

PSE Weekly Howl

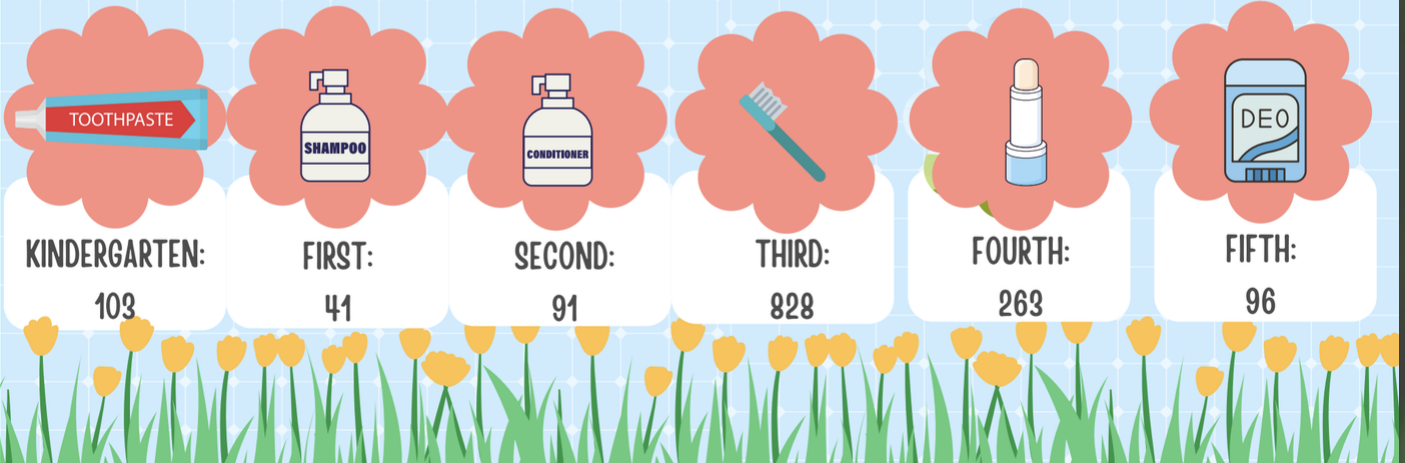
Week of April 21st!

7 DAYS OF KINDNESS DRIVE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIRD GRADE FOR EARNING EXTRA RECESS FOR THE GIVING THE BASICS HYGIENE DRIVE!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR SCHOOL DRIVE. YOUR GENEROSITY IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED! THE GRADE LEVEL TOTALS ARE BELOW.

-MRS. HASS (IN THE LIBRARY)



Donuts with Divas

Join us for Donuts with Divas! Bring your favorite "diva" to the cafeteria on April 23rd and 24th from 7:45-8:25. Students can attend with a parent or another amazing adult to enjoy a free breakfast, including donuts, fruit, milk, juice, and coffee. Last names A-M come on Wednesday, April 23rd, and N-Z on Thursday, April 24th. If you need to switch days, that is fine. We hope to have about half the families each day to spread out the crowd and help with parking.

- April 23th- A-M
- April 24th-N-Z

7:45-8:25 Donuts with Divas (cafeteria)/ Book fair (library)

Reminder: Diva's must stay with their student until 8:25 *

We are looking for volunteers to help us run this fun event! Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B45A4AD2EA7FE3-56110482-donuts>

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

From April 23rd & 24th, students will explore Prairie Star's Literati Book Fair! Parents and guardians are welcome to shop with their students anytime during the fair and are especially invited to visit the fair during:

Donuts with Divas on **Wednesday April 23rd (A-M) & Thursday April 24th (N-Z) from 7:45-8:25 am**. Students are welcome to grab a donut with their favorite diva and then shop at the book fair.

During the School Day: Each class will have an opportunity to shop the book fair on April 23rd and 24th. Parents, guardians, grandparents are welcome to join their students during their classes shopping time.

