

PSE WEEKLY HOWL

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29TH!

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW. SEE YOU MONDAY!

Teacher Professional Collaboration September 26th!

Our staff is gathering today for our second teacher-professional collaboration day of the school year. We appreciate our families for allowing this collaboration to take place. While our educators love seeing your children each day, we know that having an adequate plan and collaboration time benefits students in the long run.

These days are a significant benefit for our elementary staff that will, in turn, support our students' academic success. I want to share some details about how our staff spent the day. Today, we are reviewing our new reading resource, working on conference data, and reviewing grades.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Have a great weekend!

4th Grade Veteran's Assembly

4th Grade Veterans Day Assembly

The PSE 4th-grade students will be paying tribute to our military heroes on Tuesday, November 11, which is Veterans Day. If you know a Veteran you'd like us to celebrate, please invite them to our assembly, then fill out the RSVP link below so we can properly acknowledge them in our program.

- Any PSE family may invite Veterans who have served or continue to serve in the US military. Please fill out the RSVP link with the Veteran's information.
- PSE families bringing a Veteran are invited to refreshments in the library following the assembly.

- All 4th-grade families are invited to watch their students perform on Tuesday, November 11th, at 2:30 PSE Gym.

Please follow this [link to RSVP](#).

WOLF WALK SUCCESS



LAP CHALLENGE WINNERS
K vs. 1 = Brush
2 vs. 3 = Mastorakos
4 vs. 5 = Bonner

TOP EARNING CLASS PER GRADE
Kindergarten - Rassette
First - Brush
Second - Mastorakos
Third - Lake
Fourth - Bosselman
Fifth - Bonner



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.

Morning Arrival

I am reaching out to you with a very important safety reminder. Prairie Star students are periodically dropped off at school in the morning before the doors are unlocked or staff are present to welcome them. We believe this is an unsafe practice and ask parents not to drop off their children until our adult staff is on duty at 8:25 AM to provide supervision. I appreciate your cooperation

UPCOMING DATES:

September:

