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Battle Ground School District
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PTA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM in the Small Gym.

Everyone is welcome!! Find out more about our PTA.

**Childcare is provided.

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Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 25 - Early Release ,
PM Kindergarten, (Semester 1 ends)
- 26 - Early Release ,
AM Kindergarten,
- 28 - Clark College Jazz Festival

FEBRUARY

- 3 - 7th/8th Grade Dance
- 4 - Band to Blazer Game
- 5 - Sweetheart Dance
- 5 - Report Cards Available on Skyward
- 10 - Early Release ,
PM Kindergarten,
- 15 - President's Day -
NO SCHOOL
- 23 - General Membership Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 24 - Early Release ,
AM Kindergarten,

MARCH

- 4 - PV PTA Auction
- 9 - Early Release ,
PM Kindergarten
- 9 - Early Release ,
AM Kindergarten,
Parent/Teacher Conf
- 24 - Early Release ,
PM Kindergarten,
Parent/Teacher Conf

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

Happy New Year! We are off and running into the new year! Hopefully it is getting easier to write 2016 now that January is almost over. Pleasant Valley PTA is working full speed ahead and we are excited about the fun things we have planned.

First off we have our Sweetheart Dance on February 5th. This is a free, fun, event for Pleasant Valley families designed for the whole family. Look for more information coming home soon on this fun event. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Yorke at tyorke1@outlook.com

The PTA Auction is just around the corner and our team is working hard to make it great. This is our last and largest fundraiser of the school year. The donations from the auction help to provide our kids and the schools with the extras they need to help give them the best education possible. Our team of volunteers have been working hard on the auction. If you are interested in making a donation, procuring donations, or are able to volunteer your time in a variety of other ways please contact us at: pvptauctionchair@gmail.com. It takes a huge team of people to pull this event off and any help you are willing to lend will be greatly appreciated. It is amazingly fun and you won't want to miss it so mark your calendars for Friday, March 4th. More information will be coming soon and tickets are already on sale. New this year is an early bird special, saving \$3.00 per ticket, if you purchase before February 15th.

Last but definitely not least, our new apparel will be on sale at the end of this month. Look for an order form next week. As always we strive to plan activities, events and programs that our members value. If you have a question, comment, or suggestion, please don't hesitate to contact us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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PV PTA Executive Committee

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How to Improve your

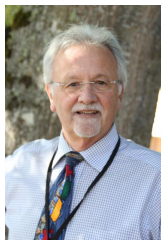
Grades: How to improve your grades, impress parents and teachers, and still have a life. Ages 8th grade through adult. Study skills, using practical, proven methods. Includes efficient, effective text book

study, memory tips, successful essay writing, math and test taking, time management, finding your own learning style, using resources effectively, record keeping, note-taking, best use of time. This is a fun class where you will be using your imagination! Class meets on Tuesdays beginning February 2 from 6:30-7:30pm at Lewisville, 5 sessions, \$25

QuickStart Sports Indoor

Soccer: Whether your son or daughter has been playing for years, or they just want to give soccer a try, we will work with them to develop their soccer skills in a team atmosphere that

Pleasant Valley Primary A note from Principal Ron Hutchinson



Well, here we go with the new year of 2016 and a lot of teaching and learning to get squeezed in to each school day, before we dismiss for the summer. At this time of year, I am always amazed at how much each student has learned and developed. Our teachers are busy doing report cards, learning new science curriculum, conducting assessments, monitoring individual progress, and meeting all of the other responsibilities that come with teaching. All of us recall our days in school and the teachers that touched our hearts and minds as we grew up.

Today as we look 'behind the curtain' of teaching; what do we see? Teaching today is not what it was in the past. Just the other day, I was observing a lesson in one of our 1st grade classrooms. The lesson involved students learning about nouns, verbs, adjectives, and prepositional phrases. And at the end of the lesson they knew and could use each part of language. I could only imagine the evening



Please join us to dance and celebrate with your friends and special family members.

- DJ Music by High Fidelity Entertainment
- Dessert, Popcorn, and Refreshments
- Raffle Baskets
- Fun and Formal Picture Opportunities

When: Friday, February 5
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Cost: Dance is FREE!!

FLYERS WITH MORE INFO COMING HOME IN BACKPACKS SOON!!

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 December:

- Jasmine Allen
- William Baumgartner
- Courtney Beyer
- NOAH Blackburn
- Keira Burgher
- Kylia Caesar
- Aaron Carvelho
- Abbie Davenport
- Aliyah Dodge
- William Fahndrich
- Alanna Frack
- Ava Hall
- Spencer Heaps
- Jasmine Jennings
- Corinne Klingler
- Diana Kredentser
- Nick Les
- Bryce Lindsay
- Victoria Martin Del Campo
- Jose Martinez Hernandez
- Cassie Murdock
- Abel Novruk
- Phillip Polikarpov
- Aubrie Potts
- Laura Rodriguez
- Alexa Rosenquist
- Amaris Sambrano
- Stephen Savage
- Emma Scholl
- Jack Silbernagel
- Preston Slamp
- Devyn Snider
- Samuel Stellini
- Kory Terrell
- CJ Walker

Check out the National PTA's **Our Children Magazine** for great articles like "How to Address School Stress" and "Music Gives Kids Critical Skills for Life" Check it out

conversation at the dinner table. Mom asks, "Honey, did you learn at school today?" The first grader responds, "Oh, Mom, it was really cool! We learned about adjectives, verbs, nouns, and prepositional phrases. Did you know that adjectives are describing words and that prepositional phrases tells us the location of something or where something might be or when something happened?"

