER FACTS**

1 IN 285 KIDS IN THE US WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER BY THE AGE OF 20	6 KIDS WILL DIE EVERY DAY IN THE US FROM CANCER
WORLDWIDE, A CHILD IS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER EVERY 2 MIN	AVERAGE YEARS OF LIFE LOST TO CANCER FOR A CHILD - 71
IN THE US, 43 KIDS ARE DIAGNOSED EVERY DAY (15,700 A YEAR)	AVERAGE AGE AT CANCER DIAGNOSIS - 6
ONLY 4% OF FEDERAL CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING IS ALLOCATED TO CHILDREN	CANCER IS THE NUMBER 1 CAUSE OF DEATH BY DISEASE AMONG CHILDREN
	35,000 KIDS ARE CURRENTLY IN TREATMENT FOR CANCER

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## Save the Dates: End of Year Activities

April 15-18th: Noah's Band-Aid Drive Spring Community Service Project

May 6th-10th: PSE Staff Appreciation Week-details coming soon

May 16th: 5th Grade Talent Show @6:30

May 20th: 5th Grade Farewell @9:00

May 21st: 5th Grade School Matinee Talent Show @ 9:00 \*\*\*\*\*date change\*\*\*\*\*

## **Late Night at the Star - April 5th!**

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](mailto:mabonner@bluevalleyk12.org).**

### **Earth Day Fun! Arquieta**

**Grades: Kindergarten-5th**

Hip, Hip, Hooray! It's almost Earth Day! Join us for fun games, arts and crafts and yummy snacks! We will learn how to reduce, reuse, recycle and "upcycle" as we create a gift with paint and recycled materials. We will have a "recycle or trash" relay race and create our very own Mr. Grasshead! We will also be enjoying chocolate icecream "dirt and worms." All ages are welcome!

### **March Madness/Sports with the 2nd Grade Team**

**Grades: Kindergarten-5th**

Join the 2nd grade teachers for a night of basketball madness to prepare for the upcoming final four games! We will shoot hoops, scrimmage, and run drills. You'll be drafted to a team and create some swag. There will be a bracket competition you can enter and more! Be sure to wear comfy clothes (maybe your favorite team gear) and tennis shoes! We can't wait to BALL with you all!

### **Bob Ross Paintings with Mr. Wilson**

**Grades: Kindergarten-5th**

Bob Ross may not be there, but Mr. Wilson will be guiding us as we paint some SWEET landscapes together—Bob Ross style! We will have all the supplies, plus pizza, and sweeties (aka, candy). Expert painters and beginners are welcome!

### **Fairy Princess Party with the Kindergarten Team (Vaughn and Rasette)**

**Grades: Kindergarten-5th**

Join your fairy godmothers (Ms. Vaughn and Mrs. Rasette) for an enchanting evening of all things princess and fairy! We will create fabulous crowns, beautiful jewelry, and all the sparkly and shiny things! Snacks, dinner, dessert, and favors included!

### **Grades: Kindergarten-5th Grade**

Gamers, are you ready? We will play games with technology, have a candy scavenger hunt outside, and so many more exciting activities indoors and out! Let the gaming begin! Dinner will be provided.

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### **Women's Giving Circle!**

On behalf of the Foundation board and staff, it is a pleasure to invite you to join us for the **April 4th Women's Giving Circle!** Thanks to our event sponsor, JE Dunn, it is going to be a spectacular evening at the Nerman Museum Atrium, located on the Johnson County Community College campus. We have received outstanding grant proposals this cycle, and we are excited for you to hear the presentations. It won't be easy to pick a winning proposal to fund!

[Women's Giving Circle Registration](#) is now open. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### **Solar Eclipse..April 8th!**

On April 8, a solar eclipse will cross a portion of the United States. What a great opportunity for our school community to experience a rare scientific phenomenon! We plan to incorporate this unique learning experience into our afternoon on April 8th. We have ordered safe viewing glasses for our staff and students to utilize. If you prefer your child NOT to participate in the solar eclipse viewing, please let your child's teacher and Mrs. Sperry know and there will be an option for your child to have an excused absence on this afternoon or a supervised, alternative activity that will be provided at school during the viewing.

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## ***Optional Class Placement Form***

### **Digital Version**

Parent input in this process is undoubtedly welcome if parents want to share information about their child that we might not already know. The parent input form (Google Form below) has been designed for this purpose. Parents who complete the optional input form (Google Form below) will need to have the form completed no later than April 12, 2024.



# PSE Parent/Guardian Input Form

March 1, 2024

Dear PSE Parents and Guardians,

One of the biggest concerns of most parents and guardians is classroom placement each year for their students at school. I'm sharing our current procedure for placing students in classes with that in mind.



## Paper / Pencil Version

If you would prefer to handwrite a paper copy of the form, you may print the attached PDF form and turn in to the office by April 12, 2024.

### PSE Parent Input.pdf

[Download](#)

67.7 KB

## PSE Kindergarten Registration

Hello, Incoming Kindergarten Families

We are excited to welcome your new kindergarten student for the 2024-25 school year. Please review/complete the steps below. Your timely registration will ensure our team is prepared. We will send more information about Kindergarten Round-Up in a future message.

