

Pleasant Valley Elementary



PV Views

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"Where Eagles Fly"

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PV Event Calendar

- October 14th**
Pole Decorating Contest Begins
- October 19th-23rd**
Red Ribbon Week
- October 30th**
Halloween Parade
- [Click here to view the full school calendar](#)

Lunch Menu

- Mon-Oct. 12**
Baked Chicken
Tenders OR Chicken
Caesar Salad
- Tues-Oct. 13**
Pizza Stuffed Crust
- Wed-Oct. 14**
Pasta with Marinara
Sauce and Pork
Meatballs OR
Taco Salad (chicken)
- Thurs-Oct. 15**
High Tech Burrito OR
Oriental Chicken Salad
- Fri-Oct. 16**
Turkey & Cheese
Sandwich OR Tuna
Salad

Quick Links

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From the Desk of Terry Gavin Brown

Dear Pleasant Valley Families:



We had a great week at school. I observed lots of effective instruction and lots of student learning. Highlights included:

1. First grade's trip to an apple farm. They had a wonderful time. Thank you parent chaperones.
2. Three of our teachers piloted MAP, a newly adopted district assessment program designed to help identify students' needs and strengths. Thank you Michelle Stephens, lead MAP teacher, for providing a wonderful MAP teacher training at Wednesday's staff meeting. You gave a wonderful overview presenting the various features and reporting abilities of MAP.
3. Two of our teachers, Mrs. Marston and Mrs. Skiles, attended Science trainings on Thursday afternoon and will be sharing FOSS science strategies with the rest of the staff. Another example of teachers teaching teachers.
4. We had our first school tour for our 2010 Kindergarten class. Lots of nervous and hopeful parents, anxious to make sure their children are part of Pleasant Valley's upcoming enrollment, kept Mrs. Spaan busy with many questions. Remember those days.
5. We had our first Student Council meeting this week and it went really well! We are proud of our new student leader team and expect a great year.

On another note, I would like to ask that parents please not bring entire pizzas in pizza boxes for their children at lunch. Any kind of fast food special lunch, with pizza topping the list, is very disruptive in the lunchroom as there is jealousy among the students and not every parent can bring lunch for their child. It is fine to wrap the pizza or burgers up in tin foil, but please no pizza boxes or fast food bags. Fast food special bags cause lunchroom drama. Thank you!

Have a good weekend. I heard rain is headed our way. It is about time. I look forward to meeting with the Halloween Committee at 6:00 p.m. on Monday in the Multiuse Room. If you haven't signed up but want to join us come on by. This is one event that is sure to be lots of fun to plan.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brown

PV Leadership Goals - 2009-2010

The Leadership Committee can use your help! We have picked three specific PV needs to work on this school year and we are asking for help and or guidance from our community. Our PV Community has a vast amount of knowledge and expertise that can really help our school. Please read below and see if you can help make a difference! Any and all suggestions are welcomed.

UPDATE PV EMERGENCY PLAN

- Ensure that all PV staff have updated CPR training
- Implementing an Intermediary Emergency Plan until the updated NUSD District plan is in action
- Training parent population on procedures for pick up/sign out of children in case of an emergency
- How PV Community Can Help....Leadership is looking for a CPR certified instructor to donate his/her time for training. If you would like to volunteer or assist please contact Mrs. Brown

NEW DELL COMPUTERS FOR TEACHER WORKSTATIONS

- Current computers are not all compatible (some are Macs some are PCs) and have difficulty handling all the excellent new programs we have for student assessment and curriculum
- 19 Dell Computers that meet the required standards for all NUSD programs cost \$928.00 each
- Buying in bulk may lower costs; looking for avenues to enable us to lower costs
- Working with corporations to help purchase the computers or who would want to donate funds for updating computers
- Planning ways to raise money without asking for funds from PV Community but instead giving services that can raise money towards a needed area; Friday Night Babysitting at PV, Rummage Sales, Bake Sales, etc...
- How PV Community Can Help...If you know someone, a company, or a foundation that can help us in any way to get these new Dell computers please contact Mrs. Brown or Danielle Buoncristiani, Leadership Chair, at Danielle@BuonPhoto.com

REFURBISHING/SERVICING/ AND OR BUYING NEW PV COPIERS

- Our Copiers are a vital part of running the school; they are very expensive to maintain and fix
- Leadership is looking for any parent who may have connections with companies that provide these services and may want to work with PV for a lower cost solutions
- How PV Community Can Help...If you know anything about copy machines, service agreements or reputation of a specific company, please contact Julie Spaan, Office Manager.

