

PSE WEEKLY HOWL

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND

Huge Thank You for Wolf Walk Success!

A huge thank you to our amazing Wolf Walk Committee (Jamie, Erica, Angie, Regan, and Crystal) and to our entire community for helping us reach our goal! Your generosity and support mean so much to PSE, and we are truly grateful for the spirit and kindness you've shown our school. Thank you for making this year's Wolf Walk such a success!

STEM Club at PSE

The PSE PTO is excited to offer **STEM Club: Adventures in Coding** for 3rd–5th graders to dive into the world of technology through hands-on projects. This fall, students will explore the foundations of **coding** using the **micro:bit mini PC**—a pocket-sized computer that makes coding fun and accessible for beginners. With the micro:bit, kids can write programs that light up LEDs, sense motion, play games, and more. It's a powerful yet kid-friendly way to introduce programming concepts in a way that feels like play, not homework.

This fall's session will be a **three-part series** held after school from 3:30–5:00 PM on

- **October 16**
- **November 6**
- **December 4.**

Throughout the program, students will use their micro:bit to tackle creative challenges and see their code come to life. Best of all, each student will get to **take their micro:bit home at the end of the series**, so the learning and experimenting can continue long after the club ends.

The cost for all three sessions, including the take-home micro:bit, is **\$75 per student**. REGISTER HERE <https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Any questions can be directed to [Colin Ramsey](#) or [Mrs Bonner](#).

Yearbook and School Picture Updates

Our Yearbook needs your pictures!

Our Josten's Photo Share link is now live and ready for you to upload. Please share your pictures of PTO events, Sneak-a-Peek, First Day, Spirit week and Wolf Walk. We also can accept after-school clubs, scouts and sports/hobbies. Please no pictures of adults, playdates or birthday parties!

<https://photos.jostens.com/MWUKX7>

Still Need to Order Your Yearbook?

Log in to the PTO Membership Toolkit at <https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com> and click the Yearbook Link under New Forms.

Picture Retakes and Class Picture Day

Thursday, September 25! If you could not make it to sneak-a-peek for pictures, this is your student's chance to get their yearbook portrait. Students will also be taking whole class photos on this day. Not happy with your first picture? Your child may take a retake this day too but you will need to email prairiestaryearbook@gmail.com to ensure your child's name is on our retake list.

Hearing and Vision Screening Sign-Up

It is almost time for our annual Hearing & Vision screening. Nurse Karen needs our help coordinating the students to their screenings. Please click on the link to sign up. We wouldn't be able to do this without your help! Thank you for volunteering your time!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FABAE2DA64-58441126-hearing>

UPCOMING DATES:

September:

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

Donuts with Dudes

Join us for Donuts with Dudes! Bring your favorite "dude" to the cafeteria on October 8th and October 9th from 7:45-8:25. Students can attend with a parent or another amazing adult to enjoy a free breakfast, including donuts, fruit, milk, juice, and coffee. Last names A-M come on Wednesday, October 8th, and N-Z on Thursday, October 9th. If you need to switch days, that is fine. We plan to have about half the families each day to spread out the crowd and help with parking.

- October 8th- A-M
- October 9th-N-Z

7:45-8:25 Donuts with Dudes (cafeteria)/ Book fair (library)

Reminder: Adults must stay with their student until 8:25 *

Safe School Reporting

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all our schools. We are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from a wide range of situations. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

LOTS OF PSE INFORMATION FOR THE 25-26 YEAR!

QUICK LINKS!

- Lunch Account & Payment Information - <https://linqconnect.com/main>
 - Lunch Menus - [Lunch menus](#)
 - Last Week's Howl- <https://secure.smore.com/n/hpy2x>
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BV WELL EVENTS!

Save the Date: BV Well Fall Programs for Parents

Parents - don't miss the Fall lineup of **BV Well programs**, brought to you by the Blue Valley Educational Foundation. These free events are designed to support student and family well-being through expert-led workshops, resources, and meaningful conversations. This Fall's programs include a [suicide prevention event](#) with our Father's Clubs as well as a workshop on [executive function skills for parents](#) with expert Sarah Ward. [Check out the schedule and register today.](#)

It Starts With Us: Supporting Youth Mental Health at Home and in School

Tuesday, September 30, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Hilltop Conference Center 7710 W 143rd St Overland Park KS

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, **BV Well** is partnering with [Father's Club](#) on a powerful evening focused on supporting student mental health— both at home and in the classroom. This event will bring together Blue Valley staff, parents, and local experts from organizations including **Johnson County Mental Health, Keep the Spark Alive, Sources of Strength, and GiveMe20.**

Together, we'll explore practical tools, trusted resources, and real-world strategies to help you support your child's emotional well-being. [Register here.](#)

Starting Strong (Elementary): A Parent's Guide to Executive Function Skills

Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Hilltop Conference Center 7710 W 143rd St Overland Park KS

Kick off the school year with confidence! As part of **BV Well's Starting Strong series**, this special program features internationally recognized executive function expert **Sarah Ward**. In this practical session focused on Elementary aged learner, Sarah will share proven strategies to help your student develop essential executive function skills including time management, organization, task initiation, and focus. You'll walk away with tools you can use at home to support your child in managing homework, reducing distractions, and staying on track throughout the school year. Whether your child struggles with structure or you simply want to help them thrive, this session will give you the insight and tools to help them start strong.

Sarah Ward, MS, CC/SLP is the Co-Director of Cognitive Connections. A popular speaker, Sarah regularly presents workshops on the programs and strategies she has developed including the “revolutionary” and “groundbreaking” 360 Thinking Program. She has presented to and consulted with over 2,000 schools worldwide.



BV well FALL 2025 PROGRAMS

SEPT 21 SPEAK UP WALK 2025
Walk to support vital mental health services in our schools

IT STARTS WITH US
Suicide Prevention Month program with Father's Club **SEPT 30**

OCT 7 STARTING STRONG ELEMENTARY
Executive function skills for K-5 parents with Sarah Ward

YOUTH MHFA TRAINING
Mental Health First Aid training for parents and caregivers **NOV 12-13**

Learn more and register at WWW.FUNDBV.ORG/BVWELL



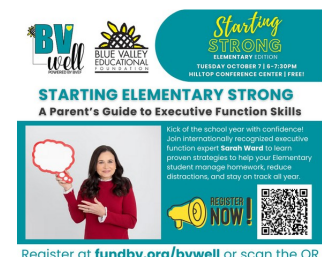
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 6:00 PM
HILLTOP COMMUNITY CENTER

IT STARTS WITH US:
SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
AT HOME AND IN SCHOOL

JOIN BV WELL AND FATHER'S CLUB FOR A POWERFUL EVENING
FOCUSED ON SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS' EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

REGISTER AT FUNDBV.ORG/BVWELL

BV well FATHER'S CLUB



BV well BLUE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Starting STRONG
ELEMENTARY SERIES
TUESDAY OCTOBER 7 6:00-7:30PM
HILLTOP CONFERENCE CENTER (FREE)

STARTING ELEMENTARY STRONG
A Parent's Guide to Executive Function Skills

Kick off the school year with confidence! Join internationally recognized executive function expert **Sarah Ward** to learn proven strategies to help your elementary student manage homework, reduce distractions, and stay on track all year.

REGISTER NOW!

Register at fundbv.org/bvwell or scan the QR



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