

April 2016  
*The Pleasant Valley Post*



Pleasant Valley PTA 3.6.30 \* Monthly Newsletter  
Serving the Pleasant Valley Community  
Battle Ground School District  
PTA Presidents: Rachel Selders & Betsy Fahndrich  
Editor: Rebecca DeMoss

[www.pleasantvalleypta.com](http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com)



# PTA General Membership Meeting

General Membership PTA Meeting  
on May 17 at 6:30 PM  
in the Small Gym.

Everyone is welcome, childcare is provided.

## In This Issue

- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [PTA Volunteer Award Nominations](#)
- [PVP Book Fair & Art Show](#)
- [PVM Patriot Pride Grams](#)
- [Smart Phones Needed](#)
- [Our Children's Magazine](#)
- [Key Dates for Battle Ground School District](#)
- [PV PTA President's Letter](#)
- [PVP Principal's Letter](#)
- [PVM Principal's Letter](#)
- [Stuff The Bus - HELP NEEDED](#)
- [Kindergarten Registration](#)
- [PV PTA Executive Committee](#)
- [Safe Sitter](#)
- [Custom Dress Design and Fashion Show](#)
- [Explore the World of Papermaking](#)
- [Block Carving & Printing](#)
- [R.I.P.E.D. 4 Teens & Kids Fitness](#)
- [BGCE Adult Classes](#)

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL

- 28 - Take your child to work day
- 28 - PVM Activity Night 5th/6th grades 2:45p
- 29 - Deadline for PTA Volunteer Award Nominations

### MAY

- 10 - PVP Seuss Shoppe Open
- 11 - Early Release, PM Kindergarten
- 17 - PTA General Membership Meeting
- 21 - Hazel Dell Parade (6th, 7th, & 8th grade bands)
- 23 - Stuff the Bus
- 23-27 PVP Book Fair
- 24 - PVM Barbeque at lunch
- 26 - PVP Open House
- 30 - No School

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and is ready to finish strong! Hopefully with the nice break everyone is refreshed and ready start testing which started this month. We know lots of hard work goes into the test prep and test taking. PTA is wishing the students and teachers the best of luck!



You may have heard that our auction brought in over \$40,000 this year for PV PTA programs and activities with \$20,000 earmarked for a new playground. The auction fundraiser is the largest of three fundraisers the PTA hosts. We want to take a moment to give Melinda Darley, as well as the rest of the Executive Board, our auction Chairpersons, special thanks for their skills in organizing the details with our army of volunteers. Without all their help, many of the programs and activities PTA organizes would not be possible without having lots of different fundraisers throughout the year to help fund them.

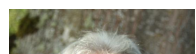
We are still looking for anyone interested in holding one of the many positions available for the year next year-grab a friend-you can do it together! There are big jobs as well as smaller jobs available, please contact next year's PTA Presidents Rachel Selders [readinrachel@gmail.com](mailto:readinrachel@gmail.com) or Lacey Lemmon [lacelemmon@msn.com](mailto:lancelemmon@msn.com) to discuss the open positions.

With our fundraising efforts complete for the year, we can focus on just having fun! We have one final General Membership meeting left coming up on May 17th. This is the meeting where all of the volunteers for the school are encouraged to attend so we can celebrate everyone's hard work together. Dinner is provided and PTA gives out special awards to recognize a few exceptional volunteers for their service. Please consider joining us for this last special meeting of the year.

Happy Spring!

Rachel Selders and Betsy Fahndrich  
PV PTA Co-Presidents

**Pleasant Valley Primary**  
*A note from Principal Ron Hutchinson*



Welcome Back from Spring Break!



