



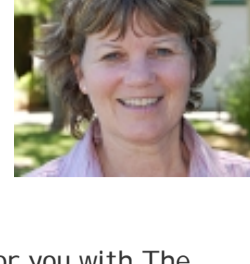
PV Views

November 6, 2009

NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11th

Happy Veterans Day!

From the Desk of Principal Terry Gavin Brown



Dear Pleasant Valley Families:

Our first trimester is ending this Friday. That means report cards and conferences can't be far off. I am hoping all of you will be able to attend your conferences, as this is such a great opportunity to meet with teachers for a one-to-one about how better to meet the needs of your child.

We have a busy November scheduled for you with The Book Fair, Grandma's House, Holiday Share and Thanksgiving activities. On Wednesday, however, we will all take a moment to pause and remember Veteran's Day. I hope you get the chance to sit down and have a chat with your children about the importance of this day. While we talk about Veteran's Day in school, the most meaningful conversations happen in families when stories are shared of family service to this great country of ours.

Friday's after school lockdown reminds us that our best defense for safety remains practice and knowledge of procedure for what to do in emergency situations. As you know from the e-mail I sent out on Friday afternoon we did receive a call at approximately 3:30 p.m. to lockdown our campus. We did so immediately. Thank you to Julie Spaan and Caesario Hernandez, our night custodian, who acted immediately and started lockdown procedure. Within two to three minutes the campus was in full lockdown. Within six to eight minutes we received an all clear call.

A police officer stopped by the office around 4:00 p.m. to tell us there had been police activity in the area, and that they had detained a man without incident. We learned over the weekend that the occurrence began in another part of town and ended on Sutro Avenue across the street from the school field. While this was not a pleasant way to end the school week it was an opportunity for us to test our safety procedures and practice our lockdown drill. After the all clear, we spent time critiquing the lockdown for ways to improve.

The air is crisp - fall is here. It is a great time of year with all these beautiful trees treating us to such an array of color. Let's all fill those Novato Human Needs bins with gift cards and cans of food. If we all give a little we can end up giving a lot. Have a good week.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brown

Lunch Menu
In the Office
Julie Spaan Office Manager 897-5104
Attendance Recorder 897-6264
Volunteers Needed
Attention PV Parents: Your school library needs support in shelving and book repair. If you do not know how to do these things, Mrs. Kram will teach you. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Kram in the PV School Library.
Quick Links
PV Website
H1N1 Virus Info
Superintendent's Newsletter
School Fuel Website
First 5 Marin
UNICEF UPDATE
As of November 5th, PV raised \$433 for Unicef...and we're still counting!!
Sloat Garden Center Fund Raiser
Nov 6-16 is the next Growing Up Green, where 10% of proceeds (with the flyer) will go back to Pleasant Valley. The flyers are in the office or can be printed from our website at pveagles.org . Any Sloat Garden Store will accept the flyer for our credit. Think about your Thanksgiving centerpieces or greenery for the holidays. Thanks for supporting Pleasant Valley!!
Newsletter Submissions
news4pv@yahoo.com

Lunch Menu for Week of November 9th



Monday 11/9: Baked Chicken Tenders OR Chicken Caesar Salad
Tuesday 11/10: Pizza Stuffed Crust
Wednesday 11/11: VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL
Thursday 11/12: HighTech Burrito OR Oriental Chicken Salad
Friday 11/13: Teriyaki Rice Bowl OR Chicken Caesar Salad

Upcoming PV Events

Monday, November 9th - 13th: Thanksgiving Food Drive
Tuesday, November 10th: Site Leadership Meeting at 3:15
Wednesday, November 11th: NO SCHOOL - VETERANS DAY
Monday, November 16th-November 20th: EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 ALL WEEK Grades 1-5 (Kindergarten schedule DOES NOT change)
Monday, November 16th-November 20th: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Monday, November 16th-November 20th: Book Fair in the Multi-use room

[Go to the the complete school calendar on the PV website.](#)

Smencils for Sale on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Pleasant Valley teachers will be selling Smencils on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-3:30 next week outside the first grade common room area. Please buy some of these awesome scented pencils for just \$1.00 each and support this PV fundraiser!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please donate food and grocery gift cards for the Novato Human Needs' and the Marin Community Food Bank's Thanksgiving Food Drive. You'll find the bins in front of the school for your convenience.

To ensure that local families get the food they need, we are asking students from each grade to bring the specific food items listed below:

- Kindergarten - Cans of yams or fruit
- 1st Grade - Cans of green beans or corn
- 2nd Grade - Boxes of stuffing mix
- 3rd Grade - 2 lb. bags of rice
- 4th Grade - Cans of gravy or broth
- 5th Grade - Boxes of mashed potatoes or pasta

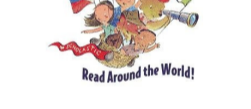


Any other food donations are welcome; they help feed local families throughout the year. This year, in lieu of a food donation, Novato Human Needs is making a special request for \$20 grocery cards from either Safeway or Lucky. They will distribute the cards to Novato families during the holidays. Deposit grocery cards in the donation box in the office.

Check your Friday Folders for your donation bag. And, thanks in advance for your generous donations. PV has always been one of the top contributors in the annual food drive.

Destination Book Fair - Read Around the World

Book Fair Dates and Hours: November 16-20
Monday - Thursday: 8am - 2pm; Friday: 8am - 1pm



Kick Off Party: Monday, Nov. 16, 12:30
Family Shopping Night: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30-8:30
Classroom Walk-Through: The walk-through schedule will be in next week's Friday folder.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED: We need more help for set up and tear down, contact Volunteer Coordinator [Angie Houlahan](#) if you can help out.