Literati allows parents to purchase Digital Gift Cards similar to Scholastics eWallet. To purchase go to our Literati page: <https://literati.com/store/?school=prairie-star-elementary-school-leawood-ks> ****Please send a print out of your email confirmation with your student. The barcode will allow us to easily access their gift card.****

Sign-up genius for Book Fair Volunteers

: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFA62DA0FBC43-56113295-prairie>



"Thanks For Helping Us Bloom at PSE!"

Let's celebrate our Prairie Star staff during teacher appreciation week! We are asking families to consider *adopting a staff member* and spoiling them during the week of May 5th - May 9th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845A9AC23A2F94-56026666-psestaff#/>

Thank you for ensuring all our PSE staff know how much we appreciate them!

Please see the link for ideas on "Favorite Things" lists! Please drop off all gifts between Monday, May 5th, and Friday, May 9th. <https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/224895>

Register for the 2025-26 school year today

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Elementary school registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open for current students.

Registration is required annually and is the time to update your child's information and pay fees.

Completing registration confirms that your child will attend school in August and helps the district appropriately staff classrooms. Thank you for taking the time to complete this important step. For more registration information, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration.

Late Night at the Star-May 9th!

Prairie Star staff is excited to continue offering Late Night at the Star classes, which are after-school enrichment programs for students.

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 reach out to 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.

Pirates and Mermaids by the Kindergarten Team (K-5th)

Ahoy! Aaaargh ye ready for some pirate and mermaid shenanigans? We will dress up like pirates and mermaids, create sand art, visit the tattoo parlor, decorate treasure chests, and go on a treasure hunt! Snacks and dinner are included.

Water Mani by the 5th grade Team and Phillips (K-5th)

Do you love water fun? Join us for an evening full of great outdoor activities and water fun! Let's get messy through some creative competitions for all ages! Dinner, drinks, and dessert provided!

Craft Night with Miss M. (K-5th)

Join Miss M. for a night full of fun and crafts! We will decoupage (collage) clipboards, frames, keychains, and more! We will have stickers and magazines to clip art from. But, feel free to bring your pictures, stickers, or magazines to glue to your projects as we create masterpieces!! All ages are welcome, and dinner and dessert will be provided!

Grassheads and Recycled Art with Senora Arquieta (K-5th)

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 own Mr. Grasshead! We will also enjoy chocolate ice cream, "dirt and worms." All ages are welcome!



SPIRIT WEAR TODAY!

www.bvhstigersinc.com 

The Weekly Howl Podcast - New Episodes on Mondays

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. New episodes every Monday! [Tune in here](#)



Counselor Corner:

This week, during counseling lessons, students in Kindergarten through Second grade discussed the Unthinkabot, Mean Bean, and the Thinkable, Nice Light.

Kindergarten was read The Recess Queen and discussed mean behavior VS. kind behavior.

First and Second Grade students were also provided a heart shape paper which they were able to color and write their interests and the qualities that they like about themselves in the heart.

When discussing Mean Bean students learned about the characteristics, such as:

- Saying mean things about someone's clothes, hair, body, or how they do things
- Forget to think about other's feelings and call people mean names or yell at them
- Do mean things for no reason, like telling mean stories, gossiping, or hurting someone.

We then took the hearts we created and would start to crumble them when giving examples of what Mean Bean could say and do. The reason for the crumbling is for students to visualize what words and actions can do to our hearts.

We then discussed the Thinkable Nice Light and the strategies we can use, such as:

- using positive self-talk
- Remember to stand up when others are being unkind
- Understanding that it's okay to do things differently, look different, or play with things we wouldn't play with.

After discussing Nice Light, students were then given prompts on how our hearts can open back up from the crumbles by receiving compliments, asking for forgiveness, and using positive self-talk. Students were able to understand from their hearts how words and actions can impact us and others.

Purchase School Supplies for the 25-26 school year!



