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Pleasant Valley PTA 3.6.30 *
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Serving the Pleasant Valley Community
Battle Ground School District
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CURRENT MEMBERS: 279
MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 385

Pleasant Valley PTA Presidents Letter Lacey Lemmon & Brian Higgins

Happy Holidays Pleasant Valley Families!

We hope you are enjoying the season as much as we are! 'Tis the season of giving and we wanted to take a few moments to thank you for your membership, your commitment to our three fundraisers, and for your time and talent that has allowed our membership to accomplish many things for our Pleasant Valley Schools so far this year.

We are looking forward to next semester when we help pump up classroom supplies and equipment with a \$100 grant to each certified teacher to use as they need for their classroom as well as an additional round of Teacher Special Grants of \$500.00 each. Without your continued support it would be impossible to help enhance our kids' learning environment with these extras. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also for your time, because some gifts are priceless-like the time you put in to making this organization the very best!

Our first Restaurant Night of the year at Burgerville was a HUGE success! With the addition of the gift card pre-sales, we raised more than \$750. We had so many families participate by coming inside the store, and several who visited the drive through. Thank you for your support! Mr. Michaud served up ice cream cones all night, and several teachers and PTA volunteers delivered food and cleaned tables. Mr. Harding's 1st grade class and Ms. Trainor's 7th grade class each won a Burgerville milkshake party for having the most students attend that night.

With all of the fun events and wonderful news so far, PVPTA is also experiencing a slow start with membership this year. We are hoping to reach those of you who have not yet joined PTA. Maybe you are undecided about whether you should join, what membership entails, or you have just been too busy to fill out the form and send it to school. We are always here and available to answer any questions you have about PTA and the wonderful things your membership helps accomplish. We are about 110 memberships away from reaching our goal for the year. Our greatest wish is to have you join us this year and strengthening our voice of advocacy for our kids. Out of all of our programs, Membership is the most important. Our members are our life-blood and our voice for our children. We will be running another membership drive in January. Please consider signing up if you haven't yet.

Your membership is priceless to our kids. Remember, anyone can sign up to be a member...family, friends, even your student, and there is no requirement to volunteer!

Our final fundraiser for the year, and by far the one that brings in the most funds for our PTA, our annual Auction Gala, is March 11th. Please save the date and join us for a fun evening out supporting our kids, teachers, and community!

With Grateful Hearts,

Lacey Lemmon and Brian Higgins, Co-Presidents of PV PTA
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PV PTA Executive Committee

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Winter Activities beginning soon - register now!

Use our new registration system to sign-up for Winter activities! Many after school opportunities beginning in January, as well as class offerings at the Lewisville Campus for all district enrollment.

Adult Classes:
Did you know? Community Education has opportunities for all ages! Offerings include, art, fitness, and more!

Upcoming Events

December 2016

- 5-14 Food Drive
- 7 - Early Release
- 12 - Candy Cane Gram Forms Due
- 12 - PVM Progress Reports available on Skyward
- 12 - PVP Food Drive Ends
- 12-16 PVM Spirit Week
- 14 - Cookie Dough & Mixed Bag delivered
- 14-15 Candy Cane Grams Delivered
- 16 - PVM Food Drive Ends
- 19 - Winter Break begins

January 2017

- 3 - Classes Resume
- 11 - Early Release
- 13 - Bingo Night
- 16 - No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- 24 - Board Meeting 6:30PM
- 26-27 Early Release

February 2017

- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 20 - No School - President's Day

Thank
You



Lacey Lemmon



Brian Higgins

A HUGE thanks to every who came out on Monday, November 21st for our PTA restaurant night fundraiser. 217 Pleasant Valley students, along with their families and friends, enjoyed dinner at the Salmon Creek Burgerville and helped to raise over \$750 for the PV PTA!