Step 1: Please watch this school welcome video.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GLX9cN3Wf2kp\\_i-mVtFOoctZKZQOPux/view?ts=65ce8d68](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GLX9cN3Wf2kp_i-mVtFOoctZKZQOPux/view?ts=65ce8d68)

Step 2: Do you have questions about kindergarten programs in Blue Valley? (Click on the blue links below)

- What do kindergarten students experience during a [typical day](#)?
- What opportunities are provided within our partnership with Greenbush for [Virtual Education](#)?
- How can I learn about the [Chinese immersion](#) option?

Step 3: Is there another language spoken in your home?

If so, please complete this [form](#). Otherwise, move to step 4.

Step 4: How do I register my child?

🌐 To view registration instructions in a language other than English, [click here](#).

To begin the registration process for the 2024-25 school year, simply go to

[www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration) and click New Student Registration in the Useful Links.

Families new to Blue Valley will be asked to create an online parent account. Online registration will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and it is an important step in getting your student started with kindergarten! You will be asked to pay fees later this spring.

Please note: If your child is currently enrolled in the Blue Valley early childhood program, you will not complete online registration at this time. Families transitioning from early childhood to kindergarten will have an opportunity to verify the information and complete the registration process later this spring.

To make Blue Valley's Online Registration process smooth and convenient, please have the following information available:

- Student proof of identity (birth certificate)
- Emergency contact name(s) and phone number(s)
- Doctor, dentist and preferred hospital contact info
- Immunization record and health assessment (physical)
- Proof of residency (purchase contract, lease or current utility bill)
- Custodial documentation (if applicable)
- Previous school records and contact info
- IEP or 504 Plan (if applicable)

Tip: As soon as your child's registration is complete, you will begin receiving all-school communication items that will help welcome you and your family into the school community.

If you have any questions, please call the PSE Elementary office at 913-239-7100.

Important Dates for Kindergarten Families

Kindergarten Online Registration Begins | Tuesday, February 20

Kindergarten Round-Up Sessions | Friday, April 12

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions | Wednesday, August 13

First full day of school for Kindergarten | Thursday, August 14

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## 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!

## **PSE Flower Planting and Campus Beautification**

Date: April 12, 2024

Time: 3:45-5PM

Location: Meet at PSE Playground

Come join us to help make PSE beautiful! Meet with other PSE families at the playground after school. We will have a quick garden chat and snack then will spruce up the flowers in front beds at the PSE sign! Parent supervision required. Shovels and supplies will be available, but please feel free to bring extra to support our efforts.

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## **PSE School Supplies-Order today!**

Parents, it's time to buy your 1st Day School Supplies. I know it seems early, but before you know it, summer will be here. It's important you order your supplies before it's too late or supplies run out. Start the school year with the exact supplies your teacher requested, and give your child the confidence they need to conquer next year! Get them today before it's too late! If you have any questions, please email Jessica Cartwright at [jcart1105@gmail.com](mailto:jcart1105@gmail.com).

[https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=41493&utm\\_source=Y2&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Kickoff1](https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=41493&utm_source=Y2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Kickoff1)

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## **Attention Current 5th Grade Families- Here are the PSMS School Supplies!**

Prairie Star Middle School has partnered with 1st Day School Supplies to make school supply shopping fast and easy! If you wish to purchase a school supply kit for your PSMS student, use the link below and be sure to save your receipt. School supplies will be delivered to PSMS in August and distributed before the first day of school. Order deadline is July 1 - no exceptions. If you have questions, please contact Erin Briggeman ([erin\\_boomer@yahoo.com](mailto:erin_boomer@yahoo.com)).

<https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=41494>

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## Calling all Performers and Artists!!!

The Blue Valley Ability Showcase is back!!! Any Blue Valley SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT or STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY that is interested in participating in the Blue Valley Ability Showcase on the evening of April 26, 2024, at Blue Valley West High School, please visit the link below for more information and to apply:

<https://forms.gle/m7VzrGZCaKPjtrbs9>

**Deadline to apply is April 12, 2024**

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REGISTER  
BY APRIL 1ST  
FREE EVENT

# Rumble Strips

## Recognizing Signs of Addiction

Tuesday, April 2nd | 6-7:30pm

Hilltop Conference Center | 7710 W 143rd St

All BV parents, grandparents and adult caregivers are invited to the BV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Task Force's annual community event, which will focus on **addiction in youth and adolescents**.

**Speakers:**

- **Janet Schrick** will share her 'Rumble Strips' presentation on moments when her sister could have chosen to get help toward recovery, but who sadly lost her life to addiction.
- **Jennifer Clarke, LCSW, LMAC**, Team Leader - Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services at Johnson County Mental Health, will present on 'Adolescent Addiction Trends' and how to access help if needed.

**Panel with Q&A:** Janet and Jennifer's presentations will be followed by a 30-minute Q & A session.

REGISTER HERE



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## Future Voter Sticker Contest

The Johnson County Election Office is running a contest for K-8 students to design a sticker to be distributed to youth at advance voting and Election Day polling sites. The submission deadline is May 3. Contest rules and required forms are included in this [Sticker Contest Packet](#) as well as at this [link](#).

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