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- ✓ Name Brand Products Like:

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Order by: July 1st

1stDaySchoolSupplies.com

SCAN HERE TO ORDER

School Supplies for PSMS- for incoming 6th grade students

School Supply ordering for 25-26 school year

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). Order link: [1st Day School Supplies - Select Your Grade](#)

Incoming Kindergarten Information for 25-26

Hello, Incoming Kindergarten Families-

We are excited to welcome your new kindergarten student for the 2025-26 school year. I look forward to having you join our PSE family. Please reach out with any questions. Please review/complete the steps below. Your timely registration will make sure our team is prepared.

🌐 To read this email in a language other than English, [click here](#).



Step 1: 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](#)?
- How can I learn about the [Chinese immersion](#) option?

Step 2: Is there another language spoken in your home?

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

Note: If your family speaks English *in addition* to another language, you will still need to complete the form.

Step 3: 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 2025-26 school year, simply go to

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 Prairie Star Elementary office at 913-239-7100.

Important Dates for Kindergarten Families

- Kindergarten Online Registration Begins | Tuesday, February 18
- Kindergarten Kick-Off Sessions | Friday, April 11

- Kindergarten Orientation Sessions | Wednesday, August 13
- First full day of school for Kindergarten | Thursday, August 14

Kindergarten Camp Information

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

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

Save the Dates for End of Year Activities!

Event Information

5th Grade Talent Show

When?

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 06:00 PM

Where?

Prairie Star Elementary School, West 143rd Street, Leawood, KS, USA

Event Information

5th Grade Farewell @ 9:00

We will say farewell to our 5th-grade students with a small ceremony in the gym.

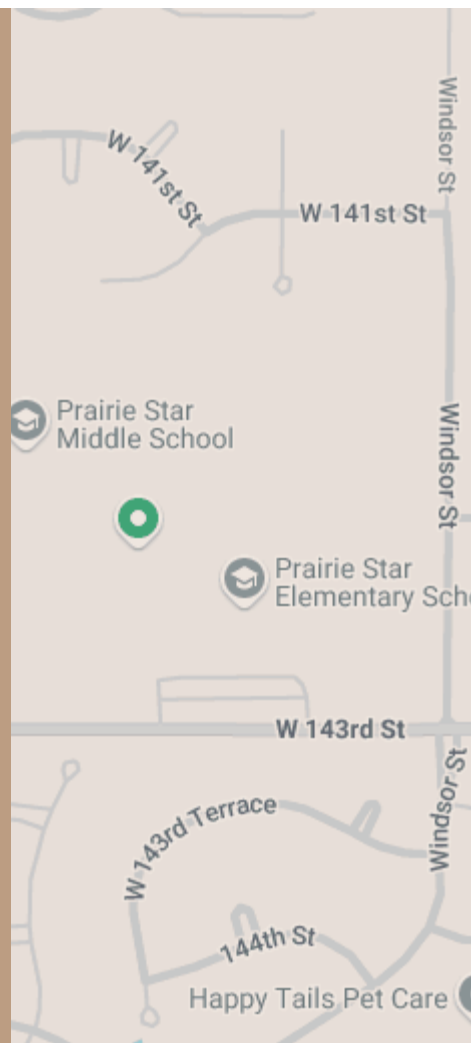
This will be a fun day full of celebrations. We will start with the 5th-grade ceremony in our gym. After the ceremony, the class and families will enjoy a selfie station, donuts, juice, and a coffee truck. Yum! Then, we will have a grade-level lunch party in the afternoon before launching into a kickball tournament and Minute to Win It games.

5th-grade parents can enter the gym doors at 8:45. We would like to start our day with students in their classes before the parents enter. Thanks!

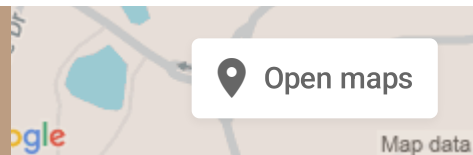
When?

Monday, May 19, 2025, 09:00 AM

Where?



