

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 15th](#)
Baked Chicken Bites or
Chicken Caesar Salad

[Tuesday - Dec 16th](#)
Cheese Pizza or Chef
Salad

[Wednesday - Dec 17th](#)
Pasta w/ Marinara
Sauce & Turkey
Meatballs or
Chicken Taco Salad

[Thursday - Dec 18th](#)
Corn Dog or
Mixed Green Salad

[Friday - Dec 19th](#)
Cheese Quesadillas or
Tuna Garden Salad

From the Desk of Terry Gavin Brown

Hello Student Families:

Brrrrrr. It is cold outside. The days are chilly with the holidays right around the corner. Get ready for a busy week as we head for the holiday break.



On Monday, December 15th, PTA will meet for its monthly meeting. PTA asks that I remind parents that the annual PTA/School Leadership meeting has been moved to Monday, January 12th. Please correct your school calendars to reflect this new date. All are welcomed to attend this meeting.

On Tuesday, December 16th, student council members will represent Pleasant Valley at the District Board Meeting. Our student president Cody Engle and Vice President Maddy Gelleri will meet board members and provide an update on school activities. We know they will do a great job.

On Wednesday, December 17th, students will participate in a student assembly called Holiday Hope. Students are asked to bring one unwrapped toy to this event. Novato Human Needs will collect the toys. It will be a "little cozy" in the Multiuse Room with all the children present. Because it is a student assembly and because of space limitations we will not have chairs set up for parents. If parents wish to attend they will have to stand. We hope you understand.

Study Island is coming to Pleasant Valley. This computer web based program has been purchased by the school for your home computer. Each child will be given a user name and password to enter the island. There is plenty to do on the island all safe and fun. There are things to learn, games to play and blue ribbons to earn. For teachers there are student reports and assessments to review to help direct and improve instruction. There is an e-mail feature for teachers and principal to message students regarding contests and fun ideas and events. We hope to have it up and running next week so that your child can explore the island with you during holiday break. January we will have a Technology night for families. If all goes according to plan, next week's PV News should have all the information you need plus exciting news about a holiday Study Island contest designed to encourage students to visit the island during the holiday break.

Hats off to Madison Cain and the students of Pleasant Valley for the wonderful concert on Thursday night. The singing was delightful. My family and I enjoyed it. Congratulations to Shelly Bolton and to all the students who participated in the Reflections PTA program. We had a gallery walk through on Tuesday and the talent displayed on the walls is amazing.

Stay warm,
Sincerely,
Mrs. Brown

Holiday Hope

We are teaming up with Novato Human Needs to help those in need. Please bring your donations next week for our "Holiday Hope" collection.

Monday & Tuesday (Dec. 15th - 16th): Food donations will be collected in the familiar blue bins in the loading zone. You will find a collection bag in your child's Friday Folder.

Wednesday (Dec. 17th at 8:45 a.m.) - We will ask each child to donate a toy that will be presented at the "Holiday Hope" Assembly.

The assembly will feature special songs and poetry from the student council. Each class will present their "Word of the Season" banners and a toy that will be donated to Novato Human Needs. 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 your Friday Folders.

After-School Enrichment Classes

The PTA has been scouting for instructors to host after-school enrichment classes for PV students. The following are potential classes that could start as early as mid-January:

- o Spanish
- o Japanese
- o Art
- o Drama
- o Chess
- o Marin Treks

To aid in planning, we would like to get an 'indication of interest' so we can plan room size, grade-level breakouts, and scheduling. The instructor sets the length of the session and the amount to be charged; but it should fall in the range of \$10-\$20/hour per child.

If you think you would like to enroll your child in one of the classes, please email joann.brandis@verizon.net and note which class(es) are of interest. Anyone who gives an indication of interest ahead of time will be given priority during the registration process.

Additionally, if there is little to no interest in a class, the instructor may choose not to offer it at PV. **So, your feedback is important!**

PTA Meeting Update

This is just a reminder that the next PTA meeting is scheduled for this Monday, December 15th, at 3:30 in the Library. All are welcome!

Next meeting will be a combined PTA/SLT meeting on January 12th at 3:30 in the Library.

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.