

Pleasant Valley Elementary

PV Views

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"Where Eagles Fly"



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Lunch Menu

Nov 3rd - 7th
Monday
Baked Popcorn
Chicken or Chicken
Caesar Salad
Tuesday
Pizza or Chef Salad
Wednesday
Rice Bowl (Chicken) or
Taco Salad (Chicken)
Thursday
BBQ Pork Rib
Sandwich on a French
Roll or Mixed
Green Salad
Friday
Soft Taco Wrap
(Vegetarian) or Garden
Salad (Tuna)

PV Event Calendar

Nov. 1st - Time Change, Remember to Fall Back!
Nov. 3rd - Leadership Meeting at 3:15 in the Library
Nov. 4th - Election Day. Wear red, white and blue
Nov. 4th - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6th - Picture Make-ups
Nov. 7th - Pajama Day
Nov. 10th - No School - Teacher Inservice Day
Nov. 11th - No School - Veteran's Day
Nov. 12th - PTA Meeting at 3:30 in the school library
Nov. 12th-13th - Holiday Share / Giving Celebration
Nov. 17th - 21st - Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 17th - 21st - Early dismissal at 12:30 for parent teacher conferences. (Kindergarten will be on their regular schedule)
Nov. 20 - 21st - Grandma's House
Nov. 24th - 28th - No School - Thanksgiving break

From the Desk of Terry Gavin Brown

Halloween Fesivities: Pirates, princesses, cowboys and cowgirls filled the halls and classes of Pleasant Valley today. Halloween at Pleasant Valley is always a fun event and this year was no different. Thank you to all the teachers and staff members who organized activities to make this day so special for the students. Thank you to the families who attended the parade and provided Halloween snacks for our classroom celebrations.



Fall is in theAir: Stop by to take a peek at our front office window. Autumn is in the air and captured in the magical evolving fall picture window designed by our own Instructional Aide, Sherry Clark. Each day Mrs. Clark adds to the picture story window to the delight of both students and staff. We thank Mrs. Clark for this wonderful, special window. We look forward to seeing more. It is truly magical.

Grandma's House: To Grandmother's House We Go: Calling all Grandmothers and Grandpas too. We need you!! On Thursday, November 20th and Friday, November 21st, we are asking our students' grandmothers and grandfathers to come to Pleasant Valley and spend an hour or two in our special "Grandma's House." Our students will follow signs that lead "over the river and through the woods" to Grandma's. We will create a room full of love, pumpkin goodies and Grandmas. Grandparents will serve pumpkin bread and apple cider to the students who come to visit. The more grandmothers the better!!! Grandmothers, please wear an apron to make the day more festive. Grandpas we can put you to work as well. I promise you will have fun and students will probably sing you a song or recite a poem. We will have a schedule of classes visiting Grandma's Place both days. This will be a memory day for you and your grandchildren. It will also provide an opportunity for children who do not have grandparents in their lives to share a grandparent. Please call the office to sign up. 897-5104 or e-mail me tgavinbrown@nUSD.org and let me know what day and time you can work. Grandma's House will be open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. both days.

Election Day: This coming Tuesday, November 4th, is Election Day. This is an important day for our country, and we encourage students to wear red, white and blue to celebrate our country's voting day. We want our students to be excited and interested in the election. Please talk to your children about the importance of voting and how it is the responsibility and right and privilege of each individual. This is the time of year when we plant the seeds for responsible future citizens.

Pleasant Valley is a designated polling site for our neighborhood, and we expect a big turnout of voters for this presidential election. We are encouraging teachers, staff and families to park on the street to provide parking spaces for our visiting voters and to also make our parking lot safer as our students are coming and leaving school. Please be especially careful on this day to have your child use the sidewalk and to take special care when crossing the street because of the additional traffic.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Conference week will be here in no time. Be on the lookout for your conference letter from your child's teacher. These conferences are important and provide you and opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for a meeting about student progress.

Upcoming Events: We are busy preparing for our Holiday Share and Giving Day. More information will be coming to you in next week's PV News. Speaking of PV news; look for us in your e-mails. We are going on line and we are going green. Thank you to Michelle Roberts, Michelle Simonetti and Julie Spaan for working together on this project which will save the school paper, time and money. It was a big job and we owe these three ladies a big thank you.

Happy trick or treating tonight!!!

Soma! Ota! Kua! Book Fair Safari is on the way!

That's right....time to get out your khaki clothing, belted bush jackets, pith helmets, and animal print clothing to join us on a fun trek for books! "Soma - Ota - Kua" means "read - dream - grow". Getting our children to associate books and reading with fun, not just homework, is one of the goals of our annual book fair. Scholastic brings us hundreds of quality books, suitable for every interest and reading level. The book fair is a great way for families to connect by reading together and sharing a love of books.

