

Pleasant Valley Elementary

PV Views

August 28, 2009

"Where Eagles Fly"



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 IS BACK TO SCHOOL NITE!!

6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. (schedule of events is addressed in this Views)
12:30 DISMISSAL FOR GRADES 1-5
KINDERGARTEN ON "WACKY WEDNESDAY" SCHEDULE

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6:30-8:30
Back to School
Night-12:30 dismissal
grades 1-5

[September 7th](#)

Labor Day
No School

[September 8th](#)

3:15 Site Leadership
Meeting

[Click here to view the full school calendar.](#)

Lunch Menu

[Mon - August 31](#)

Baked popcorn chicken
OR Chicken Caesar
Salad

[Tues - Sept. 1](#)

Pizza Stuffed Crust

[Wed - Sept. 2](#)

BBQ Pork Ribs OR
Taco Salad (Chicken)

[Thur - Sept 3](#)

Corn Dogs OR Oriental
Chicken Salad

[Fri - Sept. 4](#)

Bean Burrito OR Fruit
Salad

Quick Links

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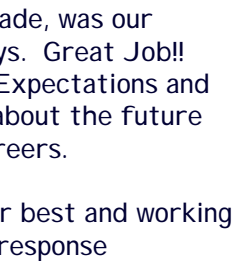
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From the Desk of Terry Gavin Brown

Dear Pleasant Valley Families:

This week we celebrated our students coming back to school with a "Back to School" assembly. It was great to welcome our new Kindergarten students to the Pleasant Valley Family. Our fifth grade students stood up before the school as our new school leaders and pledged to be good role models for the younger students by practicing good behavior and working hard in class each day. We introduced our new teachers and the new students to our school.



Principal of the Day, third grade student William Steadman, helped co-host the event. Anthony Rocongia, third grade, was our Honorary Yard Supervisor for the day. Thank you boys. Great Job!! During the assembly we talked a lot about our "High Expectations and High Hopes" for the upcoming year. We even talked about the future and how college can be a key for opportunities and careers.

We talked about "No Excuses" for not doing our best and working hard this year. We all learned the "Slant" classroom response method.

S - Sit up L - lean forward - A - ask questions - N nod - T - track the teacher. This student response method engages students and helps focus attention on instruction. Mrs. Baraban and Will Steadman modeled for the students who then modeled back. Ask your children about the "SLANT" response method and why it can help them in the classroom.

Our assembly also included our Eagle Words for each month. The eagle word for September is Kindness. We will be talking a lot about Kindness in the upcoming weeks and practicing it every day in the classroom and out at play. Eagle words are an important part of the Character building program we are learning at Pleasant Valley.

Our assembly included a wonderful gift from Grandpa Stan Kane who celebrated his birthday recently and ask that friends and family forego birthday presents in exchange for a donation to Pleasant Valley. Grandpa Stan is well loved because Pleasant Valley received a large check - enough to purchase a computer for one of our classrooms! Our goal for this year is 19 computers. 18 left..... Thank you Grandpa Stan and to Travis Kane who is sharing his Grandpa with all of us.

We concluded our assembly with our Pleasant Valley Theme song. There is something very special about the song and when we all are together singing as a school family it is quite wonderful.

Back to School Night is Thursday. Don't forget that means a minimum day for students. Back to School Night is very important and we encourage every family to attend. This is one night that we ask you to leave your students at home. The teachers have lots to share with you. Please see the flyer for the times.

The Parent Volunteer Trainings are a great success and really just a chance to remind everyone what we already know and that is that "it takes a village to raise a child." We appreciate everyone's understanding in attending the slide show to update the important qualities for being a volunteer and for signing a confidentiality clause. This ensures the safety of our students.

It is a birthday weekend for both Mrs. Julie Spaan and Mrs. Lisa Casey. This front office team is amazing and one of the reasons why Pleasant Valley is such a special school. They work so hard for all of us. We wish both the very best. Thank you, Mrs. Spaan and Mrs. Casey for taking good care of your Pleasant Valley Family.

We are off to a great start. No excuses for wasting time, slipping through cracks or failure. We have high expectations for all our students and know that Pleasant Valley is here to help all students succeed. Don't forget to read the monthly newsletter from [Dr. Derby](#) for important District news.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brown

A WORD FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

The supplies we received in the "Bring a Ball to School" request were a huge hit with our kids! Two young ladies were overheard on the upper playground exclaiming - "This is the best recess ever - we hardly ever get a ball!" In the coming weeks PTA will be rolling out the Peaceful Playgrounds program, which will offer our kids more equipment and playground options for their recess time.

We invite parents to join the conversation on this issue and be part of the solution - we need parent volunteers to assist with new activities and to coordinate and maintain our new supplies. This will be one of the items discussed at our first PTA meeting on 9/22 at 7 p.m. - childcare is provided and we invite you to attend.