Congratulations to **Ms. Trainor's 7th grade class** and **Mr. Harding's 1st grade class** for winning a class milkshake party for having the most students attend. Congratulations to our top giftcard sales winners: **Shelby McCombs, Amy Pace, Hollyn Anderson, Emma McClellan, Emma Russell & Cruz Asay.**

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU to our volunteers who helped to make the night a HUGE success: Mr. Michaud, Marci Bohac,

Heather Anderson, Chris McCombs, Nicole Vigue, Bobbi Mash, Lacey Lemmon, Carla Myers, Konni Boll, Jesse Colson, Virginia Goranson, Michelle Cathcart, Alexis Henson, Stephanie Higgins and many other PV students who stepped in and helped. And of course a special thank you to Jolene McCombs for planning this successful night.
Way to go Pleasant Valley!

PVM FOOD DRIVE

The PVM food drive ends this **Friday, Dec. 16th**. This is part of a community-wide effort

LOST & FOUND



Please check the **Lost and Found** for coats, backpacks, and lunchboxes!! All items left during the Holiday break will be donated.

Pleasant Valley Middle School A note from Principal Tamarah Grigg

Principally Speaking....

December is a time of reflection and goal setting for me. The opportunity to celebrate holidays with family, embrace the coming of winter (and the hope for snow on the valley floor!), and look ahead to a New Year are hopeful opportunities to take stock of where we are and where we are going. Allow me to share some thoughts about Pleasant Valley in the light of where we are and where we are going.

As I am sure you know, we are constantly trying to improve the culture and climate of our school. In order to maintain order and safety, we have 4 primary expectations to: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe, with

Empathy. The Empathy piece is really important in helping students to be aware of the impact of their behavior on others. It is WHY we have the expectations that we do. While I believe most students know and understand these expectations, their impulsive nature sometimes gets in the way of following these expectations at school (and likely at home too!). It would be great if you could reinforce the need to follow these expectations to maintain safety and keep an environment that is conducive to learning while at school. The great work of most students should not be over shadowed by the poor choices of a few.

Attendance. Research is very clear that students who are here 90% of the time or more do better than those who are not. Currently, 74% of our students have been here 90% of more of the school days so far this year. Great job! I would love to see this number increase, and know the growth in learning will mirror the growth in attendance. Please ensure your child is at school whenever possible. So much of what they are learning is done in class that missing a day or two can be really tough to make up. Please allow teacher's at least two days to gather missed assignments or assessments when a child is absent. The more they are here, the more they learn and that is a goal that would make for a great New Year's Resolution!

Teachers focus a great deal of time with the skill of COMMUNICATION. Students who are Communicators understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively. They use a variety of communication modes (oral, written, expression in art form for examples), and effectively and willingly collaborate with others. To willingly listen to others, be able to clearly articulate our own thoughts, and to work together in a collaborative way is a difficult thing to do for some middle school students. Yet, it is a



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 where you can register and schedules.

2017 General & Special Education Conference

The 2017 General & Special Education Conference: *Brain-Based Science, Learning & Achievement-Pre-K through 12th Grade* will be held at the Washington State Convention Center in downtown **Seattle** on **March 8, 9, and 10, 2017.**

Twenty-four, full-day courses will be offered on a variety of topics by some of the "giants" in educational research. Courses are designed for general education teachers, special education teachers, school psychologists, therapists, professional support staff and administrators. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

Go to the conference website at www.rehabseminars.org for all of the conference details, or click here to download a program and poster.

Please download the full conference program and a poster for your school(s). This will be one of the largest science-based, educational learning conferences that offers full-day courses.

Quick Links

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part of a community wide effort, and donations go to the North County Food Bank.

What to bring: All non-perishable food items...cans, boxes, jars, etc.
No open containers.
No partial packets (one envelope of oatmeal from a box of oatmeal).
Paper products are OK...paper towels, toilet paper.
Baby items...food and diapers.

Each day we will have a BONUS food item that will be worth bonus points...5 points each!!!