Volunteering at the book fair is fun and easy, so please contact Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Kreling at 898-4680 to see how you can help. For all other questions, please contact our head Safari Guide, Leslie Resnick at 898-3623.

Please note that the book fair occurs during parent/teacher conference week, so come shop with your child when school gets out at 12:30.

See below for the dates, hours and the fun activities which are being planned. We hope you join us!

Monday, Nov. 17 Open 8am - 2pm
Safari Kick-Off Party: 12:30pm
Tuesday, Nov. 18 Open 8am - 2pm
Wednesday, Nov. 19 Open 8am - 2pm
Wacky Khaki Spirit Day
Family Shopping Night: 6:30pm - 8pm
Thursday, Nov. 20 Open 8am - 2pm
Friday, Nov. 21 Open 8am - 1pm

To access the website for more information go to: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/plsntval>

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Hello students and parents of P.V.! The Student Council wants to let you know about a fundraiser - Trick Or Treat For Unicef! It helps people in need of homes, food and water. Maybe even to go to school! Our goal is that every student brings in a full box! Look below to see how you can really help!

- \$.06 provides water for a thirsty child
- \$2 provides nutrition for one hungry child
- \$44 provides school supplies to 20 students
- \$112 provides emergency blankets to 37 students
- \$200 immunizes 550 children against measles

Remember, every child counts! Learn more at <http://youth.unicefusa.org/>

Be Green!

They may look like trash, but they add up to cash!!!
Recycle your used inkjets, laser/toner cartridges, cell phones, iPods and laptops. Bring them to the eScrip Recycling collection bin located in the school office. These items will be sent in to be reconditioned and used again instead of ending up in landfills. Help the environment and earn money for Pleasant Valley!

Mary's Dine & Donate a Success

Thank you everyone that participated in the October Mary's Dine and Donate Fundraiser. We earned a total of \$575.00 which goes directly to the PV PTA! Way to go PV Family & Friends. What a great way to support our school, which really means our children!

Thank you again,
Lisa Breheny & Leslie Loeber, Dine and Donate Chairwomen

All New PV Views

PV Views has a new look, new features AND a new delivery method.

This week, we are piloting an electronic version of the PV Views that will give us more flexibility, more timely communications, richer information, and significant cost-savings. The PV Staff and the 2nd grade class will receive this week's edition of the PV Views via email and will be asked to provide feedback. We will use this week's pilot to streamline the process and help us rollout the electronic version of the newsletter to the rest of the school as quickly as possible.

The goal is to create more effective communications at a fraction of the cost. In addition to reporting the latest happenings at the school, we will be able to include links to additional information, offer feedback channels and distribute information in a more timely manner. The money we save can be reallocated to directly benefit our students in the classroom.

We have been busy gathering the email addresses you have provided to room parents and directory volunteers to create distribution lists that will enable us to send school-wide emails, as well as targeted messages to classrooms and grade-levels. We are striving for 100% participation from those parents who have access to email. Please note any email addresses you provide for the PV Views, will not be published in the directory, unless you had given prior authorization.

So, if you are a 2nd grade parent and do not receive this edition of the PV Views via email, please forward your email address to michelle@jdrobertsgroup.com to be added to our distribution list. If all goes well, other grade levels will start receiving their electronic version of the newsletter as early as next week.

For those who receive this newsletter via email, we ask that you take a couple of minutes this week to provide feedback about the new Views. Let us know what you like and what we can do better by clicking on the following link: [PV Views Feedback](#).

Who do we appreciate?!

- A big THANKS goes to:
- * Kelly Rasmussen for coordinating the Red Ribbon Week
 - * Abby Koniaris for coordinating the t-shirt and sweatshirts for PV
 - * Michelle Simonetti for putting together our PV Views every week
 - * Kathy Towey for coordinating eSCRIP
 - * Joanna Low for coordinating Friday folders
 - * Tracy Kreling and her crew for coordinating the 5th grade wrapping paper fundraiser

Upcoming Events:
* UNICEF Fundraiser: Halloween: Don't forget to bring the boxes trick or treating
* Scholastic Book Fair: Nov. 17th - 21st
* Holiday Share
* Holiday Concert: practices have already begun
* We are looking for a few parent volunteers for Thursday, December 4th. The school nurses will be doing vision & hearing tests for K, 2nd and 5th graders. Please contact Julie in the office if you are available.

OUR MISSION: Pleasant Valley is dedicated to building a community of learners where students strive to reach their full potential academically, socially, and emotionally. Learning is a life-long process that fosters effective thinking strategies, social responsibility and positive interpersonal skills. We are committed to preparing Pleasant Valley students for the world that awaits them in the twenty-first century.