

PSE Weekly Howl

Week of May 12th!

Thank YOU!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our fantastic community and parents for truly spoiling our staff this week. We are humbled and honored by your kind thoughts, generous gestures, and the outpouring of appreciation. Your support means the world to us and reminds us why our school community is so special.

A very special thank you to Katie, Lauren, and Courtney for all their hard work and behind-the-scenes efforts in making this week so memorable. We are grateful for everything you do!



We are looking for

- Parent Auction Lead
- Parent Social Lead
- Hospitality Committee Members
- Wolf Walk Committee Members
- Event Committee Members

Email

PSEPTOPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM



Join us for a Meet & Greet with incoming Superintendent Dr. Gillian Chapman -

We're excited to welcome Dr. Gillian Chapman to the Blue Valley community. Please join us for a public meet and greet with Dr. Chapman and help us give her a warm Blue Valley welcome. Light refreshments will be served and remarks will begin at 4:15 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

📅 3:30-5 p.m. May 9

📍 Blue Valley District Office, 15020 Metcalf Avenue

PSE IXL Challenge

We are excited to announce a school-wide IXL Challenge for May.

This year, we are trying to answer over one million questions as a school. The challenge started yesterday, and we have already answered 135,000 questions in the first week. For all of you wondering, the questions only count if you answer them correctly. Current class leaders are:

- Ambitious Penguins
- Entertaining Goldfish
- Amazing Sea Lions

- Excellent Sea Lions

I'm eager to see the knowledge gained over the next three weeks. :)

Pets on Campus

Please refrain from bringing your pets to the entrance of the school at arrival/dismissal. Please keep pets by the parking lot or bike racks. Some students are very allergic and others are afraid of animals. Even the friendliest pets can get anxious around a large number of students. Thanks for understanding.

Blue Valley Food Service Payment Changes

Blue Valley's Food and Nutrition Services team has shared an important update regarding changes to meal payments.

Beginning May 1, ACH/e-check payments will no longer be accepted as our payment processing system offers limited support for this payment method. Any ACH or e-check recurring payments will be disabled after April 30.

Families still have multiple payment options:

- Cash or check— Your child can bring cash or a check to school. Please make checks payable to "BVFNS" and include your child's full name and student ID number on the memo line.
- Credit Card via LinqConnect — If you haven't already, visit <https://linqconnect.com/main> to set up an account and make payments via credit card. A \$3 transaction fee applies each time you use a credit card.

If you have questions, please contact studentnutrition@bluevalleyk12.org.

To ensure you continue receiving important Food and Nutrition Services updates, please add noreply@linqconnect.com and noreply@titank12.com to your email contacts to prevent messages from going to your junk or spam folder.

Summer Camp with the Special Teachers

SUMMER CAMP with the SPECIALS teachers: Get ready to create, discover, and explore with the Specials Teachers. Learn new card and board games with Ms. Byrne, create "Mythical and Magical Art" with Mr. Wilson, and learn, design, and play with STEM toys with Señora Arquieta. Camp is at PSE from June 30 to July 2. To learn more and sign up, click on the link: [Summer Camp with Specials Teachers](#)

🎵 Join the Fun at the BVHS Show Choir Kids Camp! 🎵

Calling all young performers!

We're thrilled to invite kids to sing, dance, and shine this summer at our **Show Choir Kids Camp for 3rd-8th graders**, happening **June 2nd-4th** at **Blue Valley High School**.

☆☆ Camp Highlights:

- Learn exciting songs and dance routines
- Be mentored by **National award-winning show choir students**
- Build confidence, make friends, and have a blast on stage!

No experience necessary—just a love for music and movement!

Spaces are limited, so sign up today and let your child discover the joy of show choir!

📍 **Location:** Blue Valley High School

📅 **Dates:** June 2nd-4th

🎟️ **Open to:** Kids who love to sing, dance, and perform!

👉 **Register now and let your star shine!**

REGISTER HERE: <https://gofan.co/event/3605003?schoolId=KS18096>

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.

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](#)



Purchase School Supplies for the 25-26 school year!

The **BEST** Way to Buy Back-To-School Supplies!



- ✓ The Exact School Supplies Your Teacher Requested
- ✓ Name Brand Products Like:



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Order by:
July 1st

1stDaySchoolSupplies.com

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

Kindergarten Orientation-August 13th

On the first day of school, Aug. 13, 2025, we invite all kindergarten students and families to participate in Kindergarten Orientation Day. The day will have a modified schedule, allowing kindergarten teachers to meet with students and families in small groups throughout the day and provide a comforting transition to school.

During the orientation, you and your child will:

- Meet your teacher

- Become familiar with classroom routines and expectations
- Get to know new friends and families
- Take first-day-of-school pictures
- Calm any kindergarten fears or anxieties (for students and parents)

Families are asked to sign up for one session, each lasting approximately one hour.

[Kindergarten Orientation](#)

Please note on Aug. 13 there will not be bus service or lunch provided for kindergarten students. Aug. 14 will be a regular school day for all students.

We look forward to seeing your family on Aug. 13 at Kindergarten Orientation Day!

OPTIONAL Kindergarten Camp

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

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

Welcome to PSE Smore for Kindergarten families - <https://secure.smores.com/n/tqzcr>

Save the Dates for End of Year Activities!