See the flyer on the [PTA website](#) with the bonus food items! Help your student's class win!



SHARE THE HAPPY

"Share the Happy" is a great way to celebrate your student's birthday while supporting the PVP Library.

For your donation in honor of your student's birthday, your student will get

- * To pick out a new book for the library
- * A bookplate will be added to the inside of the book with their name
- * Be the first to check out the new book
- * Get a bookmark or pencil
- * Take their picture and place it on our Share The Happy board and we have their name placed in the newsletter.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to our Share the Happy students:

critical skill in a global society where and more of the jobs our students will pursue involve high levels of working with others. Being a Communicator who is willing to both listen to others, and articulate their own thoughts is right in line with the culture work we are doing to prepare students for life beyond Pleasant Valley.

I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the variety of holidays you celebrate at this time of year. Enjoy your family and the traditions you hold so dear. COMMUNICATE the values and expectations you have for your children in the family moments you can share together this holiday season. And....if you want to hope for some snow along the way, I'm all for it!

Empowering students to create a better world,

Tamarah Grigg
Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

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MEMBERSHIP

Joining PTA does not require volunteering!

Please consider joining PV PTA this year - it is not too late! Every membership counts, every dollar counts and there is a little something in it for you.

Volunteering not required

Joining PTA does not "sign you up" for any volunteering. We won't call you to ask unless you have told us that you would like to volunteer.

Please consider joining PTA: Here is the link to our [website](#) and the [PTA membership form](#), complete and send into your child's teacher or place in PTA box at each school.

<http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com>

Pleasant Valley Primary
A note from Principal Michael Michaud



Families of Pleasant Valley Primary,

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for peace and joy this holiday season and a New Year filled with health and happiness. On behalf of the Pleasant Valley Primary faculty and staff, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and holiday season filled with laughter and love. Enjoy your time with family and friends and safe travels to those leaving on vacation. We'll see you soon on Tuesday, January 4,

2017

Safety

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture and needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. One of the foremost advances in school-wide discipline is the emphasis on school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments.

The week following winter break we will be reviewing site specific behavioral

Jackson Kimbell
Caden Dalley
Emma McLellan
Chase Busig
Michaela Smith
Ryder Jones
Aiden Stuart
Garrett Grap
Owen Pittman
Jackson Blickenstaff

The week following winter break we will be reviewing site-specific behavioral expectations with students. We will send out a daily message via email and phone as to the teachings for that particular day. We would most appreciate you reviewing the standards of conduct with your child throughout the month of January. We are also hosting a training for bus drivers to help them better understand student bus expectations and how to acknowledge expected behaviors and work with students struggling to adhere to these standards of conduct.

Battle Ground Public Schools makes every effort to ensure safety throughout the district. In the unfortunate event that safety is compromised, Battle Ground Public Schools will communicate to staff, students, and parents on the situation and potential impacts. These communications include information on school closures or late starts due to weather or natural disasters, structural damage to buildings, or any potential threats.

The district uses multiple communication tools to deliver this information in an effective and timely manner (below).

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Attendance

Make a New Year's resolution to get your child to school, on time each and every day. Make school a priority.

Important Information

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Pleasant Valley faculty and staff for their continued support and service. I greatly appreciate their efforts in their kind, thoughtful response to students and for a willingness to grow professionally each and every day. Thank you for really caring about your students and knowing them as individuals. You are more than just a teacher.

I would also like to thank the Pleasant Valley community for their backing and encouragement. I feel blessed each to have the opportunity to serve you.

Other

The first 2 weeks of January will feature a free breakfast promotion. All students will be allowed to eat breakfast for free! This is a great opportunity for students and families to give breakfast a try.

Be kind. Work hard. Show courage.

Sincerely,
Michael and Diane

Please send December Newsletter submissions to [Rebecca DeMoss](#)
no later than December 8, 2016.

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