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CURRENT MEMBERS: 286
MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 385

Pleasant Valley PTA Presidents Letter Lacey Lemmon & Brian Higgins

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

The PTA is gearing up for several activities in the next few months. We have Movie Night, Staff Appreciation Week, the PV 40th Anniversary Celebration, and our Family Carnival to name a few. We have our largest fundraiser of the year coming up on May 6th, our annual Auction, which we have turned in to a Family Carnival with a Silent Auction. We are hard at work putting together an amazing event that will be a fun day for the whole family and a great way to earn money for our schools. More info coming home soon about our Carnival and Silent Auction! If you would like to help plan this family fun day, please contact us!

We are also currently looking for volunteers for the Executive Committee and our 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 our volunteers and advocates at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and General Membership Meeting each May, 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



PV PTA Executive Committee

- [Lacey Lemmon and Brian Higgins](#)
PV PTA Co-Presidents
- [Nicole Vigue and Shylah Graham](#)
PV PTA Co-Vice Presidents
- [Rebecca DeMoss](#)
VP - Communications
- [Betsy Fahndrich and Leisa Houlahan](#)
Co-Treasurer
- [Ceri Howell](#)
Secretary
- [Curtis Michael](#)
Legislative Chair

Upcoming Events

February 2017

- 23 - Battle Ground Public Schools' Industry Fair
- 25 - SW WA Math Challenge

March 2017

- 1 - Regular Full Day
- 4 - Regional History Day at Cascade MS
- 6-10 Classified Employee's Week
- 14 - 5/6th grade activities night, 2:45-4:00
- 15 - Regular Full Day
- 16 - Band Concert, 7:00P
- 22 - Early Release
- 24-25 Band Tour to Seattle
- 27-31 Spirit Week
- 29 - Jump Rope for Heart (PVP)

April 2017

- 14 - Movie Night
- 17-21 Stuff the Bus
- 24-28 Staff Appreciation

Legislative Corner



With 53.64% of the vote, the Replacement Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations Levy has passed! Thank you community members for supporting your schools.

Battle Ground Public Schools' Industry Fair

Students and community members are invited to this free event on **Thursday, Feb. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Battle Ground High School** to learn about careers in southwest Washington. Attendees will be able to learn about career paths by talking with more than 60 local employers about the jobs available at their companies. Bring your resume and consider your dress, because some companies have positions open now. There is also a resume writing workshop from 3

THANK YOU

A great big thank you to Tina Yorke and all the volunteers who made the Sweetheart Dance a HUGE success!

Tentative makeup plans for missed days

Battle Ground Public Schools has developed a plan for students to make up the school days that were missed this year due to inclement weather, and has tentatively set the last day of school for Friday, June 23. To meet Washington state's school attendance requirements, Battle Ground's plan extends the school calendar at the end of the year, eliminates some early release days, and includes a request to the state to waive some of the missed days.

The plan is tentative until approved by both the Board of Directors and the state, and could be altered if additional inclement weather impacts the school calendar. The waiver request must meet state requirements, including providing students with a minimum of 1,027 instructional hours during the year and making up a minimum of three of the missed school days. The changes are:

Specifically, the following changes have been made to the 2016-17 school calendar:

- Feb. 9-10:** Early release days for end of semester
- March 1:** Regular, full day
- March 15:** Regular, full day
- April 19:** Regular, full day
- May 5:** Regular, full makeup day
- June 8-9:** Regular, full days
- June 15-16:** K-8 early release days for parent-teacher conferences
- June 19-20:** Regular, full days
- June 21:** Regular, full makeup day
- June 22-23:** Early release makeup days

For high school seniors, the graduation dates will not change.



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 25th. More information on this meeting coming soon.

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

Lacey Lemmon and Brian Higgins
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Lacey Lemmon



Brian Higgins



Pleasant Valley Middle School's Chromebook Rollout was recently featured in the [Columbian](#). Check it out!

Pleasant Valley Middle School A note from Principal Tamarah Grigg

Hello Pleasant Valley Parents and Families,

Well it looks like we have all survived Snowmagedon 2017. We sometimes think that we have all kinds of power and abilities as humans and then something like a foot of snow, and below freezing temperatures for a week, shows us that there are forces beyond our control. Although I made it to work for all but one of those days to check on our building, the extra snowcation did throw off the rhythm a little bit. However, we are now back into full swing and starting the drive toward and into the second half of the school year.



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

to 6:30 p.m. in BGHS' College and Career Center.

Many industries will be represented: health science, manufacturing, technology, construction, finance, hospitality, retail, human services and transportation; and participants will have a chance to ask about the skills, abilities, and educational requirements to work in various jobs, along with what the work environment is like and what kinds of tasks are performed in various job roles. Representatives from more than 60 businesses will be available to answer questions. See the attached PDF for a current list of all participating employers.

