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**Upcoming Events**

**MARCH**

- 4 - PV PTA Auction at the Heathman Lodge
- 5 - Math Challenge at Chief MS
- 9 - Early Release , PM Kindergarten
- 11 - PVM Progress Reports available online
- 15 - Band Concert, 7:00 PM
- 17 - 8th grade parent night at Prairie High School
- 18 - Band tour to Seattle
- 19 - Early Release , PM Kindergarten, Parent/Teacher Conf
- 23 - Early Release , PM Kindergarten, Parent/Teacher Conf
- 24 - Early Release , PM Kindergarten, Parent/Teacher Conf

**APRIL**

- 4-8 - No School - Spring Break
- 20 - Early Release , AM Kindergarten,
- 21 - Take your child to work day

**Who is ready for a dessert challenge?**



Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

The PTA is gearing up for our largest fundraiser of the year coming up on March 4th. We are hard at work putting together an amazing event that will be a fun night out and a great way to earn money for our schools. We are still in need for grade level basket donations for the silent auction. Please help us help your kids by bringing in a donation for the baskets or if you want, drop a monetary donation in the green PTA box and we will gladly shop for you.



The General Membership just elected next year's Executive Committee at the February GM meeting on February 23rd. Here are the election results for the 2016-2017 Pleasant Valley PTA Executive Committee:

Rachel Selders and Lacey Lemmon, *PV PTA Co-Presidents*  
Shylah Graham and Lori Norton, *PV PTA Co-Vice Presidents*  
Rebekah Conklin, *VP - Communications*  
Leisa Houlahan and Betsy Fahndrich, *Co-Treasurer*  
Ceri Howell, *Secretary*  
Curtis Michael, *Legislative Chair*

We are currently looking for volunteers for the board of directors for next year. There are a variety of positions available with varying levels of time commitments, and this is a great way to become more involved, don't hesitate to contact us with questions; new faces and ideas are welcome.

PTA honors volunteers and advocates at the end of each school year, and now is the time to nominate them. The Golden Acorn is offered for recognition of a volunteer who has given outstanding service in our school and community. The Outstanding Educator is someone who demonstrates continual exceptional service to our school community. The Outstanding Advocate is someone with continued and dedicated service to all children and demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies related to health, welfare and education of children and youth. The Outstanding Student Advocate is a student who has made significant contributions through leadership and service in their school and community. The Honorary Life Membership Award is given to a volunteer who has provided ongoing dedicated service to youth and specifically the Pleasant Valley community.

Pleasant Valley is rich in volunteers, dedicated teachers, and advocates--please take this opportunity to recognize some of your favorites. Nomination forms will be available soon in the front office and on the PTA website. Awards will be presented at

the volunteer appreciation dinner on May 17th. More information will be available about this soon.

As always we encourage questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Rachel Selders and Betsy Fahndrich  
PV PTA Co-Presidents



**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*

**Safe Sitter:**

Safe Sitter is 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 March 12 at Lewisville from 9:30am-4:30pm, \$75.

**Safe On My Own**

Ages 7 - 12! Learn how to handle being home alone. This American Red Cross class

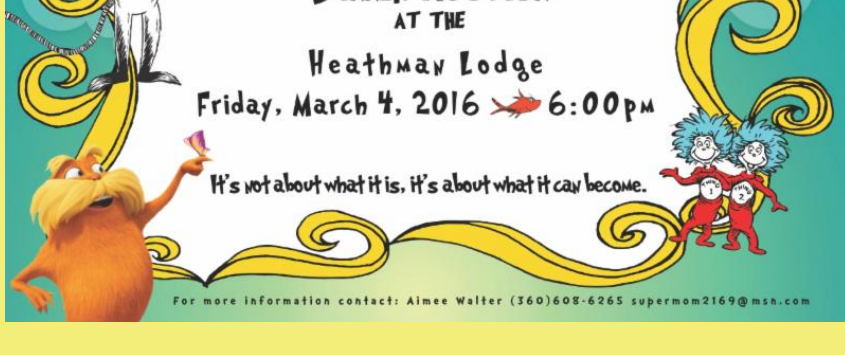
encompasses a variety of subjects including personal safety, how to answer the door or phone when home alone, internet safety, sibling care, how to get help, basic first aid and family communication. Class is March 19 at Lewisville from 10-11:30am, \$30.

**Spring Middle School Volleyball & Basketball:**

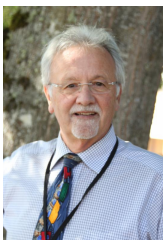
Registration is open for our Middle School Recreational Basketball and Volleyball leagues. Players will learn the basic skills and rules of the games, and have a chance to play other in-district teams. Basketball games are on



We need bakers for the annual PTA auction on March 4th- "best dessert" wins a \$50 gift card. Show off your best Dr. Seuss themed desserts. Pick up a blue information flyer at either school office, sign up by Feb 26th. Adults invited too! Desserts are auctioned off during the event to raise money for all the great PTA programs. For more information, call/text Megan at (503) 314-3728.



