

# Pleasant Valley Elementary

## PV Views

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"Where Eagles Fly"



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### PV Event Calendar

Dec 15th - PTA Meeting @ 3:30

Dec 15th - 16th - Holiday Share Food Collection

Dec 16th - School Board @ 7:00

Dec. 17th - "Holiday Hope" Assembly / Toy Collection

Dec 22nd - Jan 2nd - Winter Break

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### Lunch Menu

Monday - Dec 8th  
Baked Chicken Tenders or Chicken Caesar Salad

Tuesday - Dec 9th  
Pizza or Chef Salad

Wednesday - Dec 10th  
English Muffin Sandwich or Chicken Taco Salad

Thursday - Dec 11th  
Egg Roll or Mixed Green Salad

Friday - Dec 12th  
Bean Burrito or Tuna Garden Salad

### From the Desk of Terry Gavin Brown

After a restful week break, Pleasant Valley was off to a busy start. On Monday the School Leadership team was busy working on the school plan and reviewing the budget. At Wednesday's Student Council meeting, students agreed to host the Holiday Hope Assembly.



We are headed to Study Island and we couldn't be happier. Study Island will be your child's own personal tutor. This web based computer program assesses skills and provides activities and lessons based on areas of strengths and needs. Study Island is an enrichment and intervention program all in one and our faculty voted by an overwhelming margin to purchase it for our school families. We hope to have it up and running soon so that during the holiday break the students can access it at home. It will be fun to sail off to Study Island with our Pleasant Valley families.

I received a call from a neighbor who lives across the street from the school. In the morning and afternoon cars are blocking neighborhood homes. This is making it difficult for members of our community who are busy running errands or trying to get to work or appointments. Please watch how you park when you drop off or pick up your child. Some cars are parking two and three feet over into the driveways of our neighbors. Remember these are the same neighbors who watch over our school when we are not here so we need to be respectful and not take advantage. This is also a chance to model good citizenship for our children.

Thank you to the many parents who work so hard "behind the scenes" to make our programs run. Our "Reflections" program was impressive and I want to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Shelly Bolton and Linda Blum. Thank you to Katherine Johnson for helping at lunch when we are so in need of extra pair of hands to pitch in and help. Thank you Mrs. Sargent and Michael for working on the front sign and keeping families updated on current events. A thank you to Leslee Loeber for her help with our vision and hearing testing for our K, second and fifth graders. This is an on-going thank you to our Friday folder folks for your continued help. You and all the others parents working behind the scenes know the true meaning of volunteerism. Unsung heroes all of you!!!

I encourage families to attend the Holiday Concert's "Celebrations Around the World" on Thursday December 11th at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will join me and my family for this winter production. What a wonderful way to welcome the holiday season. Thank you to Madison Cain, Deb White and Michelle Roberto for overseeing this worthwhile program.

### Holiday Hope

Novato Human Needs and Pleasant Valley are working together once again to collect food and toys this holiday season.

Dec. 15th - 16th: Food donations will be collected in the familiar blue bins in the loading zone.

Dec. 17th - We will ask each child to donate a toy that will be presented at the "Holiday Hope" Assembly. This assembly will be centered around the spirit of giving and it will be similar to November's "Giving Day" Ceremony that touched the hearts of many. All parents are welcome.

Look for more information and the collection bags in next week's Friday Folders.

### S.H.A.R.E.S Cards Have Arrived!

ATTENTION LUCKY SUPERMARKET SHOPPERS!!! The S.H.A.R.E.S. cards have finally arrived! If you turned in a request form, you will find your card(s) in today's Friday folder. Please present this card every time you shop at Lucky's and up to 3% of your qualifying purchases will be automatically credited to our school. If you would like a S.H.A.R.E.S. card, please email Kathy Towey at [towey@comcast.net](mailto:towey@comcast.net) and include your child's name, teacher and how many cards you would like. It will be delivered it to your child's classroom. You can also stop by the office to pick one up. Don't forget to give a card to friends or family members!

In addition to the S.H.A.R.E.S. card program, PV is participating in Lucky Apples for the Students. We can earn teaching tools, FREE, in exchange for Lucky register receipts. Many receipts have already been turned in. Thank you! Please continue to bring in your register receipts until January 24, 2009. This is separate from the S.H.A.R.E.S. program, so please continue to save your receipts, even when you use your S.H.A.R.E.S. card.

ATTENTION ONLINE SHOPPERS!! Holiday gift ideas for everyone on your list! Shop at the eScrip online mall, where more than 1,000 stores support Pleasant Valley School! Simply visit [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and click on online shopping. Shop at your favorite name brand stores and up to 16% of your purchase will automatically be donated to PV. If you haven't yet registered with eScrip please take a few minutes to enroll. Pleasant Valley's group number is 136915186.

### Thank You!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. We send a big thanks so much to **Leslie Resnick and her crew of so many PV volunteers.**

The Holiday Concert is coming up on Dec. 11 at Sinoloa Middle School. The performance will be held in the gym, and begins at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there for this festive evening of "Celebrations Around the World".

We are starting to offer more after school enrichment. We are currently offering a Japanese language class on Fridays from 3-4. And we hope to start an Art Class on Wed.'s from 2-3 in January. Please stop by the office if interested in any of these classes.

Thanks  
Josie

### Fundraising News

**Fundraiser:** The notecards are here. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please call or email Kristen McAndrew 893-9518, [dog-lips@mindspring.com](mailto:dog-lips@mindspring.com).

Sloat "Growing Up Green" Fundraiser is going on this week, until Dec. 8. (Sloat snuck another week in at the last minute.) Shop at Sloat and support PV. Cross off some of those gardeners' holiday gifts. Anyone can show our flyer, available on the PV website [www.pveagles.org](http://www.pveagles.org), at any Sloat and 10% of the total proceeds come back to PV in a gift card.

**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.