



Week of September 9th

Save the Dates!

Any child who did not have their pictures taken at Sneak Peek will have pictures on September 16th. We will also have class photos on this same day!

Wolf Walk Week is coming the week of September 16th-20th!

Donuts with Dudes will be October 9th and 10th!

Book Fair will be October 8th-evening only, October 9th & 10th during the school day!

Conferences will be on October 23rd from 4:00-7:00 and the 24th from 8:15-7:30.

Outdoor Learning Space

Thank you for your generous donations from last year to our PTO during Wolf Walk. Here is a class using it today. We appreciate all that you do to support PSE.



Wolf Wellness Week!

Wolf Wellness Week (September 16-20)—Students engage in fun, health and wellness activities while raising money to fund ALL PTO endeavors to enhance our school, support staff and teachers. Our TOP goal for this year is to raise enough funds for a book vending machine to enhance our learning environment for all at PSE.

Fundraising Pledge Packets: All students will go home next Thursday, September 12 with their Wolf Walk Pledge Information. 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 16th at 8am! Donations are due no later than Friday, September 20 at 8:00am 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 MembershipToolkit 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 20): 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:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948AAA92FA2FA7-51184527-wolf#/)**
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Code of Conduct

As we begin the school year, we would like to remind you to review the updated *Blue Valley Student Code of Conduct*. It can be found under the “Student Quick Links” section at the bottom main home page. It can also be found on our school website home page. [Student Code of Conduct](#)

Weekly Update by Mrs. Furdek!

Kindergarten- 2nd grade focused on using their **Smart Guess** Tool Box (eyes, ears, brain, and heart) to make Smart Guess. Students would look at several scenarios and make predictions on what

was happening. We lastly discussed **Hidden Rules**. I asked students to share the hidden rules when we are in a line (no cutting, single file, etc). We then looked at a picture of a movie theater and discussed hidden rules at a movie theater (no talking, do not stand in front of the projector, pick up trash).

Vocab:

Smart Guess: We use this tool to analyze a situation and then make a guess based on our knowledge of the world.

Hidden Rules: these are the rules that tell us what to do in situations. People don't usually talk about them but are expected to know and follow them. Hidden rules are expected behaviors.

Late Night at the Star-September 13th!

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.

Camp scholarships are now available. Please get in touch with Mrs. Sperry for more information.

To enroll in camps, please see the website link:

<https://prairiestarpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. **Registration closes the day before at 6:00 pm.**

All Late Night at the STAR questions go to Melissa Bonner. Her email is mabonner@bluevalleyk12.org.

Backpack Bling and Back to School Bash (Arquieta) Grades 1-5

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, prizes, yummy snacks, and a dance party will also be part of our evening!

STARRY String Art NIGHT (Wilson) K-5

Make cool and beautiful string art stars in the art room with Mr. Wilson!

There is lots of cool string, lots of design options, pizza, and candy! We will have so much fun hanging out together and making beautiful stuff! Check out Mr. Wilson's samples in his room.

DIY Dollhouse (First grade teachers) K-5

Give your dolls a home of their own! In this late night with the first-grade teachers, you'll create personalized dollhouses using shoe boxes with scrapbook paper for walls, sponges for beds, popsicle sticks for fences, and so much more! Bring at least one shoebox/or box, but if you want more, bring as many as you want! Snacks and dinner included!

Kansas City Sports Night Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Wayland, and Mrs. Philips K-5

HOW BOUT THOSE CHIEFS & ROYALS?! 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!!!

Pirate Paradise Rasette K-2

Ahoy! Aaaargh ye ready for some pirate shenanigans? We will dress up like pirates, blast some cannonballs, visit the tattoo parlor, decorate treasure chests, and go on a treasure hunt! Snacks and light dinner included.

PSE STEM Club

Prairie Star Elementary PTO is thrilled to announce our new PSE STEM Club for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! We will dive into the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, and math through fun, hands-on activities that challenge your student to think outside the box. This monthly after-school club will launch in November. If you would like to receive more information on the club, get updates and reminders for upcoming sessions, and obtain early access to registration [fill out this google form.](#)



Teacher Collaboration Day

Our staff gathered on August 30 for our first teacher collaboration day of the 2024-25 school year. First, the PSE staff wants to express appreciation and support of our families for allowing this collaboration time to occur. While our educators love seeing your children each day, we know having 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.

The PSE staff was able to review all of our beginning-of-the-year data to make appropriate instructional decisions for each child. We also reviewed our common expectations to focus on teaching skills that need to be reinforced. We were thankful for the day!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to another great school year!

Prairie Star Elementary Music Performances 2024-25

Friends and family are invited to attend all shows!

- Monday, November 11 at 2:30 p.m. – 4th Grade Veteran's Assembly in the gym

- Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. – 3rd Grade Program in the gym
 - Tuesday, January 28 – Choir Festival for 4th and 5th Grade Choir at BVHS gym
 - 9-11:15 a.m. rehearsal
 - 6:30 p.m. performance
 - Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.- 1st Grade Program in the gym
 - Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m.- 5th Grade Talent Show in the gym
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PSE Spirit Days

- 9/13-PSE Spirit
- 9/20-Wolf Walk -PSE Spirit wear
- 10/4-BV high colors-wear black and gold
- 10/18-PSE Spirit Wear
- 11/11-Thank a Veteran-Red, White and Blue Day
- 11/22-Warm and cozy day-slipper day
- 12/12-12/20-7 Days of Holiday Cheer



Mark your calendars for the 2024-25 K-5 teacher professional collaboration days.

As we kick off the 2024-25 school year, I want to remind families about the teacher professional collaboration days designed for teacher plan and collaboration time. These eight days, which occur throughout the school year, are non-student attendance days for K-5 students. These days are vital to ensure the best possible preparation for our elementary students and key to quality teacher retention.

The following days, which can be found in the [2024-25 calendar](#) on the district website, have been designated as teacher professional collaboration days:

- September 27
- November 1
- December 6
- January 31
- February 28
- April 11
- May 2

Thank you for your support and partnership as we ensure our educators have adequate plan and collaboration time. Have a wonderful school year!

Event Information

Class Photo and Picture Day (those that missed Sneak Peek)

- If you cannot make it, we will have retakes on September 16th during the school day.

When?

Monday, Sep 16, 2024, 08:45 AM

Where?

Prairie Star Elementary



PSE Club Opportunities

Do you have a knack for art, a talent for storytelling, cooking, or experience in coding, engineering, or any other fascinating field? Whatever your passion may be, we would love to have you bring it to life for our students! The PTO is looking for parents who have a special skill, talent or hobby they would like to share with the kids at PSE.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please fill out our [PSE Club Interest Form](#).

All levels of involvement are welcome and SO appreciated!



Stacey Sperry

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