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



One of my fondest memories, as a little boy, were the times I spent with one of my grandmothers during the summer. My 'Grandma Hutch' had several button boxes where she kept all of the buttons she had collected over the years from shirts, coats and other garments. I didn't know it at the time, but she was one of the best teachers I would ever have. When Grandma brought out the 'button boxes', we would get down on the floor together and dump them out. She would then ask me to help her sort them by various features (size, color, design, etc.).

Then we would compare, create patterns, count, describe, and do whatever Grandma and I would decide at the time. It was not until many years later that I understood how wise Grandma was. It was through these activities that she helped build the mathematical foundation for my education. Her questioning, listening, and talking with me about all of the various features of the buttons caused me to think in ways I had not done before. It caused me to think, compare, contrast, describe, create, count, and talk about my reasoning.

Mentally thinking and talking about how we determined a mathematical solution helps all of us deepen our understanding and knowledge. Today we use the same strategies in our classrooms as we build the foundation for future learning. Have you 'talked math' with your child(ren) today?

Ron Hutchinson  
Pleasant Valley Primary Principal

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

February is a great time to review expectations with your children. We are slightly past the halfway mark into this school year and children benefit greatly from hearing their parents share what they expect from them in area of academics, behaviors and friendships. It is also a great time to think about how many absences your child has had so far this year. The latest research shows that students being in school to learn is more important than ever and the negative impacts of high absenteeism starts as early as kindergarten. A good goal is to not miss more than 10 school days in a school year.



ATTENDANCE = LEARNING The Pleasant Valley staff would like to continue to encourage families to limit family trips and vacations that take students out of school during the 180 day school year. When a student is absent, it can have an effect on the progress of the whole class, not just on the individual student who is absent. While everyone is sick sometimes and has to be absent, combined data has indicated Pleasant Valley students have missed over 75 days of instruction this year due to parent requests and out-of-town trips alone. We want students to achieve at the highest levels at Pleasant Valley. To do this, we need the highest levels of school attendance. Thank you for partnering with us about this issue.

Tamarah Grigg  
Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

### PVM 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 February:

- Jasmine Allen
- Bailey Anderson
- Jasdeep Atwal
- Noah Blackburn
- Nicolas Blade
- Kylia Caesar
- Savanna Carrillo
- Elizabeth Chan-Olvera
- Avery Clement
- Hunter Dang
- Abbie Davenport
- Genna Emory
- William Fahndrich
- Hannah Fairly
- Haley Fanning
- Kirby Ferguson
- Alanna Frack
- Jasmine Jennings
- Kylie Kimball
- Diana Kredentser
- Shyann Lambrecht
- Alex Le
- Hunter Leonard
- Nick Les
- Bryce Lindsay
- Halle Lovejoy
- Steven Lynch
- Isabelle Macy
- Cassidy Marsing
- Jayden McCall
- Cassie Murdock
- Abel Novruk
- Wyley Perrin
- Aubrie Potts
- Laura Rodriguez
- Belen Roman Anguiano
- Amaris Sambrano
- Stephen Savage
- Emma Scholl
- Kaden Sketchley
- Preston Slamp
- Zach Stellini
- Isaac Taylor
- Candace Vittitoe
- CJ Walker

Check out the National PTA's **Our Children Magazine** for great articles like "[Take Part in Your Kid's Digital Learning](#)" and "[Watch TV Smarter: Develop Your Teens Critical Thinking](#)". Check it out now at [PTAOurChildren.org](http://PTAOurChildren.org) for great articles and content

Fridays starting April 15 at BGHS, Volleyball has games on Saturdays starting April 16 at Pleasant Valley. Volunteer coaches are needed, please contact BGCE if interested. Practice start date is dependent on your volunteer coach. Basketball is \$85, Volleyball is \$70. Registrations after March 13 will not receive a game shirt.

**Spring Track:** If you're a kid between the grades 3rd-8th who loves to run, jump and throw, then track is for you! The team meets twice a week to practice. Grades 6-8th M/W, T/TH Grades 3-5th, 5-6:30pm. Two local meets are scheduled for May at Battle Ground District Stadium, with other community meets optional. Some practices may be changed to optional track meets. Grades 3-5th \$67, practice starts March 24, Grades 6-8th \$77, practice starts March 23. Registrations after 3/18/16 will NOT receive a track shirt.

**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 [bqce.battlegroundps.org](http://bqce.battlegroundps.org) where you can register and schedules.

### Quick Links

- [Washington State PTA](#)
- [Battle Ground Community Education](#)

**Congratulations to Steve York who won Blazer tickets**



## in the January PTA Membership Drive

**It's not too late to join and help us reach our goal of 370 members!**  
No need to volunteer - just signing up supports kids and teachers.

More information about Joining PTA, including the membership form  
can be found at <http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com>

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Please send March Newsletter submissions to [Rebecca DeMoss](#)  
no later than February 10, 2016.

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