I have worked with a number of schools and school districts in my career as an elementary principal. And I can honestly say, Pleasant Valley Primary and the Battle Ground School District are among the best. The teachers are constantly seeking more knowledge and information as they continually improve their art and craft of teaching your children. Battle Ground provides its students an outstanding educational foundation upon which to build, as we strive to embed a spirit of 'life-long learning'. You should be proud of your schools and appreciative of the love, care, and knowledge the staff share with your child each and every day.

Ron Hutchinson
 Pleasant Valley Primary Principal

Pleasant Valley Middle School A note from Principal Tamarah Grigg

Hello Pleasant Valley Parents and Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! There is something very rejuvenating about celebrating the start of a new year. While December is a nice time to reflect, January is when we start to take action on those goals we have set for ourselves in the coming year. I hope you have had some nice time with your family over the break, and I am SURE everyone is ready to get back to the regular routine.....well almost everyone. Speaking of goals, allow me to encourage some thought around the goals our students might think about as they return to school. While we are here to support student learning, it is critical the STUDENT is at the center of the work to learn. Helping each individual student recognize and achieve their potential is an important part of what we do, but students who are successful at learning (and life for that matter) have to assume the responsibility for the effort and time they put in to their learning.



What goals might this stimulate some thinking around you may ask?

Attendance. The research is very clear students who are at school learn at higher levels. Make it a goal to be here at least 95% of the time.

Behavior. Students who are making the right choices to be kind, follow directions, and stay on task are more successful both academically and socially. Make it a goal to follow expectations at all times.

Effort. Being a successful student is not easy. Sometimes you have to work at something you don't really want to do. Sometimes you have to work on something you don't really understand very well. Sometimes you have to work with people you don't really want to work with. We all know however, that the harder you work and the more persistent you are, the more successful you are. Make it a goal to try your best in all your classes on every assignment every day. The partnership between home and school is a critical one to ensure a student's success. That partnership is really a triad of teacher, student, and parent working together to engage, empower, and encourage students to ensure they learn. Let's make it a great 2016 working together for your students' success!

Please feel free to call or email me at with any questions or concerns.

Regards,
 Tamarah Grigg
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is fun and exciting. During these weekly hour and a half classes, we conduct drills and games that are not only a blast to participate in, but also teach each player the necessary skills and fundamentals that are involved in the game. Class meets on Tuesdays from 3:30-5pm beginning February 9 at Pleasant Valley in the gym. 6 sessions, \$77.

Math Gamers:

A unique after school math enrichment program, designed to help students (grades K-6) become engaged in math as they play original, specialized games (board, dice, guessing, logic). Each game's goals are matched to at least one of the new common core math standards! We play a different game each week, helping your student(s) learn the games and the math skills addressed. Since learning is presented in the fun, interactive manner of playing a game, students sometimes don't realize how much they are absorbing, refining, and applying the math concepts embedded in the games! Class meets on Mondays from 3:35-4:35pm beginning February 22 in the Pleasant Valley Library. 6 sessions, \$86.

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 January 23rd at the Lewisville Campus, 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 February 20 at Lewisville from 10-11:30am, \$30.

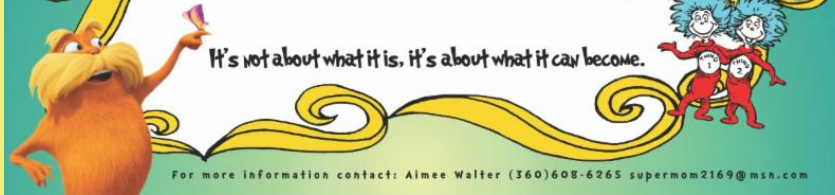
Classes must have a minimum number of students enrolled in order to run, please register ahead of time.

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

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





WIN BLAZER TICKETS!

January PTA Membership Drive



**Cheer on the Blazers and help us reach our goal of
370 members!**

**No need to volunteer -
just signing up supports kids and teachers.**

Become a member before **January 31st
and your name will be entered* to win
two free club tickets with parking pass
and \$60 for food/drink.**

Donation made by Christensen Electric Co.

Find the form at <http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com> under the
forms section. Please send completed forms to your child's teacher.

***all members will be included in the special drawing**

More information about Joining PTA can be found at

<http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com>

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

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