Look for the coloring contest in today's Friday folder. Return it by Nov. 10 to enter.

[Book Fair Website](#)

Questions? Contact Book Fair co-chairs: [Pamela Fox](#) & [Jennifer Oppgard](#)

eScrip News

ATTENTION ONLINE SHOPPERS! If you shop or make travel plans online, please visit [schoolpop.com](#) or [escrip.com](#) to make your purchases. PV gets credit for all orders or reservations you place through more than 450 merchants, including Amazon, Gap, Oriental Trading Company and 1-800-FLOWERS, just to name a few! Be sure to designate PV as your charity by using PV's group ID numbers:

- www.schoolpop.com - Pleasant Valley group ID #0073832
- www.escrip.com - Pleasant Valley group ID #136915186

Go to [www.escrip.com](#) and click "Online Mall" to see if your favorite online retailers participate. Better yet, install the "Auto Earn" feature, and each time you visit an online retailer that participates in eScrip, you will be automatically notified and a portion of your purchase will go directly to PV.

Pleasant Valley now has 331 eScrip supporters! More than 60 students returned their Registration/Renewal forms, and each one will receive a pencil and fun mini-eraser. A special thanks to the 31 new members who signed up this school year. For the month of September, we will receive a deposit from eScrip of \$723 - more than DOUBLE the amount we received in August 2009! Way to go! It's never too late to sign up! Thank you for supporting this valuable program!

If you have any questions contact [Nancy Shepardson](#), eScrip Coordinator.

The YMCA @ PV

The YMCA @ Pleasant Valley School continues to enroll new children for the current school year. Please ask about our convenient drop-in program and our one-hour-per-day before and after school programs.

Upcoming PV YMCA Events Include:

- Children's Holiday Craft Fair on November 30th through December 4th
- Pizza, pajama and movie party on Friday, January 22 from 6:00 to 9:00pm

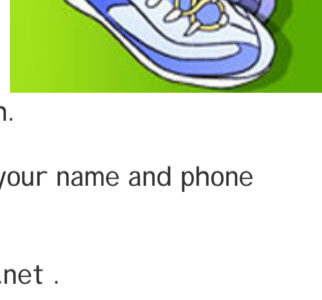
Please note the YMCA's November childcare schedule:

- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day: 7:00am to 6:30pm at LOMA VERDE (sign up at the PV YMCA)
- Nov. 16 through 20 -Parent/Teacher conference week: 7:00am to 6:30pm. Children come over after their dismissal at 12:30.
- Nov. 23, 24, 25 - Thanksgiving Week: Nov. 23 and 24 from 7:00am to 6:30pm, and Nov. 25 from 7:00am to noon at LOMA VERDE (sign up at the PV YMCA)

Contact [Shyla Bauer](#) if you have any questions 415-892-7476. Thank you!

WALK/RUN-A-THON UPDATE

Our Walk/Run-a-thon was such a success, with 126 children participating. We even had 36 children complete 1 mile or more and earn their first foot token! There has been so much excitement amongst the kids we have decided to start the running club sooner than expected! It was great to see each child doing their personal best. Thanks again to the wonderful volunteers: Deb Thurlow, Rebecca Glasser, Susan Roca, Diana Beckman, Shelly MacLean, Lisa Rodriguez, and Vicki Meblin.



Upcoming Walk/Run Club dates: November 12, December 3, December 10th.

Make sure to wear your Walk/Run Club necklaces on these days and write your name and phone number on the dogtag.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Kim at overstreet5@comcast.net.

Please remember all the kids are welcome to participate, it is a free, voluntary activity. Kids may walk, run, or do both. This is not a race! Permission slips are in the school office. All kids will receive a necklace and earn charms when they complete miles or meet certain landmarks.

Donations are still being collected and we will announce the total next week. A special Thumbs-up charm will be coming home in this week's Friday folder for those students who collected donations for the Walk/Run Club. Thank you!!!

Students Who Completed 1 mile or more

- Joe Abell
- Nick Abell
- Brandon Beckman
- Nick Bergo
- Nicholas Brandis
- Erin Citarella
- Evan Curtice
- Bryce Duncan
- Leo Gershek
- Mia Glasser
- Patrick Heslip
- Elliot Kendrick
- Madison Koniaris
- John Kosta
- Ryan Loeber
- Beau McAndrew
- Jack Mulligan
- Conner Murphy
- Tyler Nettelmann
- Morgan Overstreet
- Shasta Parker
- Matthew Polkinghorne
- Thomas Rietzsche
- Madison Roberts
- Will Roca
- Matthew Sargent
- Amanda Simonetti
- Kayla Simonetti
- Marcus Smith
- Porter Stein
- David Thoma
- Lucas Turner
- Olivia Wallace-Calabrese
- Jane Williams
- Andrew Wright
- Eric Zhou

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found container is over-flowing! And PV needs your help. In order to better display lost/missing clothing articles, we are asking our parent community if anyone has a garment rack on wheels that we could use to make it easier for parents to look through the missing items. I watch parents walk up to the current bin, and get frustrated by the amount of sweatshirts, and realize that it will take too much time to look through everything. So, the solution seems to be a portable garment rack. We've got the hangars, we just need something to hang them on. If anyone has any help in this area, please contact the office.

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.