

# PSE Weekly Howl

Week of May 13th!

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## Thank you!!!

Thank you to our PTO and fantastic community for spoiling the staff this week. We have felt the love and support. We appreciate you!

**Donations to our amazing PTO for the 23-24 school year have allowed this for staff appreciation week:**

Monday-Sonic Drinks

Tuesday-Donuts and Coffee

Wednesday- Ice Cream Social

Thursday-Treat Cart

Friday-Yummy Lunch

Thank you for supporting our fantastic staff!

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## Getting to and from school safely

As spring weather arrives, many students enjoy walking or biking to school. Please review pedestrian safety information with your children to ensure they arrive safely to and from school.

- Use designated crosswalks when crossing a street
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike
- Stay alert for drivers
- Increase driver awareness around school zones

There are more tips, including ideas for parents of walkers and riders at [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org). Thank you for prioritizing safety to make this spring season a safe and enjoyable one for everyone.

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## 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.

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## Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed for signatures on the last full day of school. While we understand that some families will miss that day, we will be keeping with the tradition in years past that all kids receive their books at once. If your child is gone, they can pick up the yearbook at school before the office closes for summer on June 10. After that date, please email us at [prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com), and we will make other arrangements. Thank you for your patience and the photo submissions that went into creating this year's yearbook!

Thanks,

Sally Groesbeck, Abbie Moles & Amy Warren

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## Mark your calendars for Back to School Dates!!!

- **Back to School Movie Night on August 8th from 6:00-7:30.**
- Class Assignments: On August 9th, you will receive a Welcome email from your child's teacher at 4 pm
- School Pictures are in the gym on August 12th 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 12th, 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 22nd, 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
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#### Event Information

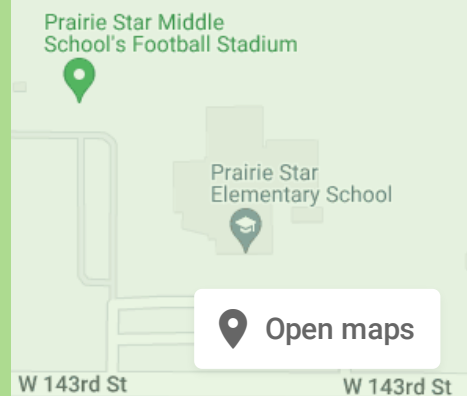
### 5th Grade Talent Show @ 6:30

When?

**Thursday, May 16, 2024, 06:30 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, in the afternoon, we will have a grade-level lunch party before launching into a kickball tournament.

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 20, 2024, 09:00 AM**

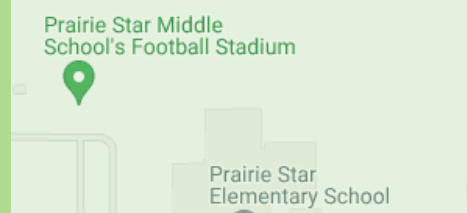
#### Event Information

### Talent Show Matinee

5th grade talent show at 9:00

When?

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 09:00 AM**



Where?

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

W 143rd St

 [Open maps](#)

Event Information

### **Field Day-May 22nd 12:45-3:20**

Volunteers are needed for Field Day on May 22nd. 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 22nd, 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 [Field Day Volunteer](#)

When?

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 12:45 PM**

Event Information

### **5th Grade Clap-Out on May 24th!**

We are starting the 5th-grade clap-out on May 24th at 11:00. 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 11:00. 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 24, 2024, 11:00 AM**

Where?

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

Prairie Star Middle  
School's Football Stadium

Prairie Star  
Elementary School

W 143rd St

W 143rd St

W 143rd Terrace

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## Important dates for our incoming Kindergartners!

To-Do:

- Complete Registration, click [here](#) to access ParentVue
- Upload or bring the required documents (office hours are 7:30 am-4 pm)
  - Birth Certificate
  - Proof of Residency (recent utility bill or lease agreement)
  - Updated immunizations
- Add Prairie Star Elementary to your contacts, 913-239-7100
- Read [A Family's Guide to Kindergarten](#)
- Schedule physical with Primary Care Physician
- Purchase student school supplies-[PTO School Supply Kits](#)
- Create a [lunch account](#) (not available until August 1st)
- Possible: contact the school nurses regarding health needs
  - Karen [Ehlers-kehlers@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:Ehlers-kehlers@bluevalleyk12.org)
- Possible: register for transportation ([Durham](#))
- Possible: register for [YClub](#), YMCA before and/or after school care; we will email you when registration opens
- Possible: Sign up for Kindergarten Camp- <https://www.smore.com/n/8quxf>.
  
- Here are four video clips to help prepare you for Kindergarten:
  - Lunch Practice - [Lunch Box Games School Readiness](#)
  - Using Scissors - [Teaching Children How to Use Scissors Safely](#)
  - Pencil Grip - [Correct Pencil Grip Kindergarten Prep](#)
  - Letter Sounds - [Blendable Letter Sounds UFLI Jack Hartmann](#)
  
- Here is the the Kindergarten Smore with all the information from Round-Up!  
<https://www.smore.com/n/ue70s>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

[Stacey Sperry](#).

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## 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](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>

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



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



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[1stDaySchoolSupplies.com](https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com)

## Some of our excellent PSE Staff run summer Camps at PSE!

Kindergarten Camp for our Incoming Kindergarten students, please visit this link for all the information, <https://www.smores.com/n/8quxf>.

Miss Nick's Storybook Steam Camp for 2nd and 3rd grade students. See picture below.

Summer Camp with the SPECIALS teachers! <https://www.smores.com/n/cwk40>

**MISS NICK'S STORYBOOK STEAM CAMP**  
\*FOR INCOMING 2ND & 3RD GRADERS\*

**PROJECT-BASED ENGINEERING DESIGN EXPERIENCE**

Do you love to tinker, create, and problem solve? Then join Miss Nick for a memorable week! We will start our time with some fun technology, complete challenges, read great STEAM stories, use teamwork, research, design, and write about our creations!

**Camp Information:**

- July 8th - 11th
- Cost: \$175 Per Session
- 2 Sessions: 9 - 12 AM and 1 - 4 PM
- Prairie Star Elementary
- Miss Nick's Room

**Signup**

Please scan the QR code for the google form.

Want to hang out with Miss Nick all day? Sign up for both the AM and PM sessions, and bring your lunch! \*AM and PM sessions will have different activities!

menicholson@bluevalleyk12.org

## Fourth Quarter Report Card Reminder

### End of Quarter Information - Viewing Canvas Courses and Fourth 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 fourth quarter will conclude on May 23rd. Report cards will be generated and families will be able to view second quarter grades on ParentVUE at the end of the day on June 6, 2024.

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 and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas).



**Stacey Sperry**

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters