

# PSE Weekly Howl

Week of August 18th!

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## **Wonderful Week at PSE!**

What a fantastic week it has been at PSE! Our students have been engaged, curious, and eager to learn, and our teachers have brought so much energy, creativity, and care to each child.

The hallways have been filled with smiles, laughter, and the kind of excitement that reminds us why we love what we do. Thank you for sharing your incredible children with us each day—they truly make our school such a special place.

We're looking forward to building on this incredible momentum in the weeks ahead.

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**Look how organized our bikes and scooters are. Way to go, PSE!**



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**Thank you Sally and Lauren for organizing our school pictures!**

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Event Information

### **Back to School Night**

**August 21st** -Back to School Night: adult-only event to learn classroom information

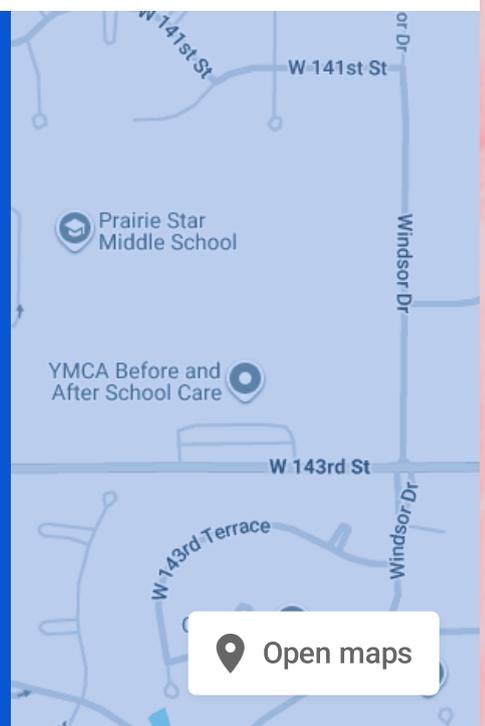
- Session 1: 5:00-5:30 pm
- Session 2: 5:45-6:15 pm, this is a repeat of Session 1 for families with multiple students or who couldn't attend Session 1

When?

**Thursday, Aug 21, 2025, 05:00 PM**

Where?

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



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## Blue Valley Resources

These are just a few highlights – there's so much more waiting for you!

[Visit the full Welcome Back Resources Page](#)

### Understand how to pay fees

Make sure you're set for the school year by understanding how fees, meals and other school-related payments are handled.

[Learn about payment platforms](#)

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### **Pick-up Patrol, that dismissal app, is returning to PSE. Stay tuned for directions early next week!**

#### Car Riders (Car Loops)

1. Enter the PSE car loops from 143rd Street. Please use the EAST side loop if you will be exiting to the East or the West side loop when exiting to the West.
  2. If you are using the west side car loop, you may only turn right.
  3. Follow the arrows on the map into the Car Loop lane
  4. Stay in your vehicle
    - Staff will be out front to help your child during arrival, beginning at 8:25
    - Staff will call students from the gym starting at 3:40 PM.
1. Students exit only on the curb/school side for safety.
  2. Keep your car tag visible on the dashboard or mirror for quick identification.
  3. Exit the loop as directed by the staff and the map.

#### NORTH Parent Pickup on School Grounds – NEW Location DOOR 10 (By Playset)

1. Use the outside/thru lane of the West car loop to park in the back corner of the PSE lot. Please place a sign on your dashboard indicating that you are a Parent Pickup. I will also have some printed to hand out to you today.
2. Walk along the PSM track sidewalk toward the playground.
3. Write your name on the glass window next to Door 10.
4. Staff will call your child from Pod E to meet you at door 10
5. Exit along the same sidewalk back to your parked vehicle. Please cross at the future crosswalk, which will be marked with cones.

#### SOUTH Parent Pickup on School Grounds - If you are walking/biking from 143rd St.

1. Walk along the sidewalk (West) toward the Mission crosswalk/light and wait until the staff member holds car loop traffic for you to cross the parking lot to the sidewalk next to the baseball fields.

or

1. Walk along the sidewalk (EAST) toward the Windsor crosswalk/light.

### Bus Riders

1. Enter the school through Door 10- across from Playset.
2. At dismissal, students remain in their classrooms until their bus is announced.
3. Staff dismiss students to the Gym at 3:45.

### Walkers / Bike Riders

1. Continue using the **front entrance**.
2. Dismissed at 3:45 PM from the main entrance.
3. Follow crosswalks and sidewalks to leave campus safely.

### Y-Club

1. Students are dismissed to the cafeteria at 3:40 PM for after-school care.

### Important Reminders:

1. Follow the arrows and traffic flow in the map – do not cut across lanes.
  2. Drive slowly on school property and be alert for pedestrians.
  3. Left-side car doors must remain closed during pickup.
  4. **Exiting Vehicles:**
    - All students exiting vehicles should do so on the **curb/school side** only.
    - **Do not** open the left-side vehicle doors, as there is exit traffic in that area.
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## PTO NEWS

### **FIRST ANNUAL PRAIRIE STAR ICE SKATING NIGHT!**

#### **Lace up for special bonding time at Bluhawk!**

We're thrilled to announce Prairie Star Elementary's inaugural Mother/Son Ice Skating Evening—a fun night of bonding on the ice! Join us for an unforgettable evening where moms and sons can glide together and create lasting memories.

