

PSE Weekly Howl

Summer Edition

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Fast Facts:

Doors will open this year at **8:25 am** for students to begin arriving.

School starts at **8:40 am**

Walkers dismiss at **3:45 pm**

***** NEW *****Car lane starts at **3:40 pm to relieve congestion on 143rd Street (It will begin around 3:35 the first couple of weeks as we learn our dismissal routine. Thank you for your patience!)**

School starts for Grades 1- 5: Wednesday, August 13th

Kindergarten Orientation sessions: Wednesday, August 13th, 9:00 and 10:30

A Note from Stacey

Happy New School Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. I always look forward to this time of year, especially with Back to School, and this year is no exception. It is my 26th year in education, my 14th year in school administration, and my 9th year as principal at Prairie Star. There is no job I would rather do!

I was able to spend much-needed time with my family before we gear up for another busy school year! This year, Brock is a Senior, and Tate is a 9th grader. I truly understand that the days can be long, but the years are short.



I know firsthand that going back to school is an exciting time, but it can also be a time of anxious anticipation. We all want what is best for our kids, and we all want them to have a successful, fun-filled, and happy year. Please be assured that the Prairie Star staff is dedicated to doing everything possible to support your students' success.

Our school theme this year is, 🐾 **"Paws-itively Kind, Safe, and Responsible!"**. I am excited to partner with you as we work together for the benefit of all our children.

There is a ton of information below for the start of school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Tell your kids we miss them and can't wait to see them soon! Time is a precious gift; make the most of the last few weeks of summer.

Serving the PSE community is a privilege and an honor. I am looking forward to a great year ahead!

Sincerely,
Stacey

Back to School Events: Building Visitors and Safety/Security

We are thrilled to welcome our entire school community back on campus soon. Back-to-school events are just around the corner, and we would like to share our plans for welcoming everyone back and ensuring their safety and security.

Class Assignment on ParentVue - Monday, August 11

Families can log into [ParentVue](#) to find out their classroom assignment for the 2025-26 school year on Monday, August 11th at 4:00 pm.

Sneak Peek - Monday, August 11

Sneak a Peek event on August 11 from 4:30-5:30. This is an opportunity for you to walk your child into the school, see their classroom, meet their teacher, take pictures, and explore our wonderful learning spaces. This is not a required event, but it will be a great opportunity for adults to accompany their child into the building.

First Day of School (Grades 1-5) - Wednesday, August 13

The first day of school is always an exciting day! Our PSE staff is excited to help welcome our students back for another great school year on Wednesday, August 13th. All elementary schools in Blue Valley will follow our standard safety procedures upon arrival and will only allow students into the building upon arrival. This plan helps us utilize our standard arrival procedures and ensure safety – even on the first day of school. Feel free to come to campus and plan a goodbye, hug, and/or first day photo with your child on our front lawn before wishing them well on their first day. Thank you for understanding the importance of a safe and secure arrival.

Kindergarten Orientation - Wednesday, August 13

Kindergarten families will receive a separate email with instructions for the Kindergarten Orientation sessions on this day. We will have a specific safety plan for Kindergarten guests during

these sessions. We will meet in front of the building, where I will be checking your government-issued identification card before we walk into school together.

Upcoming Dates:

- **August 7th**
 - Back-to-School Activity by our PSE PTO
 - **August 11th**
 - Pictures are in the gym on August 11th from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.
 - Class Assignments: You will receive a welcome email from your child's teacher at 4:00 pm
 - Sneak Peek: 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 from 4:30-5:30
 - **August 13th**
 - First full day of school for 1st - 5th; 8:40 am-3:45 pm
 - Kindergarten Orientation: sign up here- [Kindergarten Orientation](#)
 - **August 14th**
 - Full day for Kindergarten: August 14th, 8:40 am-3:45 pm
 - **August 21st**
 - Back to School Night: adult-only event to learn classroom information
 - Session 1: 5:00-5:30 pm
 - 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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- For more registration information, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/registration
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Quick Links!

- Lunch Account & Payment Information - <https://lingconnect.com/main>
 - Lunch Menus - [Lunch menus](#)
 - Weekly Star for Incoming Kindergarten families - <https://secure.smores.com/n/tqzcr>
 - Last week's HOWL-
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Traffic Pattern Coming Soon!

Our brand new traffic pattern will be coming soon. I will send all the details on arrival, dismissal, and traffic pattern in the next couple of weeks.

General Reminder for Visitors During the School Day:

We will welcome visitors into our buildings this year and would like to share a general reminder that all elementary schools in the district utilize the buzz-in entry system for visitors during the school day. Visitors will need to come to the front of the school. At the front entrance, visitors will press the buzzer, show a government-issued photo identification, and state the purpose of their visit each time they visit the school. We ask that guests not hold the door open for another visitor once you have been buzzed in. Instead, allow the door to close for visitors to go through the procedures. Thank you for your support of our safety procedures.

PSE School Supplies

If you need to purchase school supplies, you can find them on the PSE website or view the pdf below.



School Supply 2025.pdf

[Download](#)
104.5 KB

Staff Updates for the 25-26 school year

Here are the staff updates for the 25-26 school year! Please join me in welcoming the following new staff or new role at PSE!

- Christina Fink will be our new gifted teacher
- Lauren Chapman will be our new school counselor
- Lauren Lake will be joining the 3rd-grade team

We are looking forward to a great year!

LUNCH VISITORS BEGINNING September 3rd!

Lunch Visitors: If you would like to visit the lunchroom during your child's lunch, you are welcome to join us after Labor Day. This is a chance to come during special occasions or when your schedule allows. The students are always so excited to have lunch visitors.

Here are some guidelines we ask you to follow:

- You will need your government-issued photo ID to enter the building
- Check in at the office and obtain a visitor's sticker
- If a grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc., want to visit for lunch, they must be listed as an Emergency Contact in our student information system or not be allowed to enter the building. Please call the office to add people before the visit.
- If a visitor brings food, it can only be shared with your student
- We will have a visitor's table in the lunchroom for you and your student to sit and eat
- Check out at the office after your student's lunch



We are looking for

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

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