Event Information

5th Grade Talent Show

When?

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 06:00 PM

Where?

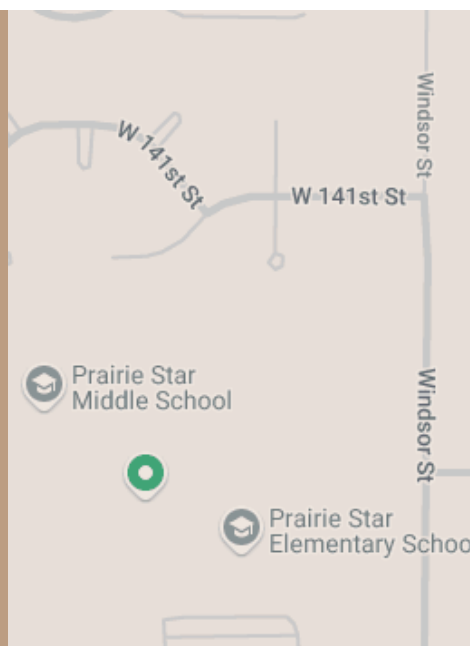
Prairie Star Elementary School, West 143rd Street, Leawood, KS, USA

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.



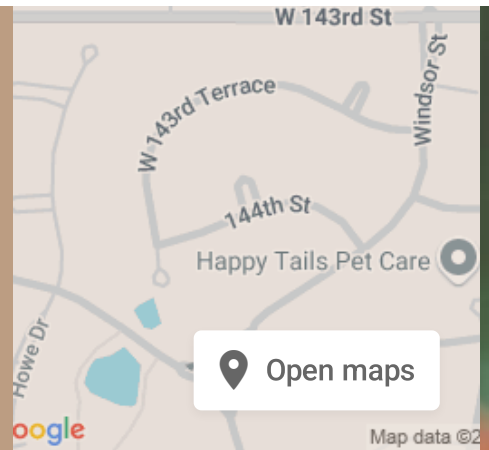
5th-grade parents can enter the gym doors at 8:45. We would like to start our day with students in their classes before the parents enter. Thanks!

When?

Monday, May 19, 2025, 09:00 AM

Where?

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



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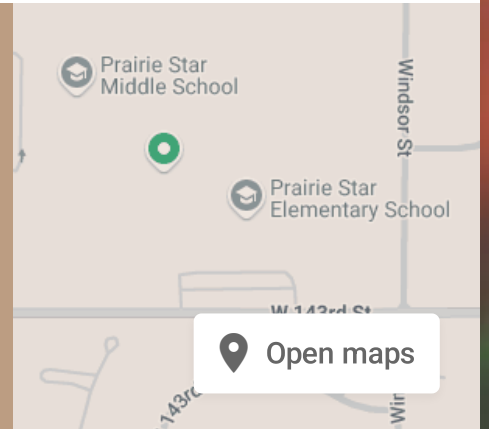
5th Grade Talent Show Matinee

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.

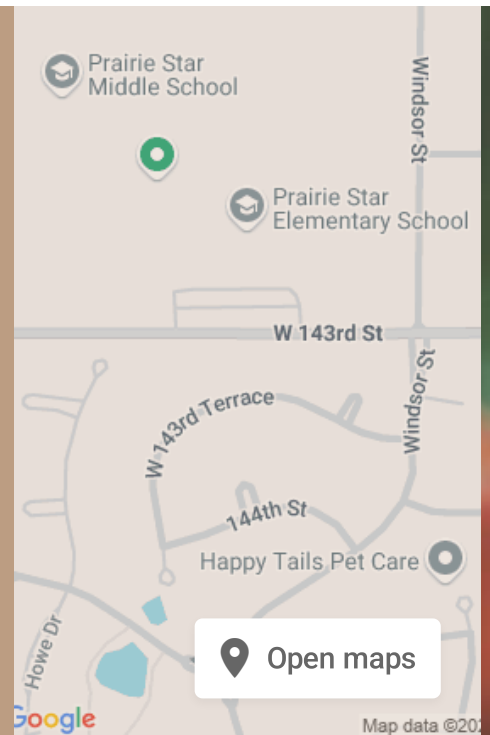
Grades K-4 will be dismissed starting at 11:35.

When?

Friday, May 23, 2025, 11:15 AM

Where?

**Prairie Star Elementary School, West 143rd Street,
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- **Back to School Activity on August 7th details coming soon!**
- Class Assignments: On August 11th, you will receive a Welcome email from your child's teacher at 4 pm
- School Pictures are in the gym on August 11th from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. If this doesn't work for your schedule, we will have a make-up day later in the year.
- Sneak Peek: August 11th, 4:30-5:30 pm. Meet your teacher and see your classroom, buy school spirit wear, learn about PTO opportunities, and enjoy an ice cream with your friends and neighbors.
- First full day of school for 1st - 5th: August 13th, 8:40 am-3:45.
- Kindergarten Orientation: August 13th, sign-up here- [Kindergarten Orientation](#)
- First full day for Kindergarten: August 14th, 8:40 am-3:45 pm
- Back to School Night: August 21st, adult-only event to learn classroom information
 - Session 1: 5:00-5:30pm
 - Session 2: 5:45-6:15 pm, this is a repeat of Session 1 for families with multiple students or who couldn't attend Session 1



Stacey Sperry

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