Spaghetti Night is coming up on Wednesday, September 16th. Flyers came home in Friday folders this week. The form is also on the PV website: pveagles.org. This dinner event is our welcome back gathering and we hope that you will join us...

Blues by the Lake is fast approaching and with the B-52's and Blake Lewis playing, this is a concert you won't want to miss! Tickets are on sale now in the school office. Volunteers receive a discounted ticket for \$25.00 and a t-shirt - volunteer shifts are 3 hours long and it's a great community event that's fun for the whole family. P.V. needs 30 volunteers and we have 14 signed up already, so don't wait - discounted tickets will soon be gone.

PTA Programs forms have been coming in waves and it's an amazingly large stack of paperwork, even with the consolidated form. Thank you to our families for supporting PTA and our kids.

Enjoy the weekend,

Linda Blum
PTA President

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT-SEPT. 3RD

Pleasant Valley Back To School Night is Thursday, September 3, 2009. This is a MINIMUM DAY for students. All 1st-5th grade students will attend school from 8:30 - 12:30. AM K students schedule is unchanged. PM K students will attend 8:30 - 11:55.***

Schedule of Events:

6:10 - 6:25 pm - Parent Volunteer Training in Multi-Use Room

6:30 - 7:15 pm - Classroom Presentations for:
PM Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grade Classrooms

7:20 - 7:40 pm - All Grades Meet in Multi-Use Room
General Session in the Multi-Use Room for [all parents](#).

7:45 - 8:30 pm - Classroom Presentations for:
AM Kindergarten, Fourth and Fifth Grade Classrooms, Resource, and Speech

This event is for adults only.

Please leave your children at home with a sitter, so they will be well rested for school the next day.

PARENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

If you missed the volunteer training session on the first day of school, don't worry! We have added two more sessions. ALL parents that want to volunteer in the classroom must attend a "Parent Volunteer Training." Tuesday, Sept 1st - 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, Sept 3rd - 6:10 p.m. (right before Back-To-School-Night) - in the Multi-Purpose Room

STUDENT PICK-UP AND PARKING

This is a friendly reminder that when picking up your student at the end of school, there is NO PARKING along Sutro Avenue from Dominic Drive to the entrance of the school driveway. We have had several drivers parking their cars, and then walking up to meet children. This causes a huge back-up, as this curb area serves as the "line-up" to drive through the school driveway. Starting next week, the Novato Police Department will begin ticketing unattended vehicles.

Rock-n-Blues By the Lake

Saturday, September 26, 2009

10am to 8pm

at Stafford Lake in Novato

Rock'n Blues By the Lake is an amazing day of entertainment for the whole family. This year's headliners include The B-52s and Blake Lewis, American Idol's 2007 "Beat-Box Sensation."

The festivities include a carnival, Jumpies, Guitar Hero & X-Box interactive games, Marin Local Music's "Battle for the Stage" competition, Rock'n Roll silent auction/raffles, as well as food and beverages.

You'll hear music from GANZZ, Nightsage, LuvPlanet, Miles Schon Band, Alameda All-Stars, Rubber Souldiers, Jesse Brewster Band, and Tim Cain. The kids will enjoy a magic show and entertainment by Novato school performers.

Go to www.rnblake.com to learn how you can go backstage and meet Blake Lewis or The B-52s with a special admission ticket. These are limited and going fast.

Tickets can be purchased in our school office, by contacting PV's Rock'n Blues Representative Linda Blum (415-898-3676 or linda@balancingelement.com), or at the Farmer's Market in downtown Novato on Tuesdays. If you purchase tickets at the Farmer's Market, be sure to mention PV so we will be credited with the sale.

Advance Ticket Prices
\$45 Adults, \$20 Teens (ages 12-18)
\$15 Children (ages 5-11)
Children 4 and under are free

Volunteer for Rock-n-Blues

If you intend to go to Rock'n Blues by the Lake, please consider volunteering at the event. If you work a 3-hour shift, you'll get free parking and can purchase your ticket for only \$25. Pleasant Valley can receive additional money and other incentives if we sign up volunteers early in the beginning of the school year.

Please join us for a day of fun and spread the word about this terrific event.

School Fuel Benefit at Rickey's

On Wednesday September 9, Rickey's Restaurant at Inn Marin is hosting a special evening to benefit School Fuel and the Novato public schools. There will be an open-to-the-public reception from 5-6 pm that evening for School Fuel supporters. In addition, the restaurant will be donating back to School Fuel 40% of the food and beverage revenue for all customers served on that day.

Please plan to join School Fuel for the reception and make a reservation to enjoy a dinner at Rickey's that evening. Have a great dinner and support a great cause! For more information or to make a reservation please call 883-5952.

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.

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