



January 2017 The Pleasant Valley Post

Pleasant Valley PTA 3.6.30 *
Monthly Newsletter
Serving the Pleasant Valley Community
Battle Ground School District
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PV PTA General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM in the small gym.
Childcare is provided.

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Upcoming Events

January 2017

- 26-27 Full Day of School
- 31 - Levy Information Night

February 2017

- 7 - 7th/8th Grade Dance
2:45 - 4:00 PM
- 9 - Band plays at Blazer game
- 8,9,10 Early Release
- 10 - Family Sweetheart Dance
- 14 - Special Election
- 20 - No School - President's Day
- 21 - PTA General Membership Meeting
- 25 - SW WA Math Challenge

March 2017

- 1 - Early Release
- 15 - Early Release
- 22 - Early Release
- 29 - Jump Rope for Heart
- 30 - Pleasant Valley's 40th Anniversary

CURRENT MEMBERS: 286
MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 385

Pleasant Valley PTA Presidents Letter Lacey Lemmon & Brian Higgins

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

I can't believe we are just about a month into the new year already! We hope you were able to enjoy the fluffy white snow with your families, and that you are finally thawed out now! A friendly reminder to send kids to school with cold weather appropriate clothes and coats.

The coming months will bring fun family activities and our last and largest fundraiser of the year, PV PTA's Carnival with Silent Auction. The Carnival committee is gearing up for another great event! If you are interested in making a donation for the Silent Auction, procuring donations, or are able to volunteer your time in a variety of other ways please contact the EC at Shylah.graham@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. You won't want to miss this fantastic event, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6th, as this is a date change from the beginning of the year.

Rebecca DeMoss, our VP of Communications does a great job of keeping PV families in the know through the PTA website, email blasts and Facebook posts. If you are not receiving this important school and PTA information and want to please contact her at rebeccademoss@gmail.com or sign up at www.pleasantvalleypta.com. You do not have to be a member of PTA to be added to the email blast list.

Thank you to this year's Nominating Committee: Tina Yorke, Jackie Benjamin, and Cara Zanetti. These volunteers are responsible for determining the slate of officers for next year's PTA Executive Committee (EC). The slate of officers for the 2017-2018 school year will be posted in early February. If you or someone you know is interested in filling a position on the EC next year or would like more information please contact us at: tyorke1@outlook.com.

In the near future, PTA will send a short but important survey home via kid mail for the primary school and via teacher communication at the middle school. This survey will help the PTA officers determine the needs and wants of our membership so we can tailor programs, activities, and purchases according to that information. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it to school. It will also be available for download via weekly email blasts and on the website. Your input is greatly appreciated.

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!

PV PTA Co- Presidents
Lacey Lemmon and Brian Higgins
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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

Legislative Corner

Please read the Battleground Schools Levy information at:
<http://www.battlegroundps.org/levy>

Note: this is a replacement levy. It is not an additional tax. It merely keeps the current programs going. Levy funds are used to bridge the gap between what the state and federal funding provides and what it really costs to provide high quality education to our children.

This levy is about people. It is about obtaining funding for school psychologists, nurses, security personnel and teacher's assistants (the top 4 categories of personnel provided) in addition to other programs/personnel.

Our opportunity to pass the levy occurs Feb 14th. Please read the information at the link listed above and vote on February 14.

Thank you,

Curtis Michael
PV PTA Legislative Chair

Seuss Shoppe



Seuss Shoppe

The Seuss Shoppe opens on Friday, January 27, so that students can redeem their prizes.

The next due date for completed Seuss forms is Friday, March 31.



A HUGE thanks to Abby Uribe and her team of elves who helped get all our candy grams tied and delivered!

Patriot Pride

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:

- Justice Anderson
- Sabrina Anderson
- Lisvet Arellano
- Santiago Arias
- Jeremiah Astwood
- Jasdeep Atwal
- Avetis Babayan
- William Baumgartner
- Courtney Beyers
- Milana Bondarev
- Lucas Braunschweig
- Maleena Blunk
- Pravina Blunk
- Demarion Brown Young
- Kira Caesar
- Elijah Cha
- Elizabeth Chan Olvera
- Travis Charlton
- Shon Childers
- Hannah Clouse
- Madison Clouse
- Ella Conklin
- Brandan Crouse
- Marina Curti
- Ty Dalley
- Lily Doan
- Grace Doyle
- Caleb Farrar
- Mylah Flores
- Chris Foulke
- Ruben Garcia
- Dion Garrett
- Dylan Gaylor
- Alyssa Gifford
- Shredder Gomez
- Payton Graham
- Hannah Grant
- Claire Heitschmidt
- John Henry
- Angel Hernandez
- Hannah Huber



Lacey Lemmon



Brian Higgins

Family Sweetheart Dance

February 10th at 6:00 PM

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

When: Friday, February 10, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Dance is FREE!!