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

November

Thursday, November 6: PTO Meeting 8:30 AM

Friday, November 7: No School | Teacher Professional Collaboration

Monday, November 10: No School | Professional Learning

Tuesday, November 11: 4th Grade Veterans Program 2:30 PM

Friday, November 14: Late Night at the Star

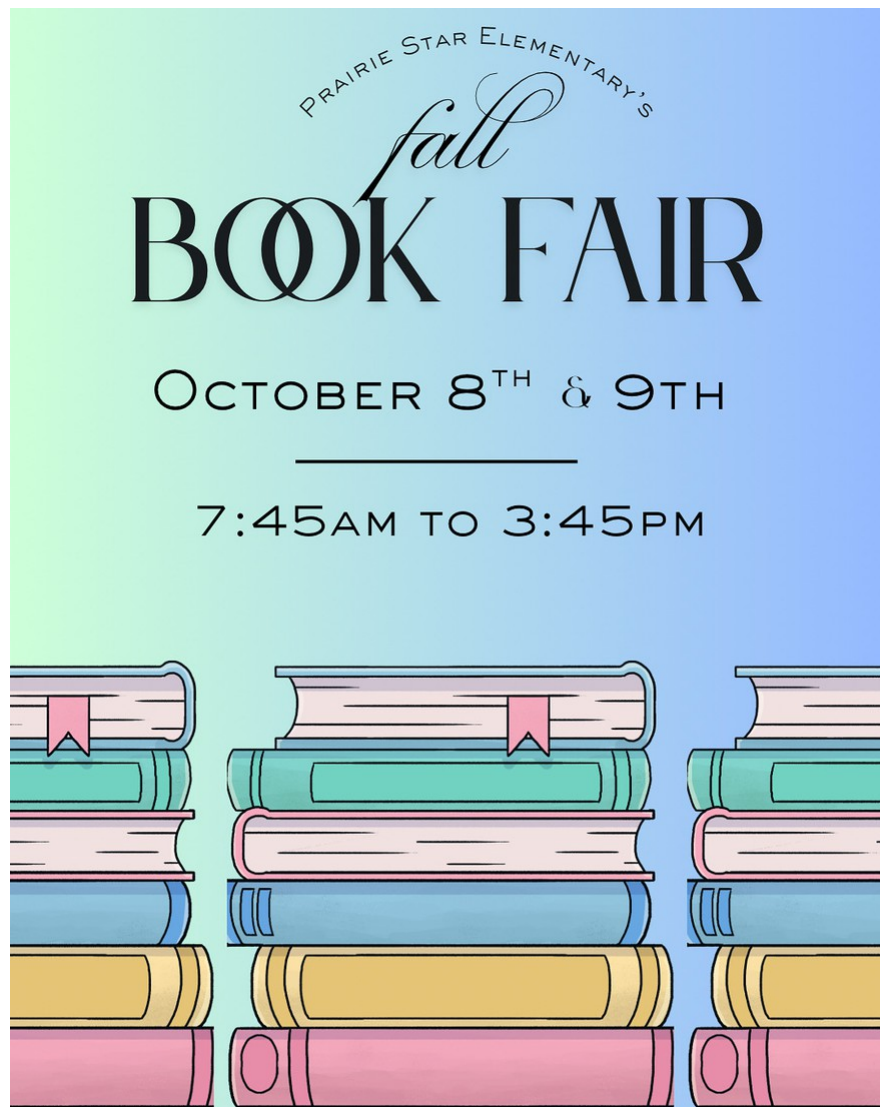
Thursday, November 20: 1st Grade Thanksgiving Program 6:30 PM

Monday, November 24-Friday, November 28: No School EC-12 | Thanksgiving Break

BOOK FAIR

We need volunteers for our Book Fair. Please use the following link to sign up. I appreciate your support.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFA62DA0FBC43-58995511-prairie>



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 *

Parent Teacher Conference

Our conference schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, October 21st, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm (your child's teacher will send the Virtual Conferences-Teams Link).**
- **Wednesday, October 22nd, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm, virtual or in person**
- **Thursday, October 23rd, 8:00 am -4:00 pm, virtual or in person**

Staff will use ParentVue as a convenient way for you to schedule conferences for your child(ren). Your student's teacher will email directions to you on October 3rd. All families are encouraged to sign up for a time slot by October 17th.

COLD VS FLU

Symptoms	Cold	Flu	Airborne Allergy
Fever	Rare	Usual, high (100-102 °F), sometimes higher, especially in young children); lasts 3-4 days	Never
Headache	Uncommon	Common	Uncommon
General Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual; often severe	Never
Fatigue, Weakness	Sometimes	Usual, can last up to 3 weeks	Sometimes
Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Usual, at the beginning of the illness	Never
Stuffy, Runny Nose	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes	Usual
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes
Cough	Common	Common, can become severe	Sometimes
Chest Discomfort	Mild to moderate	Common	Rare, except for those with allergic asthma
Treatment	Get plenty of rest. Stay hydrated. (Drink plenty of fluids.) Decongestants. Aspirin (ages 18 and up), acetaminophen, or ibuprofen for aches and pains	Get plenty of rest. Stay hydrated. Aspirin (ages 18 and up), acetaminophen, or ibuprofen for aches, pains, and fever Antiviral medicines (see your doctor)	Avoid allergens (things that you're allergic to) Antihistamines Nasal steroids Decongestants

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://lingconnect.com/main>
 - Lunch Menus - [Lunch menus](#)
 - Last Week's Howl- <https://secure.smores.com/n/rq30v>
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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.



FALL 2025
PROGRAMS



SEPT 21

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

IT STARTS WITH US

Septide 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





Starting STRONG
ELEMENTARY STUDIOS
TUESDAY OCTOBER 7 6:30-7:30PM
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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