Event Details:

 **Date:** Friday, August 22nd

 **Time:** 5:45 - 7:45PM

 **Location:** Bluhawk Ice Arena / 7781 W 159th St. Overland Park

 **Admission:** FREE (covered by PTO!)

 **Skate Rental:** \$6 per person

**\*\*WAIVER:** Please fill out before event: <https://bondsports.co/organization/388/form/1418>



 **1ST ANNUAL PSE  
MOTHER /SON**  
*Skate Night*

**AT BLUHAWK**

*Join us at the ice rink!*

- Admission is covered by the PTO
- Skate rental is available for \$6

 **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND 5:45- 7:45PM**

 **BLUHAWK 7781 W 159<sup>TH</sup> ST OVERLAND PARK**

**SKATE WAIVER:**  <https://bondsports.co/organization/388/form/1418>

**\*\*EVENT OPEN TO ALL "MOTHER-LIKE" FIGURES\*\***



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## Room Parent Meeting

We have a Room Parent meeting on Monday, August 18th in the school cafeteria.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ABAB29A7FE3-57870384-pse20252026>

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**Thank you to Erica B. for organizing and ordering all the PTO school supplies.**

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## Upcoming Dates:

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**Friday, August 29:** No School | Teacher Professional Collaboration

## September

**Monday, September 1:** No School | Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 2:** No School | Professional Learning

**Thursday, September 4:** PTO Meeting 8:30 AM

Wolf Walk Pep Assembly-Date coming soon!

**Monday, September 15:** Wolf Walk WEEK!

**Friday, September 19:** Wolf Walk

**Thursday, September 25:** Make up pictures for students

**Friday, September 26:** No School | Teacher Professional Collaboration

**Tuesday, September 30:** PSE Hearing/Vision

## October

**Thursday, October 2:** PTO 8:30 AM

**Wednesday, October 8:** Book Fair & Donuts with Dudes

**Thursday, October 9:** Book Fair & Donuts with Dudes

**Friday, October 10:** No School EC-12, End of Quarter

**Tuesday, October 21:** Conferences 4:00 PM-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 22:** Conferences 4:00 PM- 7:30 PM

**Thursday, October 23:** Conferences 8:15 AM-4:00 PM

**Friday, October 24:** No School

**Friday, October 31:** Fall Class Parties

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## Lots of PSE Information for the 25-26 year!

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### Scooter Safety

We want to remind families of our districtwide expectations for students who ride motorized scooters or electric bikes to school. We understand these devices can be a helpful option for families juggling busy schedules or navigating limited transportation options. With more students using these devices to get to and from school, concerns around safety, traffic flow and property damage have grown, especially during arrival, dismissal and after-school hours.

As part of our commitment to safe, respectful campuses, please review the following expectations:

- Riders must turn off the motor, dismount and walk their device once on school property, including sidewalks, parking lots and playgrounds.
- Motors may not be re-engaged until students have exited the campus.
- Riders should follow all [traffic laws](#), including stopping at lights and using crosswalks.
- Mrs. Sperry will be handing out student permits at Back to School Night for parents and students to sign.
- Devices must be locked in designated areas and may not be used during the school day.

We are grateful for our continued partnership with families in reinforcing safe habits and modeling respectful use of school property. For helpful guidance, visit [Children's Mercy](#) or review local scooter regulations through the [City of Overland Park](#).

Not sure where to start? Ask your student:

- Does your route have sidewalks or bike lanes?
- Are you watching for cars?
- Do you understand school rules for walking and parking your device?
- Watch this video together-[25.08\\_Motorized\\_Scooters\\_V3.mp4](#)

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and student-centered school environment.

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## **Reminder of Personal Electronic Device Expectations for BV Students**

Blue Valley Schools is committed to providing a safe, positive and productive learning environment for its students. To support this commitment and to limit distractions for all in the learning environment, the Board of Education approved the Student Use of Cell Phones and Related Personal Electronic Devices policy in 2024.

As a reminder, the following guidelines were implemented last school year and will be continued in 2025-26:

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Student personal electronic devices (PEDs) are to be silenced and stowed away at all times.

- If a student needs to contact their family during the school day, they can use either the main office or classroom phone, with permission.
  - If family members need to reach their child, they should call the main office phone.
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## **Quick Links!**

- Lunch Account & Payment Information - <https://linqconnect.com/main>
  - Lunch Menus - [Lunch menus](#)
  - Weekly Howl for Incoming Kindergarten families - <https://secure.smores.com/n/tqzcr>
  - Last week's HOWL- <https://secure.smores.com/n/x0v2>
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## **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



**Stacey Sperry**

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters