

Pleasant Valley Views

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FROM THE DESK OF TERRY GAVIN BROWN



Pleasant Valley was dressed in red this week as we celebrated Red Ribbon Week and talked about good safety habits to keep our students safe. Our local fire fighters came by to visit with their trucks and fire safety house to teach our student about basic safety rules. At lunch students read safety tips to remind each other about healthy habits for staying strong. On Friday, we wore red to let our school community know that we believe in exercise, good nutrition and smart choices. Thank you to Mrs. Kelly Rasmussen for organizing this event and for the red ribbons and signs throughout our campus that remind us safe habits are smart habits.

We are busy preparing for our Halloween parade. We invite parents to attend the 8:45 event. The parade will be out on the upper playground. Students may wear costumes to school. Please instruct your children that masks, long capes and other paraphernalia that might be added to costumes during the parade must be kept in a bag during school hours. Please make sure costumes are appropriate for school. No imitation weapons will be allowed on campus. All costumes must be age appropriate and must not be too scary, or too suggestive. Halloween is always a fun day .

Just a reminder that the School Fuel Haunted House is a fun event for families and a great way to jump start Halloween. I will be there with my grandchildren and I hope to see you there as well.

FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

Good things often come in pairs:

Barbie & Ken	Dorothy & Toto
Batman & Robin	Jack & Jill
Bert & Ernie	Kermit & Miss Piggy
Calvin & Hobbes	Lady & The Tramp
Chip & Dale	Lancelot & Guinevere
Dick & Jane	Adam & Eve
Fred & Wilma	Romeo & Juliet
Tom & Huck	Wallace & Gromit
Woodstock & Snoopy	Lone Ranger & Tonto
Ebony & Ivory	Yin & Yang

Let's not overlook the MOST IMPORTANT pairing in a child's life: **Parents & Teachers!** If for any reason you have not yet joined the PTA please do so today. PV students need ***you*** – parents and teachers – to ensure their success at Pleasant Valley School. ***You*** determine what their future will look like. ***You*** are the difference between mediocrity and excellence in their education and growth. ***You*** help make every PV student's potential a reality.

PTA Membership Cards are being distributed this week. Annual membership dues are \$10. To join, as for an application at the office or simply write your name and e-mail on a piece of paper and make your check payable to PV PTA.

Tim Davidson,
President, Pleasant Valley PTA



PTA Happenings:

PIZZA PARTY! PIZZA PARTY! Don't forget to turn in your eScrip campaign/competition forms by Halloween. The class with the most points will receive a PIZZA PARTY! Ask friends and relatives to sign up and earn extra points for your class. Additional forms are located in the office. Turn in your forms by next Friday, October 31st so your class will receive credit.

Trek to our Book Fair - Go on a fun safari for books!

Book Fair Safari



Scholastic's "Book Fair Safari" is coming and will be held in the multi-use room November 17 - 21 (8 am - 2 pm Monday thru Thursday, 8 am - 1 pm Friday). There will be lots of fun activities this year - our kick-off party, coloring contest, Wacky Khaki Day, and family shopping night, to name a few. Please note that the book fair takes place during conference week, so come shop with your children after school gets out at

12:30.

Look for our volunteer signup sheet coming home soon (or maybe even today!). The book fair simply isn't possible without our super, parent volunteers! More information will follow as we get closer.

Dates to Remember:

- October 31st – Halloween Parade, 8:45a.m.
- November 4th – School Board, 7:00 p.m.
- November 6th – Picture Make-ups
- November 10th – No School – Staff Development Day
- November 11th – No School – Veteran’s Day



LUNCH MENU
Week of October 27th

Monday	Baked Chicken Bites
Tuesday	Little Caesar’s Pizza/or Chef Salad
Wednesday	Teriyaki Chicken Dippers or Chicken Taco Salad
Thursday	Garden Veggie Burger or Mix Green Salad
Friday	Bean Burrito or Tuna Garden Salad



Butterfly Garden Update

The Butterfly Garden in front of the school looks amazing due to the hard work of some wonderful parent volunteers! I would like to start off with a gigantic thank you to Sidney Keizer and Ray Poydessus, who finished building the arbor – it looks fantastic! They donated both their time and materials to the project to get it done – way to go guys! I also want to thank Debby, Connor and Elliott Kendrick who helped me glue all the ceramic butterflies to the wall – it went so much quicker with their help! Also, I want to thank Lisa Cevalani who has been diligently cutting back and weeding the garden to keep it looking great. Lastly, I want to thank Kristen McAndrew for putting the call out to all of the second grade parents to help out. I cannot thank everyone enough. You are so dedicated and generous. We are so lucky to have you here at PV!

If you haven’t visited it recently, please take a tour of the new and improved PV Butterfly Garden to admire the beautiful artwork and craftsmanship!

We will also need another crew of volunteers to help stain the fence and arbor. We could use a little help keeping the garden weeded and trimmed as well. If you are interested in helping out please e-mail me at mstephens@nUSD.org Thanks!!

Special Note from the Office: Don’t forget that if it wasn’t for Mrs. Stephens taking on this momentous task, we wouldn’t have a butterfly garden! So, a very LARGE thank you from the staff and school goes out to Mrs. Stephens!

Gardening & Kitchen Supplies Needed:

Calling all PV households, our burgeoning chefs and gardeners desperately need supplies to make the most of their efforts in both the school garden & kitchen.

If you have forgotten, lonely and unused items hiding in your tool shed or kitchen cupboard please bring them to the PV office for the best second chance at life they could have ever dreamed of.

Please take a moment to review the following list:

Kitchen Items

Measuring cups & spoons	Cuisnart
Mixing bowls	Hand mixer/beater
rubber spatula	Grater
Whisk	Cutting boards
Large spoons	Knives
Pizza stone/pan	Plates
Baking dishes	Bowls
Cupcake tins	Silverware
Loaf pans	Mugs
Frying pans	Glasses
Stock pots	Sieve
Sauce pans	Strainers
Pasta pot	

Garden Items

Wheelbarrow
Large shovels
hand shovels
rake large & small
clippers large and small
weed tool
* A carpenter to assemble a greenhouse & a few garden beds
* From time to time Grass Clippings from your lawn!

School Fuel Kickoff Party

Help School Fuel kick off its new year on Friday, October 24th, 2008. Come to the second annual Kickoff Party at the NUSD parking lot (7th Street and Grant Ave.) from 5:00 to 7:30 pm for a tour of our HAUNTED SCHOOL HOUSE.

The party will go on rain or shine. The haunted house will be even larger than last year! There will also be a non-scary Halloween area with games and prizes. Halloween costumes are optional, but welcome! Food will be available for purchase from California Grill.

Festivities are free of charge, but donations will be cheerfully accepted.

Thank you!