All students must be accompanied by an adult.

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,

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Pleasant Valley Middle
[@PVMiddle](#)

FEBRUARY 2017 Replacement Levy Informational Meeting

The Battle Ground Public Schools Board of Directors recently approved a resolution to put a replacement levy before voters on the Feb. 14, 2017 ballot.

The election will be February 14 with ballots available January 27. [Clark County voter registration](#) information is available online.

Battle Ground Public Schools will host Levy Information Nights to provide details and answer questions about Proposition 2, the district's replacement levy for Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations that will be on the Feb. 14 ballot.

All members of the community are invited to the public events, the last of which will be held:

- Jan. 31, 6-7 p.m. at Yaocot Primary, 406 W Yaocot Rd, Yaocot



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, 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**
- [Pleasant Valley PTA 3.6.30](#)
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Josh Huber
Kayden Hull
Nolan Hutchison
Justice Jennings
DJ Johnson
Rimma Krasnogolov
Ben Kubit
Patrick Kurfurst
Vanessa Kutsar
Naomi Lail
Emily Lee
Abigale Lemmon
Presscott Lenhart
Daniel Leon
Johnathon Lesmeister
Conner Lisenbee
Danny Llanos
Alexis Lodahl
Lindsay Lovejoy
Drew Lowe
Phoenix Lustr
Isiah Machida
Marriah Marsing
Emily Martin
Sahara Mendoza
Ben Michaels
Matthew Miller
Kaiya Minnieweather
Brayden Morrison
Erin Ninbanphot
Joseph Novruk
Daisy Olmedo
Stacey Olmedo

Jasmine Ordaz
Elliot Ownbey
Dylan Parker
Jayden Parquet
Eddie Pavlenko
Wyley Perrin
Holden Perry
Caiden Peterson
Alexis Pfau
Amaris Sambrano
Koby Sampson
Stephen Savage
Kaelyn Shibley
Mahaylia Simmons
Hannah SIpes
Preston Slamp
Seth Tanninen
Isaac Taylor
Kensy Timothy
Victoria Tkachuk
Brady Trombello
Peyton Upham
Trent Vivian
Colby Warner
Brandon Wartars
Josh Weber
Izabella White
Anthony Zanetti

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

the harder you work, 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 2017 working together for your students' success!

Please feel free to call or email me at with any questions or concerns.
Regards,
Tamarah Grigg, Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

Pleasant Valley Primary

A note from Principal Michael Michaud



Families of Pleasant Valley Schools,

The winter weather has certainly wreaked havoc on the school calendar. We are considering various options, but with the potential for more weather this winter, we are waiting before making any final determinations. A few adjustments to the calendar have already been made (see below). Remember that January 26th and 27th are full days and students will be dismissed at their regular dismissal times.

The early release days are now scheduled for February 9th and 10th.

Safety

Check the weather forecast before your kids leave for school. The Pacific Northwest winters can bring some very cold days! If it's going to be extremely cold, rainy and/or high winds, make sure your kids dress warmly! Dress in layers, with a wind-resistant outer layer. Wear a hat, mittens or gloves if possible.

Attendance

Your child's attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. Your assistance in getting your child to school each and every day is greatly appreciated. We are here should you need assistance.

Important Information

Election Day is less than 25 days away. Remember to Vote on/by February 14! You will be voting on a Maintenance and Operations Levy that pays for services and materials including:

- Approximately 25% of the teacher in BGPS
- Assistant principals
- Technology in the classrooms
- Middle school counselors
- Psychologists
- Nurses and health room assistants
- Teaching assistants
- Materials for music and art classes
- Busing
- Textbooks, curricula and learning materials

PTA cookie dough fundraiser - the Limo Ride to Lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Permission slips will be sent home in advance for qualifying students.

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

Be kind. Work hard. Show courage.

Warmly,
Mike and Tamarah

Please send December Newsletter submissions to Rebecca DeMoss
no later than December 8, 2016.

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