

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of April 8th!

Solar Eclipse..April 8th!

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will take place, with those in the Overland Park area having the opportunity to experience a partial solar eclipse, making this a memorable educational experience for our students. The eclipse will last from 12:54-3:11 p.m., with the maximum eclipse occurring at 1:54 p.m.

Because this event will take place during the school day, we want to provide our students with a safe and fun experience. Each building will provide students the opportunity to view the solar eclipse and order solar filter safety glasses that meet NASA's specifications, ensuring every student's eyes are protected throughout the event.

We ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of eye safety with your child ahead of the eclipse. NASA's website offers a wealth of resources on this topic, which you can find [here](#).

If you prefer your child NOT to participate in the solar eclipse viewing, please let your principal know.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's school or class plans, please contact your school directly. We are excited to share this unique event with our students. Together, we can create lasting memories and valuable learning opportunities.

Outdoor Learning Space at PSE!

Thank you for your donations during Wolf Walk. We are preparing to install our outdoor learning space. The Sunshade should be installed the week of April 15th, with concrete coming in after that. Thank you to our PTO and all of you who made it possible.



Donuts with Divas

Join us for Donuts with Divas! Bring your favorite "diva" in the cafeteria on April 24th and 25th from 7:30-8:30. Students can attend with a parent, or another amazing adult to enjoy a free breakfast which includes donuts, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. Last names A-M come on April 24th and N-Z on April 25th. If you need to switch days, that is fine. We are just hoping to have about half of the families on each day to spread out the crowd and help with parking.

April 24th- A-M

April 25th-N-Z

7:30-8:30 Donuts with Divas (cafe)/ Book fair (library)

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

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

Registration for 24-25 is open!

Blue Valley families,

Early childhood, elementary and middle school registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open [online](#) for current students and families. During registration, you will review/update your child's information (phone, email, emergency contacts, health information, etc.). Simply log in and click the registration tab to begin!

Important items of note

- Families have access to pay all required and optional fees except middle school course fees. Middle school course fees will be assigned in September.
- The Early Childhood program requires an advanced application for new students only. More information about the program and application process is available [online](#).
- High school registration opens July 8, 2024.

Completing registration and fee payments helps the district appropriately staff classrooms. As we prepare for the new school year, we look at paid registration as a commitment from a family regarding their attendance for the upcoming year.

Thank you for providing important information through registration.

Blue Valley Schools

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>



Help collect cool, fun bandages for kids that need them!

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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

NOAH'S BANDAGE PROJECT

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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****

May 22nd: Field Day 12:45-3:15

May 24th: Last Half Day of School-Dismissal begins at 11:35.**5th grade clap-out beginning at 11:00!**

Elementary plan/collaboration time update

Thank you to all the families who took the time to provide feedback on elementary plan and collaboration time. Your input is invaluable as the district strives to support student learning outcomes through enhanced teacher plan and collaboration time.

As the district plans for the upcoming 2024-25 school year, we remain steadfast in this commitment. Our focus is on fostering professional collaboration among our dedicated teaching staff and ensuring they have the time and resources needed to excel in their roles. Any

modifications to the 2024-25 school calendar that are approved by the Board of Education will be shared with families before the start of the school year.

Champion for Student Award

Do you know an educator who cultivates a learning environment where relationships are the cornerstone, where kindness and compassion are guiding principles, and making a profound difference in the lives of young people is not just a goal but a lived reality? Now is your chance to recognize those educators whose impact extends far beyond their role, shaping the trajectory of our students' journeys and leaving an enduring legacy of excellence.

Nominations are officially open for BVEF's new Champion for Students Award. Anyone in the Blue Valley Schools' community is welcome to nominate an educator (any staff member, e.g., teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, kitchen manager, etc.) for this prestigious honor. [Nominate](#) a Champion for Students today! <https://bit.ly/BVEFCFS2024>.

Winners will receive one of the following:

\$2500 cash prize (subject to tax)

\$2500 grant for their learning environment

\$2500 tuition reimbursement for credit hours

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

Important dates for our incoming Kindergartners!

Kindergarten Round-Up Sessions | Friday, April 12

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions | Tuesday August 13

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

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.

PSE School Supplies-Order today! Last Day to order is July 1st!

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.

https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=41493&utm_source=Y2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Kickoff1

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).

<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

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](#).



Stacey Sperry

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters