

# PSE Weekly Howl

Week of September 1st!

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## Upcoming Dates:

**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:** Class Photos, Pictures for students who missed Sneak Peek and Retakes

**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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## Elementary Collaboration Days

Reminder: August 29 is a K-5 non-student attendance day for teacher collaboration time. During this time, elementary educators will be in their buildings and classrooms working on our new reading resource and reviewing beginning of the year data.

This time is vital to ensuring the best possible preparation for our elementary students and supporting student learning outcomes.

**School will be back in session on September 3.**

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## Fall Run Club

We are excited to offer Prairie Star students the opportunity to join the running club for the fall 2025 season. This will allow students to learn the fundamentals of running and build healthy habits!

**WHO:** ANY PSE student who is registered. [Register Here!](#)

**WHERE:** Check-In at Back Playground Sidewalk

**WHEN:** Fridays before School 8:00 am - 8:25 am

Beginning Date: September 5th

Cost: \$5, per student, for the Fall session

E-mail Katie Haberberger at [kaitlyn.steis@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlyn.steis@gmail.com) or Colin Ramsey at [ramseycolin@gmail.com](mailto:ramseycolin@gmail.com) for further information or questions!

See you on the track!

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## Meet the Counselor Ms. Chapman

Hello PSE Community!

I hope you all had a summer full of relaxation and fun! I am so excited for my new role as PSE school counselor. I consider myself incredibly fortunate to have already worked with so many of you, either as your child's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. I look forward to connecting with the families I have yet to meet in the PSE community. I know we will have a great year ahead!

Before the school year is in full swing, I wanted to briefly explain my role in PSE's comprehensive counseling program. As school counselor, I will be providing a wide range of services and activities which include; individual and group counseling, teaching district counseling standards through classroom lessons, parent and teacher consultations, information services, and referral assistance to other programs and services in the community.

Here are some of my goals for the 2025-2026 school year:

1. To help make school a successful and positive experience for your child.
2. To help all students develop appropriate behavior patterns.
3. To help all students understand themselves and others.
4. To help all students develop good communication skills.
5. To encourage a healthy self-esteem for all students.
6. To help all students feel safe and connected while at school.



The biggest message I hope you receive from this letter is that I am here to help you and your family! Please let me know if you need anything! Let's have a great year!

~Ms. Chapman

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### Quick Facts About Me:

- I have 12 years of classroom teaching experience
- I have a Masters in Elementary Ed from University of Arkansas & Masters in School Counseling from KSU (Razorback fan for life! However, Wildcats > KU)
- I am always listening to something while doing something- music, podcasts, audiobooks. Sitting still is hard! I love recommendations!
- I have a fiance named Zach, we plan to get married next summer!



## Wolf Wellness Week - September 15th-19th

Students participate in fun, health, and wellness activities while raising money to support all PTO endeavors that enhance our school, benefit staff, and teachers. Our goal for this year is to raise enough funds to cover PTO initiatives, field trip fees, including bus, music equipment for the music class, and new bike and scooter racks.

Fundraising Pledge Packets: All students will take home their Wolf Walk Pledge Packets next Thursday, September 11. Be sure to look for it and discuss with your child how they can secure pledges over the weekend AND through the following week! BONUS prize will be earned by students who meet their individual goal by Monday, September 15th at 8 am! Donations are due no later than Friday, September 19, at 8:00 am to be eligible for the individual grand prizes.

Donations are open now and will be accepted online only. Individual fundraising pages will be accessible through your Membership Toolkit login. Feel free to share your link on social media and send emails to friends and family! You may start donating online today. Thank you!

Wolf Walk (Friday, September 19): Every student will participate in the Wolf Walk, so please help encourage students to gather pledges and receive prizes. Students should wear their PSE Class Color shirts, if they have them, on this day! Sign up here to volunteer at the event:

Please use the Sign-Up Genius link to consider volunteering for Wolf Walk.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948AAA92FA2FA7-58205359-wolf>



## Wolf Walk Schedule



\*\*Teachers: Rotate with your class

\*\* Students will need a water bottle and athletic shoes

\*\* Each station will be 10 minutes (7 minutes of activity and 3 minute transition time)

	<b>Station 1: Stretch</b> (Hill by Gaga Pit)	<b>Station 2: Running</b> (PSMS track) 7 min. to complete as many laps as possible	<b>Station 3: Hula Hoop Dance Party</b> (Shade by Fitness Break Door)
12:00 - 12:30	K - Rasette		
12:10 - 12:40	K - Vaughn		
12:20 - 12:50	K - Nicholson		
12:30 - 1:00	1 - Langley		
12:40 - 1:10	1 - Brush		
12:50 - 1:20	2 - Thielmann		
1:00 - 1:30	2 - Mastorakos		
1:10 - 1:20	2 - Kadel		
1:20 - 1:50	3 - Haas		
1:30 - 2:00	3 - Kupersmith		
1:40 - 2:10	3 - Lake		
1:50 - 2:20	4 - Greenwald		
2:00 - 2:30	4 - Walter		
2:10 - 2:40	4 - Bosselman		
2:20 - 2:50	5 - Bonner		
2:30 - 3:00	5 - Wayland		
2:40 - 3:10	5 - Purcell		

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## PickUp Patrol

Thank you for using PickUp Patrol to let us know each day how your child is going home. Feel free to use either car loop to pick up your child if you are using the car loops.

- **Confirm your children's Default Dismissal Plan**

Log into your account and enter your child's regular daily dismissal plan.

- **Learn more about PickUp Patrol**

Access: [Add PickUp Patrol to your Home Screen](#)

Read: [PickUp Patrol Parent Guide](#)

Video: [Getting Started w/ PickUp Patrol](#)

We use PickUp Patrol to track: Plan Changes, Absences, Early Dismissals, Late Arrivals, Daily Dismissal Plans (default plans).

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## Battle of the Brains!



Join the 4th grade teachers in a Battle of the Brains! The 4th grade team is happy to host a club for any **3rd-5th graders** who want to participate in Burns & McDonnell's Battle of the Brains competition. **BotB** is a STEM competition with other Kansas City area schools, where students are invited to create a proposal of a new Science City exhibit. Proposals will include written components, graphic components, and a video. One lucky proposal will be chosen to be made into an actual exhibit for Science City patrons to enjoy!

Your student has two opportunities to participate in this club! Mrs. Bosselman will be hosting morning sessions once a week for the early birds, while Mrs. Walter will be holding afternoon sessions once a week after school. Mrs. Greenwald will be assisting with both groups, as needed! We will be submitting two separate project proposals, one for each group.

To sign up, please visit [this link](#) to indicate which group your child is interested in joining and provide more information (AM or PM). **Please note:** Each group will be capped at a maximum of 20 students to make coordination easier. Entries will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

[Battle of the Brains Club Sign-Up](#)  
docs.google.com

See below for the dates for the club! If we are able to wrap up our proposals sooner, we will update families on the change in schedule!

## MORNING SESSIONS

Sessions will be held  
from 7:30-8:15 AM

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Monday, Sept. 8

Monday, Sept. 15

Monday, Sept. 22

Monday, Sept. 29

Monday, Oct. 6

Monday, Oct. 13

Monday Oct. 27

## AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Sessions will be held  
from 3:45-4:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Tuesday Oct. 28



# 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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## 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/8ptyk>
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Prairie Star staff is excited to continue **Late Night at the Star!** Late Night at the Star classes are after-school enrichment programs offered to the students here at Prairie Star. Each Friday night class costs \$50 and will run from after school until 6:30. If you enroll in Late Night, you will not need to pick up your child until 6:30. Please assume that your child is enrolled in each class that they have requested unless you hear from the office.

**To enroll in camps, please see the website link:**

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. **Registration closes the day before at 6:00 pm.** Camp scholarships are now available. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Sperry for more information.

### **Pirates and Mermaids (Kindergarten Staff K-5)**

Ahoy! Aaaargh, are you ready for some pirate and mermaid shenanigans? We will dress up like pirates and mermaids, create sand art, visit the tattoo parlor, decorate treasure chests, and go on a treasure hunt! Snacks and dinner included.

### **Backpack Bling and Back to School Bash (Arquieta K-5)**

Be creative and have a blast with us as we create "backpack bling." A variety of materials (beads and charms) will be provided to make personalized keychains to hang on your backpack - you'll be walking in style! Games and prizes, yummy snacks and a dance party will also be part of our evening!

### **Outdoor Games and Activities (Purcell and Phillips K-5)**

Join us for an evening full of great games & outdoor activities with fantastic friends! We will do creative competitions and enjoy super ballpark food. Activities and competitions for all ages and ability levels. Come and get your game on with us!!!

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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
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## First PSE PTO Restaurant Fundraiser

Join us at Andy's on September 9 at our Prairiefire store from 4-8pm.



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## Code of Conduct

As we begin the school year, we would like to remind you to review the *Blue Valley Student Code of Conduct*. It can be found on [www.bluevalleyk12.org](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org) under the "Student Quick Links" section at the bottom main home page. It can also be found on our school website home page as well.

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## Proactive School Safety: How Blue Valley Addresses and Assesses Threats

At Blue Valley Schools, student safety is our top priority. Our approach to safety blends proactive prevention, fostering strong adult-student relationships and maintaining robust physical security measures. Central to our strategy is understanding and addressing potential threats.

### What Constitutes a Threat?

A threat includes any expression of intent to harm, whether spoken or written. Identifying and responding to these expressions is crucial to the safety of our school community.

### The Role of Threat Assessments

Blue Valley's comprehensive threat assessment process has two primary objectives:

- Preventing Violence: We work to intervene before potential threats escalate.
- Resolving Underlying Issues: By understanding the reasons behind a threat, we can resolve conflicts and provide necessary support.

### Structured, Evidence-Based Approach

Blue Valley Schools follows the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG), a nationally recognized, evidence-based program. This approach ensures that we not only prevent violence but also support individuals in need.

Since the fall of 2023, Blue Valley building leaders have been trained in and actively using this Threat Assessment approach. This consistent use of CSTAG has equipped leaders with a common vocabulary and protocol, enabling them to resolve situations more effectively when threats arise.

By staying committed to this structured and compassionate approach, Blue Valley Schools ensures that students and staff are supported, safe and able to focus on what truly matters—learning through extraordinary educational opportunities.

More information about Blue Valley's threat assessment process is available on the [district website](#).





**Stacey Sperry**

Stacey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

