

# Pleasant Valley Views

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**Mark your calendars – Welcome Back Family Picnic is Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**



## FROM THE DESK OF TERRY GAVIN BROWN

We have had a busy week full of instruction, learning and meetings; lots of meetings. Over the last two weeks there have been meetings for PTA, technology, School Study Team, School Leadership and lunch to name just a few. The meetings have been interesting, informative and productive. I am always happy to see the discussion and exchange of ideas that take place at these meetings. These meetings lead to wonderful activities and programs planned for this year. The meetings demonstrate our Professional Learning Community at its best. Thank you to all the many committee members who donate their time and energy and input to make these school collaborations so successful.

This is just a gentle reminder that school begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Most mornings we have anywhere from three to ten students arriving late to school. A parent might wonder what the “big deal” is when a child is just a few minutes late, but any tardiness interrupts the school day. Teachers must delay their instruction to welcome late students and “catch” them up on morning activities. Late students often have a difficult time settling into their schoolwork because their morning has been stressful. Children don’t like to be late and it often takes them awhile to calm down and focus on school work. Sometimes a family runs late due to an emergency but tardiness, when it becomes a habit, really can become a “big deal” for a school and more importantly for the student.

Please make sure your child has their homework and lunches and any after school arrangements with them before they leave for school. We have many

parents dropping off these items, or calling school to have messages delivered to their child during the day. Each time we need to interrupt a class to bring a lunch, book, or phone call to the class we disturb instruction. Please help your child develop the smart habit of placing their backpacks near the door so they will be ready to go in the morning. Now that’s a good habit to role model for everyone.

Make sure to make a regular habit of dropping by the Pleasant Valley Web site. Thank you to Mr. Harris who keeps our site updated and current. Our Pleasant Valley Web site is one way we are staying green. Website is: [pveagles.org](http://pveagles.org)

Don’t forget to pay attention to all the special dates coming up in the next two weeks. It looks like there is plenty to do to keep us all busy.



## PV NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A big thanks goes out to the people that have stepped up to volunteer. The list keeps getting shorter...In fact, each of these committees have volunteers, but we need a few more to help out. Here are the committees that are in need of more volunteers:

- Reflections
- Holiday Concert
- Variety Show
- Assemblies
- 5th Grade Year End Party

Thanks  
Josie and Debby



The Back to School Family Picnic is next Thursday, September 25th from 5:00-7:00. B.Y.O.P. (Bring Your Own Picnic), your family, and a chair or

blanket to sit on. It is a great way to celebrate the start of the school year! Please show your school spirit by wearing our colors (green and white) or any PV spirit wear that you may have. The opportunity to purchase spirit wear will be available at the picnic, and also a delicious bake sale will be sponsored by the PV Bakers. There will be fun activity stations hosted by each grade level. It's an event you don't want to miss! Hope to see you there!

Our annual **Note Card Fundraiser** is underway! Look for you student to bring home his/her artwork along with the order form in the next week. This fundraiser makes great gifts for family and friends.

**MEMORY BOOK ORDER FORMS ARE COMING!!** Keep a look-out in Friday folders for the memory book order forms. Cost this year is \$20.00 per book.

**ATTENTION SAFEWAY SHOPPERS!** - Pleasant Valley has the opportunity to be a part of Safeway's 10% Back to Schools fundraising program. Check the bottom of your Safeway register receipts from September 12<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are not yet registered with eScrip, there will be a redemption code printed on the bottom of your receipt. Please bring this receipt to the school office and we will redeem it for you. If your Safeway Club Card is already registered with eScrip, your donation is automatically sent to our school. Thank you! Ask friends, neighbors and family members for their receipts. The top 200 schools receive an additional \$1000!

Put education on your shopping list! Go to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) (Group ID # 136915186) and register your Safeway Club card, Macys card, and credit/debit cards (especially if you shop at Delano's). It's fast, it's easy and Pleasant Valley can earn money all year long.

### **5th Grade Innisbrook Wraps Fundraiser Has Begun!**

Our 5th grade students are excited to have begun their "Innisbrook Wraps" fundraiser which starts now and lasts until October 7th. The funds raised offset the costs for their Walker Creek Outdoor Education Program later this year. Pleasant Valley keeps up to 50% of every sale.



In addition to the very lovely and high quality wrapping paper, other items available for sale include gift bags, gift tags, ribbons and bows, tissue paper, cooking items, cookbooks,

birthday cards, food and beverage items, and Helen Grace chocolate assortments. See the catalog in the office for these and other available items.

Innisbrook Wraps items can be ordered through any participating 5th grader. You can also place an order in the office (check out the display table of sample items) and at our sales table most every Monday and Friday after school.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Kreling (897-4680, [tatankankloyee@comcast.net](mailto:tatankankloyee@comcast.net)) or Cindy Roncaglia (898-7610, [cindyro@comcast.net](mailto:cindyro@comcast.net)). Thank you for your support of our 5th grade students!

### **Join the P.V. Library Book Club!**



Pleasant Valley PTA and our library staff will once again coordinate this year's Library Book Club program. The Library Book Club event will take place in the school

library on **Wednesday, January 28, 2009** and the theme for this year is **Under the Sea!**

During the event, each Book Club member will be invited to select a new hardcover book to be donated to our school library. Once the book is selected, a personalized dedication label will be placed on the inside cover for your child to see, as well as future P.V. students who check out the book. At the conclusion of the event, your child will also receive a special goodie bag with other fun giveaways! The students always look forward to this event and through your participation and generosity we hope to make this another successful year!

**The deadline for joining the Library Book Club is September 30, 2008 and the donation amount is \$20 per student** (please makes checks payable to PV PTA). If you need the LBC form or if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Leslee Loeber at [loebers@comcast.net](mailto:loebers@comcast.net). Completed forms can be dropped off in the office.



The YMCA at Pleasant Valley is currently enrolling new students. We are conveniently located on the Pleasant Valley Campus. One of our main goals this year is to build up the Kinde Program. Bea

Davison is our wonderful Kinde Teacher. Her program includes indoor free play, outdoor free play, group

games, art projects, craft projects, socialization, music and drama. We welcome new children into our program. It would make it even more fun if our current kindies had more of their friends to play with. We could make our program even stronger.

We are also enrolling students in grades 1 thru 5. A larger enrollment would make it possible to offer even more clubs and programs. We welcome any questions that you may have. Please visit us or call Shyla at 415-897-7476.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day
- **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Minimum Day for all students; Dismissal at 12:30 for grades 1 - 5**
- Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Family Picnic, 5:00
- Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Blues by the Lake

 <p>LUNCH MENU Week of September 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	
Monday	Chicken Drumette or Chicken Caesar Salad
Tuesday	Little Caesar’s Pizza/or Chef Salad
Wednesday	Teriyaki Chicken Dippers or Chicken Taco Salad
Thursday	Deli Sandwiches (Turkey & Cheese)
Friday	Soft Taco Wrap

**School Fuel & Northbay ArtWorks present:**  
**The Art Smart Showcase 2009**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

At Northbay ArtWorks  
 7049 Redwood Blvd. Suite 208 (near the Fire Station)  
 415.892.8188

Student creative work submissions are due no later than Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. FREE Art Workshop, Friday, March 27 from 6pm-8pm, to get assistance with starting or completing individual pieces, will be held at Northbay ArtWorks and run by art instructor, Stephanie Hart. The workshop is free to students who bring their own materials; otherwise there will be a \$10 materials fee. Add this event to your calendar and visit <http://www.novatoschoolfuel.org/> for more information.



**ROCK’N BLUES BY THE LAKE**

Save the date! Rock’n Blues event on Saturday, September 27, 2008 is approaching fast. Tickets are on sale now at school – look out for our table on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for the next week. Parent volunteers are still needed – work a 3-hour shift during the event and you will receive an event T-shirt and a discounted adult ticket (\$20.00 off of the ticket price). If you can volunteer, or would like to purchase tickets, stop by the table at school or contact Linda Blum at 898-3676 or [Linda@balancingelement.com](mailto:Linda@balancingelement.com)



**GROWING UP GREEN WEEK**

Sloat Garden Center is offering a fundraiser for PV gardeners! They will donate back 10% of purchases to the school in the form of a Sloat gift card, which will go towards campus beautification projects. Check the website (PVeagles.org) to print out the coupons, which you must bring with you. Fundraiser starts this weekend!

**After School Sports with Mr. Mahoney!!!**

Join PE teacher Mr. Mahoney for FUN and GAMES after school starting Oct 2nd to Nov.13 (every Thursday) from 2:45-4:20. To register call the Novato Park and Rec. Office at 415-899-8250 or register online at: [www.NovatoFun.org](http://www.NovatoFun.org). CLASS CODE: 12983. The start date has been changed from Sept 25 to Oct. 2nd.