## PV PTA Executive Committee

Rachel Selders and  
Betsy Fahndrich  
*PV PTA Co-Presidents*

Heidi Palena and  
Lori Norton  
*PV PTA Co-Vice Presidents*

Aimee Walter and  
Rebekah Conklin  
*VP - Communications*

Melinda Darley and  
Leisa Houlahan  
*Co-Treasurer*

Tina Yorke  
*Secretary*

Shylah Graham  
*Legislative Chair*



# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Help us say 'thank you' to our teachers, administrators, specialists, assistants, support staff & bus drivers on themed appreciation days:

**JUNE**

- 1 - 7th Grade Field Trip
- 1-3 - 6th Grade Outdoor School
- 2 - Early Release , AM Kindergarten
- 3 - Early Release , PM Kindergarten
- 13 - Early Release , AM Kindergarten last day
- 14 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
Early Release , PM Kindergarten last day

**PTA Volunteer Awards**



**LAST CALL FOR PTA VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS!**

*The deadline is Friday, April 29.*

**Golden Acorn** ~ a volunteer who has provided exemplary volunteer service to youth in our school community

**Honorary Life Membership** ~ a volunteer who has provided exemplary volunteer service to youth and the Pleasant Valley Community; spanning several years and primarily focused on this organization.

**Outstanding Advocate** ~ honors an advocate for continued and dedicated service to all children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies related to health, welfare, safety and education of children and youth

**Outstanding Student Advocate** ~ a STUDENT advocate who has made significant contributions through leadership and service in

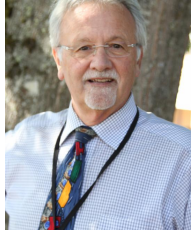
their school and community. (this award is always misunderstood)

**Outstanding Educator** ~ honors an educator who demonstrates continual exceptional service to our school community; a teacher, an assistant, bus driver, administrator or community leader

Recommendation forms can be found in each school office after spring break (4/11).

**The deadline to submit nominations to the green PTA box is April 29th.**

Awards will be given out during the



The familiar greeting of, "Welcome Back!" was heard around the school as everyone returned from Spring Break and back to the business of teaching and learning. Some of the staff shared a bit of their own experiences such as gardening, hikes, missionary work, reading, and even a dragon boat race in Australia. When I took a moment out of my own home projects to have a quick lunch, I caught an episode of Dr. Oz (4/4/16). And it caused me a great deal of thought and contemplation that I would like to share with you in this article and see if we can start some dialogue about your child's education. What first got my attention was a commercial prior to the show saying something about our brain development and the impact of electronic media on our/your kids. As I watched the program and listened to the various testimonies, research findings, and interviews with doctors, professors, children, parents and other professionals; it caused me to reflect on my own behavior and my personal and professional interaction with e-media. Dr. Oz shared a clip from the movie, "Screenagers" by MyDoc Productions in association with indieflex. To view a clip of the movie, 'Google' it and watch the 'YouTube' trailer. I am sure you, too, will think about your child's use and exposure to electronics, as well as, your own practices and habits. I'm not suggesting that we give up our devices but, rather foster an awareness, monitor usage, and have some serious conversations with our/your kids. Our lives and society depends on electronics but, it behooves us to think, ponder, learn, discuss and make wise decisions about teaching and learning. There is no better place than Pleasant Valley to have these discussions as stakeholders in your child(ren)'s education.

Ron Hutchinson  
Pleasant Valley Primary Principal

**Pleasant Valley Middle School  
A note from Principal Tamarah Grigg**

I love the start of spring. The cold, dark and hibernation of winter gives way to the blossoms, flowers, sun, and light of spring. A dormant earth gives way to a hopeful growth of new life. Growth, light, and improvement are the hallmarks for organisms and organizations that are becoming new and better. For the past 2 years, one of our themes has been to encourage students and staff to "Find Their Greatness." The idea is that inside each one of us there is the capability to become extraordinary. The goal is to set



our sights on finding that which brings passion to our everyday life and allows each one of us to activate the faith and hope necessary to do the exceptional. Greatness is different for each person, an individually tailored talent, skill, focus, or belief that when ignited, allows us to truly find joy in this life. Often we do not know what that will be until we have tried many things. However, sometimes, our passion surfaces the first time we experience an activity, event, challenge, or success. The wonderful thing, in my eyes, simply lies in the quest for finding the greatness within. The journey of life is made so much sweeter when we are searching for and finding that which will bring us joy. This quest is what middle school is all about; the continual

**MOCHA MONDAY**

Coffee cards, cocoa or tea baskets are warm ways of saying 'you're wonderful!' Coffee & pastries will be set up for the staff in the morning. See link below for food sign ups.