The event is sponsored by Battle Ground Public Schools, WorkSource, and Partners in Careers. We hope you'll join us for this educational evening at Battle Ground High School. Please contact career guidance specialist Kevin Doyle at (360) 885-6598 or doyle.kevin@battlegroundps.org with questions.



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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.

Spring Hoops (Middle School):

registration begins on February 27. Season begins with practices week of March 20.

DRIBBLE, PASS, and SHOOT! Boys and girls will increase their basketball skills and abilities through team play. Practices are during the week at your local schools in the evening, and games are on Friday nights at BGHS! Once players are registered on a first come, first serve basis, teams are compiled and coaches will be contacting players about their practice schedule. Coaches are volunteers. Participants will receive a team t-shirt if they register before March 15th, 2017.

Spring Volleyball (Middle School):

Jump Rope for Heart (PVP Only)

The Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 9:15 AM.

We are aiming for the afternoon of **Wednesday, March 29, 2017** for the school-wide event.

Check out the National PTA's **Our Children Magazine** at PTAOurChildren.org for great articles and content.

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 30 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.

Please join us on May 18th for the Pleasant Valley 40th Anniversary Celebration from 5:30-7:00. A great time to connect with former parents, staff, students and community members.

I am so proud of our school. Although we still have many things to improve, and the journey toward every student being able to meet standard and beyond is slow and steady, we are making significant progress. We have such an amazing staff dedicated to meeting the needs of every student and providing a safe, positive learning environment. We will continue to do our best and to respond to new tensions and trials but I know in my heart that we are doing good work and that work is making a difference in more student's lives every day. Thank you for being a part of this effort with us.

Regards,
Tamarah Grigg, Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

Pleasant Valley Primary *A note from Principal Michael Michaud*



Families of Pleasant Valley Schools,

Next week you will receive your child's official standards-based report card for Semester One. Please check your child's backpack early next week. The report card will show your child's understanding of the standards that have been covered to this point in the school year. In addition, the report card shows grades for behaviors, your child's attendance record, and assessment information.

Our K-4 report card separates grades on academic subjects from grades on student behaviors, allowing teachers to more accurately report student learning. Your child will receive two kinds of grades: one is based on his or her understanding of academic subjects and scored on a scale from 1-4, and the other is based on his or her demonstration of successful learning habits and scored on a scale of T (typically), S (sometimes) and R (rarely).

The goal for our students is to achieve a 3 in all subject areas. A 3 indicates that a student understands the content to this point, and is on track to move to the next level of learning. This involves students increasing their understanding throughout the school year so that by the end of the year the student is ready for the next grade level's standards and expectations. A 4 is reserved for work that

Spring Volleyball (Middle School): registration begins on February 27. Season begins with practices week of March 20.

BUMP, SET and SERVE! Boys and girls will increase their volleyball skills and abilities through team play. Practices are during the week at your local schools in the evening, and games are on Saturdays at Pleasant Valley Middle School. Once players are registered on a first come, first serve basis, teams are compiled and coaches will be contacting players about their team practice schedule. Coaches are volunteers. Participants will receive a team t-shirt if registered by March 15th, 2017.

Quickstart Sport Basketball (Primary School):

registration is open! Class session begins April 17 with 8 class sessions held after school.

To be a successful basketball player requires three important key attributes: skills, drive and determination to succeed, and high level coaching and player development. QuickStart Sports aims to incorporate all three of these attributes in our weekly afterschool basketball program. Our participants will start by setting a goal to accomplish over the 8 week program, and our coaches will work to help your player achieve their goal.

No matter if you are an experienced, future NBA star, or brand new to the game of basketball, this fall take advantage QuickStart Sports after school basketball program full of skills, drills, and fundamental learning, all while having fun in a team environment.

Our experienced coaches will focus on developing each players shooting skills, dribbling skills, passing skills, defense and much more. Participants will also work on various agility exercises aimed to improve speed and quickness which will provide that extra edge on the court! QuickStart Sports has a focus of mentoring and impacting kids in a positive way by relating to them through the joy of sports, and as part of our programs we incorporate our core values system throughout each class.

NO CLASS ON May 29 due to holiday.

Mad Science (Primary School):

registration is open! Class begins April 19 with 6 class sessions held after school.

Observation, Hypothesis, and Experiment are the foundations of scientific exploration. But be prepared to be amazed...you'll have trouble believing your own eyes or ears on this spellbouding expedition through the science of sound, magic, illusion and color!

Detectives Science: There's a crime afoot! Break out your magnifying glasses and search for clues. Run your own investigation as your Mad Scientist reveals techniques in fingerprinting, chemistry and other skills used by crime scene investigators.