5th GRADE FUNDRAISER INNI SBROOK GIFT WRAP & PRODUCT SALES

Please come out and support the 5th graders and purchase gift wrapping paper, gift bags, chocolates and other goodies. Fifth grade students will be selling their products after school, Monday through Friday, for one more week. There is much enthusiasm for them to sell products and earn prizes. This is a big fundraiser for all of them to help defray the cost of attending Walker Creek Ranch Outdoor Education in the Spring.

You can view sample items in the office. Please stop by the table after school and look through the catalogue and help them out. If you have any questions you may contact Deb White at deblwhite@comcast.net.

We welcome your purchases and support! Thanks!

Flower Power for the PV Garden

Do you like Flowers ? Now is the time to plant Spring Bulbs.

Please support the first PV Garden and Beautification Fundraiser by purchasing your bulbs on www.flowerpowerfundraising.com. Once you're on the flowerpower site, click on "find an organization" at the top. Type in "PV Garden" and start shopping.

When you purchase bulbs through the flowerpower site, 50% of all sales come back to PV and will be used to support PV's garden and beautification. The fundraiser is open to everyone, so please pass this information on to your friends and family.

RUNNING & WALKING CLUB UPDATE

It has been great to see how many children are interested in participating in the walk/run club. Together we can be healthy and have fun. We have extended the date to turn in the permission slips. Please return them to your child's teacher or the office ASAP!!! Some forms have been returned to the students because they have not been filled out completely, please fill in the missing information and return it to us. It is important that the forms are filled out completely. Thanks.

We hope that your pledge sheets for the October 22nd event are filling up and that you are having fun doing it. If the student body is able to raise \$1000 there will be a tricycle race between two surprise staff members. The kids are excited to see who will be entered in the race if the goal is met.

This walk/run-a-thon will help to support the weekly/bi-weekly program that we hope to begin in January 2010. Whether it is weekly or bi-weekly depends on financial and volunteer support. If you have any interest in assisting either behind the scenes or at the track please fill out the information on the form.

Important dates:

- NOW** - Return PTA waiver and permission form as soon as possible
- October 22nd** - The "big day" - Walk/Run-a-thon during lunch recess! (wear appropriate shoes and clothing)
- October 23-26** - Donations collected from those who pledged to sponsor the student (checks can be made out to PV PTA or Pleasant Valley PTA)
- October 26-29** - Donations to be returned to school

Walk and Roll to School

Many thanks to Josie Brandis, Committee Chair of our International Walk-and-Roll to School Day, and her volunteers for organizing such a fun and healthy community event. It was great to see so many students and families walking and rolling to school. Thanks also to the PV Bakers for providing the yummy rewards!

- Kathy Towey and Heather Sargent

Upcoming School Fuel Events

School Fuel Rummage Sale on October 10

Come to the School Fuel rummage sale in the Hill Middle School multipurpose room on **Saturday, October 10** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The proceeds will be used by School Fuel to help fund teachers and programs for all of the schools in the district. If you have anything to donate to this great cause, you can bring it to Hill on Friday, October 9 between 3:00 and 6:00 pm.

Donations are tax-deductible. Clothes, books, small appliances, toys, furniture, bikes and house wares are welcome - but NOT mattresses, computers, TV's or stuffed animals. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kim McClure at 892-5792 or kimberlymclure@comcast.net.

The Novato Foundation for Public Education presents... Novato Grows Talent Telethon Re-Broadcast (Originally aired on June 5, 2009)

If you haven't seen it, you missed a wonderful experience. If you've watched before, you'll want to see it again. This is great entertainment for the whole family. Featuring students from every public school in Novato.

Friday, October 16th, 2009
Saturday, October 17th, 2009
7:00 to 10:00pm
Channel 26, 27, & 30 Novato's Public Access Television

For sponsorship or other information, or to make a donation, please contact: MJ Lonson, Chairperson.....(415) 898-8900 or mjlonson@msn.com

Monies raised will be used to provide music & enrichment classes at ALL of the Novato public schools.

School Fuel 2009 Bocce Tournament Registration

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 instruction 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 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.