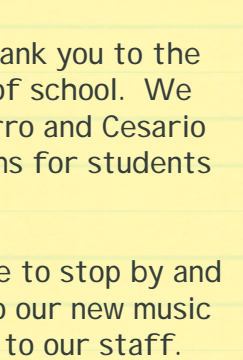


Welcome Back Pleasant Valley School Has Started !!

FROM THE DESK OF TERRY GAVIN BROWN



Dear Pleasant Valley Families:

It feels so wonderful to have the students back at school with us. Our campus is a lonely place without the children and so once more Pleasant Valley is shining because our students have returned.

We had a successful school opening. I would like to send a special thank you to the teachers and staff who worked so hard to prepare for the first day of school. We send a special "hurray" to Mrs. Spaan, and our custodians, Juan Navarro and Cesario Hernandez, who worked nonstop in preparing the school and classrooms for students and teachers.

Welcome to Ms. Thuy Tran our new second grade teacher. Make sure to stop by and say hello! Welcome to our new RSP teacher, Ms. Carol England, and to our new music teacher, Ms. Collette McClellan. We are delighted to welcome you all to our staff. Thank you PTA for the teacher "Back to School" lunch. We sure enjoyed the feast. Suzette Donnelly, headed the committee, and along with her talented crew, ought to open a catering business. Yes, it was that good. The moms helping Suzette with the lunch were: Michelle Abell, Leslee Loeber, Kelly Rasmussen, Lisa Citarella, Vicky Meblin, Nancy Shepardson, Lani Gershik, Gretchen Polkinghorne, and Kris Starn.

Our 4:00 p.m. tradition of posting class lists continues to be a school favorite. It is fun to hear the excited chatter of students gathered around the front office window as they scan classroom lists for the upcoming year. Thank you to PTA and Mrs. Starn and Mrs. Donnelly for overseeing the popsicle treats for the students which just made the event all the better.

Thank you PTA for the "Back to School Parent Coffee." Many parents attended and many signed up to help out with school and PTA activities and events. We are encouraging all parents to volunteer in some way this year. If every parent signs up for one event we can be sure that we will have the support we need.

Any parent who wishes to volunteer in a classroom must attend a volunteer training session. We held our first training at the Parent Back to School Coffee and had a great turnout. If you missed the training, we will be holding additional sessions in the upcoming weeks. The new policy to provide training and to obtain a signed confidentiality agreement is important to ensure student safety.

Please do not park, or leave your car, in the loading zone directly in front of school. This leads to congestion and causes other cars to double park which leads to students walking into the drive thru to get to their car. This is so dangerous. The white zone is for loading and unloading only. Our parent drivers must never leave a car unattended in the white zone to walk a child to the school yard. If you wish to walk your child to class please park outside on the street but remember to be respectful of our neighbors' so they can get in and out of their driveways. Please take note that the curb area entering into the school driveway is a "no parking" zone from 1:30 - 3:30 on school days. The purpose of this is so that we can provide parents in cars a safe way for them to line up and come through the driveway. We ask all parents, please do not park your car along this section of the curb during school pick-up hours.

Speaking of neighbors, we have a wonderful example of a supportive neighbor. Friday morning a "mystery neighbor" stopped by to inquire what she could donate. Though she has no school age students, she wanted to help her "neighborhood school." Mrs. Spaan provided a list of needs and before the day was over the woman was back with bags of supplies. In terms of dollars it was probably a donation of over \$300 dollars from a neighbor who cared but who remains a mystery to us. She would not leave her name but said she was glad to help.

What a lovely way to end our first week of school. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning for our first full week of school for the 09-10 school year!

Next week will start our regular PV News weekly e-news. Be sure to check out the school website at: www.pveagles.org

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