

# Pleasant Valley Views

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## **FROM THE DESK OF TERRY GAVIN BROWN**

Pleasant Valley's school year opening was very successful. Enrollment numbers resulted in a space for every student entering the first day of school. Pleasant Valley understands how unpredictable enrollment numbers can be and so we consider ourselves fortunate to accommodate all of this year's students. Many schools across the state are moving students to other classrooms/schools in order to comply with the state mandated 20 to 1 requirement for class reduction grades K-3. Balancing classes is always a difficult situation and one we are so pleased we do not need to address this year.

Our teachers are busy introducing students to classroom procedures and grade level core curriculum. Procedures are the everyday routines that make effective classroom management and behavior succeed. Students are also reviewing the district adopted text they will use this year including our new Foss Science curriculum. Assessment is taking place in all of the classrooms. Formative assessments help a teacher understand student strengths as well as areas of needs. This data provides important information for teachers in order to address the specific needs of all students in the classroom. Teachers use this information at grade level planning meetings to plan their instruction, pacing, and intervention and enrichment activities. PV is a Professional Learning Community already hard at work to promote learning for all students.

Safety is a campus priority and so the first stop at the school must be the school office in order to sign in. It is essential we have a record of who is on the campus. If you are bringing a late lunch or item such as homework for your child, you need to bring it to the office. Do not go directly to classrooms. This is not safe and also interrupts instruction and takes away from valuable learning time. Pleasant Valley welcomes volunteers and encourages parent participation. This is a reminder

that parent volunteers also need to sign in at the office to guarantee safety.

We are working with the students on lunch/recess procedures and behaviors in order to promote school safety and a respectful campus. September is national "Manners' Month." At Pleasant Valley we will celebrate with a Manner's Day poster contest for grades 2-5. Practicing manners at lunch and recess is a great way for a school to promote a respectful campus. Details about the poster contest will be coming soon.

Mark your calendars for the September 25<sup>th</sup> Pleasant Valley Family picnic. This PTA sponsored event is sure to be great fun for the entire family. We thank our PTA once again for reaching out to school families to build school community.

Sincerely,  
Terry Gavin Brown



## **PV NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thanks in advance to all the parents who wrote their names down to help volunteer this year. We have so many opportunities for volunteers to help in their own way, and it is impressive to see so many names already filled in!

The following committees are in need of more volunteers:

- ✓ 5th Grade Wrapping Paper fundraiser (urgent as it starts now)
- ✓ Reflections
- ✓ Rock N Blues
- ✓ Holiday Concert
- ✓ Variety Show
- ✓ Assemblies
- ✓ 5th Grade Year End Party
- ✓ 2009 Back To School Staff Luncheon
- ✓ 2009 Back To School Ice Cream
- ✓ School Sign

- ✓ Lunch Buddies
- ✓ After School Student Enrichment

Please contact Debby or Josie, or stop by the office and speak with Julie.

Thanks,  
Josie Brandis and Debby Kendrick

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Back to School Family Picnic is on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00. B.Y.O.P. (Bring Your Own Picnic), a blanket or chair to sit on, and be ready for a good time! Each grade level will be sponsoring a fun activity station. It's a great way to celebrate the start of the school year! We hope you can come!



If your business would like to contribute funds towards this event please contact coordinators, Heather Sargent 898- 4371 or Kathy Towey 897-8037.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – SLT Meeting, 3:15 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)
- Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting, 3:30
- Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – School Board, 7:00


### **Note from the Editor:**



Article Deadline: Until further notice, we are moving up the deadline for article submissions. All articles will need to be submitted by

**Monday at 5:00 p.m.** in order to be included in the Views for the week. To submit an article, please send an e-mail to [News4PV@yahoo.com](mailto:News4PV@yahoo.com).

Thank You for your cooperation!  
-Michelle Simonetti

 <b>LUNCH MENU</b> Week of September 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday	Baked Popcorn Chicken or Caesar Salad
Tuesday	Little Caesar's Pizza/or Chef Salad
Wednesday	Egg Roll or Chicken Taco Salad
Thursday	Chicken Breast Sandwich
Friday	Bean Burrito or Fruit Salad