Prairie Star Elementary School, West 143rd Street,
Leawood, KS, USA



Event Information

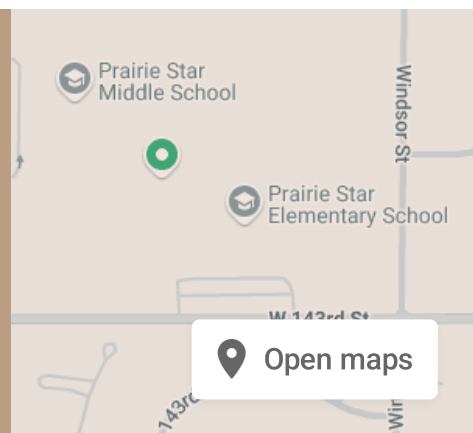
5th Grade Talent Show Matinee

When?

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 09:00 AM

Where?

**Prairie Star Elementary School, West 143rd Street,
Leawood, KS, USA**



Event Information

Field Day- May 21st @ 12:45

Volunteers are needed for Field Day on May 21st. Please consider volunteering to work at a station for a couple of hours. We need you from 12:45-3:30. Thank you in advance! ~Coach and Stacey

- Field Day will be during the school day on **Wednesday, May 21st, from 12:45-3:20** (weather permitting).
- All students can **wear a PSE t-shirt, fun!**
- **Please apply sunscreen before school or send sunscreen that they will use themselves.**
- Students may wear a hat if they wish!
- Volunteer for a couple of hours by using this sign-up genius, [Volunteer for Field Day](#)

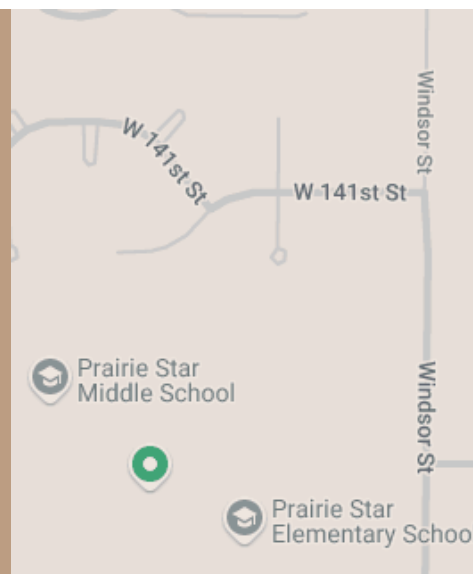
When?

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 12:45 PM

Event Information

5th Grade Clap Out

We are starting the 5th-grade clap-out on May 23rd at 11:15. All 5th-grade parents that would like to attend need to line the sidewalk from the parking lot (by PSMS track) to the playground by 11:10. We will walk outside from the old recess doors. When you see your child, please join them and walk with them. If you cannot attend, those students will step back in the front doors and to class and be dismissed as usual. This will allow us to keep everyone safe during



dismissal and enable you to spend time with your child on the last day at PSE.

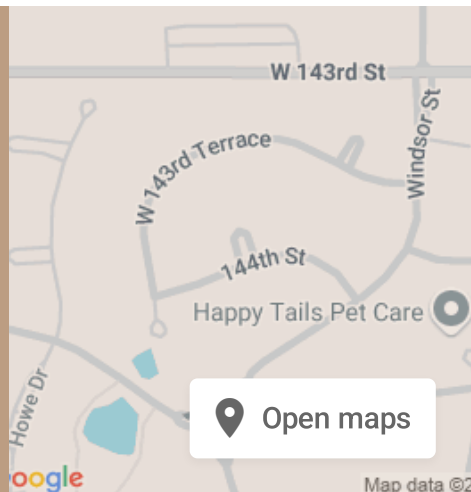
Grades K-4 will be dismissed starting at 11:35.

When?

Friday, May 23, 2025, 11:15 AM

Where?

**Prairie Star Elementary School, West 143rd Street,
Leawood, KS, USA**



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:

- 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!

Community Events:

13BEATS

13BEATS is hosting another free bystander CPR/AED event on Saturday at SCHEELS. The first 500 people trained get a \$10 gift card plus other goodies. KC Wolf will be there from 11am-12pm.





Stacey Sperry

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