**TULIP TUESDAY**

Bring your teacher and/or other staff member a flower.

**WE THINK YOU'RE SWEET WEDNESDAY**

Help us provide a sweet treat and cookie buffet for our amazing staff! Let them know we think they are the sweetest addition to our schools! Sign ups on VolunteerSpot link below!

**THANK YOU THURSDAY**

Your notes of gratitude say it best!

**FILL 'EM UP FRIDAY**

Soup, Salad, and Hero Sandwich Buffet provided for all staff members. Sign up for a food donation below!

Use this link - [VolunteerSpot](#) - to see our sign-up, review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like! Contact Lacey Lemmon at 360-574-2829 or laceelemmon@gmail.com for more info



# PVP BOOK FAIR and ART SHOW

Coming Soon...

The PVP Book Fair will be the week of May 23-27 in the PVP Library.

Mark your calendars for the **May 26 OPEN HOUSE**



Don't miss your child's artwork on display.

## PVM Patriot Pride Grams

### PVM Patriot Pride Grams

**Patriot Pride Grams**  
**P...Positive Attitude**  
**R...Respect**  
**I...Integrity**

**D...Dynamic Communication**  
**E...Effort**

Students recognized for demonstrating these successful characteristics at school for the month of **April**:

- Jasdeep Atwal
- Courtney Beyer
- Hannah Bircherm
- Elizabeth Chan Olvera
- Avery Clement
- Hannah Clouse
- Brendan Crouse
- Hunter Dang
- Dylan Gaylor
- Kinsey Grap
- Anastasia Grebenyuk
- Garrison Grewer
- Morgan Hardie
- Aaron Heacock
- Jesse Hernandez
- Jasmine Jennings
- Corrine Johnson

exploration of possibilities and trying different experiences out. As I contemplated our school and this goal, I thought about the many ways we help students explore the possibilities that might help each individual "Find Their Greatness." Here is a list of just a few:

High Quality Daily Instruction	Patriot Pride
Art	Color Guard
Jazz Band	STEM
ASB	Advisory
After School Socials	Teacher Assistants
6th grade outdoor school	History Day
Math Challenge	Health/Fitness
Drama	Spirit Days
ROTC	IXL Math Tutorial
Field Trips	Art Guides
Band	Sports & Games
Computers	Marching Band
Minecraft	Unicycle Club
Google Classroom	Red & Green Games
PTA	Project Based Learning

Above is just a snapshot of the many ways in which the staff and students at Pleasant Valley are trying to "Find Their Greatness." What I know is that as we continue to focus on improving the climate and culture at our school and engage students each day with high quality instruction that produces results for student learning, our school will become better and better. The bright sun of spring becomes the beautiful tapestry of summer. Thank you for all your support to make PVM great.

Sincerely,  
 Tamarah Grigg  
 Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School



## HELP NEEDED

PVPTA would love to have a Stuff the Bus to benefit "Share" the week of May 23, but unfortunately the chair has moved away. There are several people willing to help, but we need someone to be in charge. If you are interested, please contact [Abby Uribe](#) for more information.



A medically accurate, competency-based, highly structured babysitting preparation course designed for young adolescents (no younger than 11). The course prepares young adolescents for the profound responsibilities of nurturing and protecting children. Class is May 14 from 9:30am-4:30pm on the Lewisville Campus, \$75.

