

Pleasant Valley Views

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

FROM THE DESK OF TERRY GAVIN BROWN



Welcome back to school! We are off to a terrific start. Our enrollment numbers are strong and we are happy to welcome many first time students and families to PV. We have planned for a year full of learning.

Our Wednesday, “Back to School Night” was a great success and we thank all who attended. At our general meeting, parents were introduced to teachers and warmly welcomed new faculty members. In the classroom meetings, teachers provided families with important information about specific grade level curriculum, standards and expectations for the upcoming year.

Our school newsletters are a very important means of communication. On Fridays we will send the PV News home listing important events, activities and dates for the upcoming week.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking PTA for all their efforts in assisting Pleasant Valley get off to a terrific start. PTA hosted an opening day lunch for teachers. It was delicious and a great way to start the year. On August 19th, PTA added fun to the annual posting of teachers’ names by handing out otter pops to students. And yes... it was PTA who welcomed “parents” back to school with a coffee and donut reception on the first day. Information and sign-up sheets were made available for the many activities PTA sponsors throughout the year.

This week begins California Medi-cal Outreach in California state elementary schools. Our school office is available to provide information on Medi-cal services for

your family as well as information and applications for “Free and Reduced” lunches.

Make sure you have returned your school emergency forms. This information is very important. Keep the school office updated if you have any change in information.

Pleasant Valley is a wonderful school. Make sure to introduce yourselves to me so I can get to know all of you. I look forward to a successful and rewarding year.

Sincerely,
Terry Gavin Brown
Principal

FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Pleasant Valley School Families and Community,

And they’re off! What a beautiful sight to watch our children start the school year with such energy and enthusiasm (that hopefully will last all year). Once again we’re reminded, as we kick off a new school year, how lucky we are to be part of the Pleasant Valley Elementary School Community. PV students, families and school are second to none, thanks to each of you!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Principal

The PTA executive board met at Miwok Park the week before school started and got to meet our new principal, Mrs. Terry Brown. We’re very excited that Mrs. Brown has joined our school community and that she has a long history and friendship with PTA and parents. If you haven’t already done so, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and give her a warm “hello.” Remember, she’s the new kid on our block.

PTA Meetings

This week you should have received several items from PTA, including the meeting schedule. PTA meetings are held the third Monday of each month and are open to the public. We sincerely hope that many PV families and teachers will join us at each of these meetings.

Beyond Pleasant Valley Elementary

PTA was created over a hundred years ago to meet a profound challenge: to improve the lives of all children. Through hard work and years of perseverance, many PTA dreams have become reality, including kindergarten classes, class size reduction, and various child labor, health and safety laws. In that past 110 years, PTA members have approved over 800 resolution statements that benefit children. Your membership and involvement in PTA reaches far beyond Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Once again, thank you for your support of PTA.

Sincerely,

Tim Davidson
Pleasant Valley Elementary PTA President



PV NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome back! It's hard to believe school is in session. We've only just begun and we already have several people to thank:

- Thanks to Melissa Perry and Kris Starn for donating and distributing popsicles the day before school.
- Thanks to Jeana Frey for coordinating the Staff Back to School Luncheon, and to all those that helped: Carmel Poydessus, Kristen McAndrew, Iris Olson, Kim Overstreet, Abby Koniaris, Rebecca Glasser, Kristi Steadman, Lani Gershik, Alicia Watson, Gretchen Polkinghorne, Michelle Abell, Wendy Cendak, Beke Browne, Leslee Loeber.

A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers who already signed up for various committees and activities. There are several open positions, so please contact us if you have any questions or interest.

Thanks.

Josie Brandis & Debby Kendrick

 LUNCH MENU Week of September 1 st	
Monday	No School
Tuesday	Cheese Pizza or Chef Salad
Wednesday	Teriyaki Chicken Dippers or Taco Salad
Thursday	BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich or Mix Green Salad
Friday	Soft Taco Wrap or Fruit Salad