

Pleasant Valley Elementary

PV Views

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"Where Eagles Fly"



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PV Event Calendar

September 16th
PTA Spaghetti Dinner

September 22nd
PTA Meeting
7:00 p.m.

September 23rd
Picture Day

September 23rd
Minimum Day -
12:30 Dismissal for
Grades 1-5

September 26th
Rock 'n Blues

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

Lunch Menu

Mon-Sept. 14
Baked Chicken Tenders
OR Chicken Caesar
Salad

Tues-Sept. 15
Pizza Stuffed Crust

Wed-Sept. 16
Pasta with Marinara
Sauce and pork
meatballs OR
taco salad (chicken)

Thur-Sept. 17
Corn Dog
(whole grain) OR mixed
green salad

Fri-Sept. 18
Cheese Quesadillas
OR fruit salad

Quick Links

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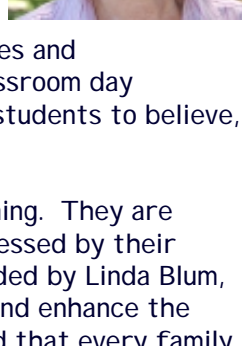
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From the Desk of Terry Gavin Brown

Dear Pleasant Valley Families:

I always like this week. With the first days of school over, teachers and students are bonding, homework issues have been ironed out, teachers and parents have met and "Back to School" jitters have turned into happy smiles. This is the time when schoolsettles into a comfortable rhythm. By now the rules and procedures have been explained and practices and expectations set in place. The consistency of the classroom day provides a safe environment for learning and for our students to believe, achieve and succeed with "No Excuses."



I met with the Executive PTA Board on Tuesday morning. They are terrific and as we talked I could not help but be impressed by their dedication and loyalty to this school. This group, headed by Linda Blum, has many events and activities set in place to enrich and enhance the students' education. It is the hope of our PTA Board that every family joins PTA. The cost is ten dollars per person. A strong school starts with a strong PTA. I join them in encouraging you to send in your PTA membership if you have not already done so.

Speaking of parents, I am inspired by all the parents attending the volunteer trainings and volunteering to help on committees and in the classrooms. We still however, are in need of chairpersons and co-chairs. I am hoping some of you will step forward, especially you early grade parents, to head a committee where there is a need. Don't worry the events are fun and you will have lots of support. When my own kids were in school I used to chair one event per year. It was a great way to contribute to their schools and still maintain balance in my own life.

Speaking of volunteering: We still need 20 parents to help with Blues by the Lake. I will be there with Mrs. Spaan working the PV booth and it would be great to see parents help fill the remaining spots. See Linda Blum for an assignment. There are many afternoon assignments open and for a few hours of work you get a discount on your ticket. I was new to the "Blues" last year and was unsure and nervous about what the day would be like, but I had the time of my life. What a great family day I had and working the booth doubled the fun because I got to see all of the PV students and talk to a lot of families.

This year we are already looking at ways we can improve our STAR test scores for next year. Carol England is our new RSP teacher and her energy is amazing and contagious but in a great way. We are bringing in a new program to RSP which we believe will have a positive impact on our student learning. We are already planning and organizing for morning intervention classes in Language Arts along with Accelerated Reader in grades one through five. I will be sending out some questionnaires in the near future about ways parents can help with some enrichment classes for high achievers. We are excited about the changes we are putting in place and the changes we are already seeing. What we need from you is simple; send your children to school every day and on time. What a winning combination.

One last note, don't forget that this coming Wednesday evening, is our first PTA "community conversation" event - the Spaghetti Dinner! I will see you all there for some conversation, catching up with families about their summer activities, and most importantly - a great spaghetti dinner!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brown

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SEPTEMBER 23RD - 12:30 DISMISSAL FOR GRADES 1-5

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 23rd. This is a District-wide Staff Development Day, and our children in grades 1 through 5 will be dismissed as 12:30. (Kindergarten will be on their "Wacky Wednesday" schedule.) This date was not in our school calendar, as this date was determined after the calendar was printed. The afternoon will be used for teacher training for our new Math Adoption, so that they will be at the "top of their game" to teach our children!

Spaghetti Night is September 16th!!

Our first PTA sponsored "community building" event is quickly approaching! Flyers were sent home last week about our Spaghetti Night at PV on Wednesday September 16th. Seating is limited, so please get in your order forms by Monday the 14th. It should be a fun evening of catching up with friends and classmates, while enjoying a scrumptious italian dinner! The sign up form is available at www.pveagles.org and also in the office.

Chairpersons needed... Sign up today!

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to help with PTA committees this school year. We are still in need of a few more chairpersons. The following committees need your help!

- Dinner/Dance Auction
- Red Ribbon Week
- Afterschool Activities
- Holiday Concert
- Used Book Sale
- Variety Show

Please contact Heather Sargent hesargent@yahoo.com or Kathy Towey towey@comcast.net if you are interested or have any questions. Look for the PTA committee sign up table at the Spaghetti Dinner next week. Hope to see you there!

Get Listed in PV's Business Directory

CALLING ALL PV FAMILIES WHO OWN BUSINESSES OR PROVIDE A SERVICE!!

Looking for a plumber or a computer person but don't know who to call? How about supporting one of our very own PV families? We are putting together an online PV Business Directory... so if you own a business or provide a service (ie: electrician, computer service, bookkeeper, hairdresser) and you are interested in being included in the online directory, please email Julie DeRuvo, julie@deruvofamily.com by Thursday, October 1st. Please include the following:

1. Name of the Business
2. Business Category (ie: Web Designer, Architect, Accountant)
3. Contact information (Business Address, Phone # and Email)
4. PV Family Name

PTA Notecard Fundraiser

This is a great fundraiser for both parents and the PTA. It provides the PTA with funding (we generated \$2300 last year!), and it provides you with a priceless piece of your child's artwork to cherish and share with friends and family.

Here's how it works: Your child's art is reproduced onto notecards, stickers, notepads, and invitations which you can purchase at reasonable prices. Then your child's original artwork will come home with a letter/order form. All you need to do is return the artwork, order form and a check, and you will receive your items in time for the holidays.

Please consider participating in this fundraiser and helping out the PV PTA!

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."

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.

Growing Up Green Sloat Fundraiser

Any Sloat Garden Center, during Sept. 18-28, will donate 10% of pre-tax sales purchased by our community (with our flyer) to PV in the form of a gift card which can be used for classroom projects, our school garden, butterfly garden or school grounds. The flyer can be obtained in the office. The school with the highest total sales will receive 20% back and a visit from Sloat's experts to help support school garden activities. If you need plants or supplies, visit Sloat and you can help support PV too.

School Fuel Bocce Tournament

Registration Now Open for School Fuel Bocce Tournament

The School Fuel 2009 Bocce Tournament is open for registration! Put together your team and get ready for a fun day at the beautiful bocce courts in San Rafael on Saturday, October 17. The tournament will include instructions for beginners, round robin play, a delicious catered lunch, and prizes for the top teams. Players of all experience and ability levels enjoyed this great event last year.

Registration deadline is September 18, but registration will close as soon as 32 teams are registered. Only one registration form is required per team. For more information, contact Leslie Benjamin at (415) 897-4259 or lbenjamin@nUSD.org.

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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