## Custom Dress Design and Fashion Show:

Design class and fashion show for aspiring fashionists. Grades K-4 (up to girl's size 12). On Day 1 kids will choose from a variety of fabric and trims to design their own dress on a paper collage. The designs are then brought to life by the hands of a New York dressmaker. On Day 2 kids will create a product write up, dressing in their design, they will take the stage for a non-pressure walk through fashion show for their classmates. We end the class with a celebration of your successes with treats and lemonade. Check out designs on Facebook at Couture-ette Cascadia before you register for class. Class is May 6 and 20 from 4:15-5:45pm at the Lewisville Middle School Media Center, \$85.

## Explore the World of Papermaking:

This is a two hour class that introduces the art of papermaking. Participants will learn the basics of crafting handmade paper from recycled materials. Using the basic tools of papermaking, students will create papers of various colors and sizes. They will have the opportunity to add flowers, plants and other natural resources, making it their own. Then, after choosing ribbons and other elements to add, crafters will use their paper to create 2 cards that can be used for special occasions. Grades 2nd-5th, May 21 at the Lewisville Campus, 10am-12pm, \$35.

## Block Carving & Printing:

This class provides a 3-D approach to creating a reproducible image for printing. Techniques will include drawing, image transfer, carving on a soft stamp block and using a brayer and water soluble paint to block print on card stock. The finished products will be a carved block and up to six printed note cards. \$20, plus all supplies will be provided. \$5 supply fee payable at class (cash or check). 1 class, 4:15-6:15pm, May 13 at the Lewisville Campus, Grades 4-6th.

Mackenzie Lawlor  
Alee Le  
David Leon  
Nick Les  
Rubi Llanos  
Isabelle Macy  
Ricardo Martin Del Campo  
Jaydyn McCall  
Shawntell Mendoze  
William Peck  
Wyley Perrin  
Shelby Rebitzke  
Amaris Sambrano  
Trinidee Stallings  
Samuel Stellilini  
Isaac Taylor  
Cynthia Vasquez-Carillo  
Candice Vittitoe  
CJ Walker  
Dallin Wassom  
Ricdky Watkins  
Josh Weber  
Kyle Wilson

---

### WORKING SMART PHONES NEEDED!!!



If you have one (or more!) older, working smart phones laying around, please consider donating them to PV PTA. They are needed to be used in the classrooms with 3D viewers that were recently purchased by the PTA.

Contact [Betsy Fahndrich](#) with any questions.

---

Check out the National PTA's **Our Children Magazine** at [PTAOurChildren.org](http://PTAOurChildren.org) for great articles and content.

---

Battle Ground School District has announced key dates for the 2016-17 school year. You can find the list of dates on the district website at [www.battlegroundps.org/about-us/school-calendars](http://www.battlegroundps.org/about-us/school-calendars).

Come into the office to register 9:30am- 3:00pm  
or [Register online here](#)

---

**R.I.P.P.E.D. 4 Teens & Kids Fitness:** Super fun high intensity conditioning for all fitness levels. Plyometrics, mixed martial arts and strength training to build children and teens strong in a non competitive nurturing environment. Inspiring music, nutritional component and games like Butterball and soccer to build teamwork. Great training for athletes and people new to fitness. Parents can sign up with their teen (\*not available for kid classes). New sessions start Saturday May 7th. \$33, discounts available when signing up 3 or more kids.

---

#### Adult Classes:

Did you know? Community Education has opportunities for all ages! Offerings include, art, music, dance, fitness, safety, online courses, and more!

---

Classes must have a minimum number of students enrolled in order to run, please register ahead of time.

Contact Battle Ground Community Education for more information at (360) 885-6484 or visit us online at [bgce.battlegroundps.org](http://bgce.battlegroundps.org) where you can register and schedules.

---

#### Quick Links

[Washington State PTA](#)

[Battle Ground Community Education](#)

---

Please send May Newsletter submissions to [Rebecca DeMoss](#) no later than May 19, 2016.

