



April 2026 Celebrations Update

DISTRICT

April Recognition Dates & Holidays

- National Occupational Therapy Month
- 3/30–4/3: Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
- 4/4: National School Librarian Day
- 4/6–10: National Assistant Principal Week
- 4/20–24: National Public School Volunteer Week
- 4/22: National Administrative Professionals Day
- 4/28: School Bus Driver Appreciation Day



STUDENT

Several Blue Valley high school students were named winners of the SevenDays 2026 Art Competition and Kindness Action Scholarship Competition:

- Blue Valley High's **Molly Brewer** – Art
- Blue Valley North's **Abhinav Kambhampatil** – Scholarship
- Blue Valley West's **Sahasra Rayarao** – Art



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STUDENT

Blue Valley Northwest's **Scarlett Chu** earned a 2026 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Mid-America High School Student Production Award in the Hard News Report category.



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Blue Valley North's **Jonah Freiden** and **Nathan Krajicek** won the Kansas state division of the 2026 Presidential Artificial Intelligence (AI) Challenge.



STAFF

Blue Valley Southwest's **Dr. Tyler Alexander**

was named the 2026 Kansas High School

Area 1 Principal of the Year by the Kansas

Principals Association.



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Stanley Elementary's **Megan Mowell** was named the 2026 Bonnie Danley Fieldwork Educator of the Year by the University of Kansas Medical Center's Department of Occupational Therapy Education.



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Mission Trail Elementary's **Abby Jones** and Blue Valley Northwest's **Jeremy Mohn** have been selected as the 2026 recipients of the Blue Valley Educational Foundation's (BVEF) Innovative Educator Award.

The BVEF award recognizes two educators who goes above and beyond to apply innovative teaching methods in the classroom by creating or using new strategies, tools or ideas to engage students and achieve improved student results.



STAFF

Blue Valley Schools

2025-26 retirees were

celebrated and

honored for their

dedicated years of

service.



ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Blue Valley Southwest's **Alex Roberts** was named the 2025-26 Gatorade Kansas Boys Cross Country Player of the Year.



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Blue Valley North's **Will Davis** was named 2026 Sports in Kansas Large Classes Non-Senior Boys Basketball Player of the Year.



Sports in Kansas

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Blue Valley West's Science Olympiad

team earned first place at the state

competition, the team's second straight

state title.