Lights, Color, Action: Take a journey through wavelengths and prisms to shed some light on science! Perform experiments that mix colors of light together and then separate them again! Build a machine that can create white light from the colors of the rainbow!

demonstrates considerable depth of knowledge beyond proficiency and could involve complex reasoning skills, multi-step problem solving, and integrated learning standards.

We encourage you to speak to your child about his or her progress. Please contact the school directly with questions related to the information highlighted on the report card. The report card is not the only method for communicating with parents. Teachers provide a variety of communications, including parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, emails, and phone calls throughout the year to discuss learning and student progress. You are encouraged to contact your teacher at any time with questions.

Safety

Volunteers

We are appreciative of all parents who are willing to commit time and energy to helping students succeed and to provide an excellent place of learning for all students. It takes a combined community to accomplish this, and we welcome volunteers to join in the goal of making our school be the best that it can be. With that said, every volunteer must register in the main office upon arrival. When entering the office, the volunteer must register in the Volunteer Sign-in Log maintained at the office counter top. The name of the volunteer and the date and time of service should be recorded. A visitor's sticker should be picked up and worn during service. At the end of the volunteer time the volunteer should report to the office and sign out.

We believe that parent volunteers play a key role in the classroom and other school-related activities. Please provide me with as much advanced notice as possible if you cannot volunteer for a scheduled time. An email or a phone message would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers should be willing to perform a wide range of assigned tasks and activities such as copying, cutting, sorting, collating, putting up or taking down bulletin boards, and working directly with all students.

It is important that the students have consistency within the classroom. Therefore, it is very important that the parent volunteers follow the guidance, approach, and fundamental concepts that are delivered and demonstrated by the teacher/staff.

Students need to stay focused on the learning task in class so I would appreciate it if any distractions are kept at a minimum. Cell phones will need to be turned off or placed on vibrate. If an emergent or personal issue arises that requires you to use your cell phone, please step out of the classroom and out of the view of the class and students while using your phone. Volunteers shall exercise mature judgment in supervising children and shall in all instances respect each student's rights and privacy. It is essential that confidentiality is maintained and any concerns should be discussed directly and exclusively with the supervising teacher/staff. Disciplinary action is the legal responsibility of school administrators and school

Movie Effects: Lights..Camera...Science! Step into the studio and have a seat in the director's chair as we examine the science behind the movies we love to watch! Experiment with different types of animation and try your luck at guessing how sound effects are made!

NO CLASS ON May 24 due to Early Release.

Registration opening soon for Track - grades 3 through 8. Practices held at the Lewisville Campus gym or district stadium/track in Battle Ground.

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 where you can register and schedules.

Quick Links

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staff. Parent volunteers may not suggest, initiate, or enforce any type of discipline. If you have a concern or issue, immediately inform the teacher or appropriate staff member.

Thank you in advance for your time and understanding.

2017 NWPBIS Network Annual Conference

The Northwest PBIS* Network's mission is to establish and sustain safe, positive and inclusive learning environments for all. We are sending 6 individuals representing the various departments at Pleasant Valley Primary to the 2017 NWPBIS Annual Conference on February 23rd and 24th. The purpose of the conference is to provide PreK-12 school and community stakeholders, universities, and partners with an opportunity to come together and share information on PBIS implementation and research that is changing the world and outcomes for children. The individuals representing Pleasant Valley Primary have been tasked with bringing the latest research and best practices back to school for consideration and implementation. Topics include, but are not limited to, integration of culturally responsive-- positive support systems, mental health and trauma informed practices, implementation and sustainability, etc.

* 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.

SAVE THE DATE

We are planning a Sound Discipline workshop with Dr. Jody McVittie on the evening of May 24th. The workshop will focus on making connections that matter. Dr. McVittie's strong systems approach integrates the latest in neuroscience and education research with practical, easily accessible tools for parents and educators. She draws from current brain research including the impact of stress and trauma on learning and brain development. She uses a strengths-based approach to teach young people to become responsible, respectful and resourceful members of their communities. She offers suggestions to help youth feel connected to their school, communities, and families; fostering respectful, resourceful and responsible members of our community. Sound Discipline helps educators and caregivers build the connections that make a difference for the future.

Important Information

With 53.64% of the vote, the Replacement Educational Programs, Maintenance, and Operations Levy has passed! Thank you community members for supporting Pleasant Valley Primary and Battle Ground Public Schools.

PLEASE TAKE 15 MINUTES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY by March 3rd. The brief survey assesses the school climate - how students, teacher, staff, and parents perceive the school

teacher, staff and parents perceive the school environment. It measures perceptions of relationships among the school community members, school safety, and fairness and clarity of rules and behavioral expectations. The survey is voluntary and anonymous, but provides us valuable data for improving the school climate.

Be kind. Work hard. Show courage.

Warmly,
Mike and Diane

Please send March Newsletter submissions to [Rebecca DeMoss](#)
no later than March 15, 2017.

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