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## The Pleasant Valley Post

Pleasant Valley PTA 3.6.30 \*

Monthly Newsletter

Serving the Pleasant Valley Community  
Battle Ground School District  
PTA Presidents: Lacey Lemmon & Brian Higgins

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**CURRENT MEMBERS: 288**  
**MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 385**

### Pleasant Valley PTA Presidents Letter Lacey Lemmon & Brian Higgins

Hello Pleasant Valley Families!  
Happy Spring! Hopefully we will see some more sunshine soon, as we move out of a cold and snowy winter and into a long awaited spring season!

The EC and Carnival committee have been working their tails off and are putting in lots of time and effort into making our School Carnival and Silent Auction an event to remember. We hope you have all marked your calendars for May 6th, from noon to 4 for some great family fun! You won't want to miss it!

We have several more fun family activities coming your way soon, as well as a few school wide events. Movie night, Stuff the Bus week, a Membership Drive, PV's 40th Anniversary, and Staff Appreciation week to name a few! Our committee chairs are busy making sure these events run smoothly. Look for flyers coming home in the coming weeks for more information!

Stuff the Bus is a school wide event that we partner with Share House to put on. We collect food and other items for Share house and store them in a Bus parked at the school for the week. This is a great event that the kids really get involved with, and allows us to give back to the community. At the end of the week we deliver the donations to Share in one big Bus sized load! Help us "Stuff the Bus" full of food and resources for families in need! More info coming soon! If you'd like to help, contact our Stuff the Bus Chair Isabelle Taylor at [isabelletaylor0916@gmail.com](mailto:isabelletaylor0916@gmail.com).



### PV PTA Executive Committee

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*Co-Treasurer*

[Ceri Howell](#)

*Secretary*

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*Legislative Chair*



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Pleasant Valley  
Middle  
[@PVMiddle](https://twitter.com/PVMiddle)

### Patriot Pride Grams

Patriot Pride Grams

P...Positive Attitude  
R...Respect  
I...Integrity

### Upcoming Events

#### March 2017

22-23 Early Release

24-25 Band Tour to Seattle

27-31 PVM Spirit Week

29 - Jump Rope for Heart (PVP)

#### April 2017

3-7 No School - Spring Break

14 - Movie Night, 6 PM

20 - Parent Night for Incoming Kindergarteners 4:30-5:30

17-21 Stuff the Bus

24-28 Staff Appreciation Week

27 - PTA Board Meeting, 6:30 P

27 - Take your child to work day

## May 2017

- 5 - Regular Full Day
- 6 - PTA Carnival & Silent Auction
- 13 - 8th Grade Celebration
- 18 - 40th Anniversary Celebration, 6-8 PM
- 24 - Early Release
- 25 - PTA General Membership Meeting, 6 PM
- 29 - No School - Memorial Day

## Pleasant Valley PTA Spring Membership Drive



To help us reach our membership goal of 385, we are having a drawing at the end of the month.

Grand Prize is a \$100 gift card to the store of your choice and other prizes include PV water bottles and gift cards to local stores such as Yo 2 Go, McDonalds, Jamba Juice, 31 Flavors, etc.

Also, if a class receives 100% participation by April 28th, they will get a Krispy Kreme donut party for their class!

**Don't miss out - please sign up by April 28th!**

Remember - no need to volunteer! When you join - you support PTA programs.

Send back the attached form to your child's teacher or drop off in the green PTA boxes in the offices.

More info about PTA can be found at <http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com>.

If you have any questions please email Jesse Colson at [jlene18@gmail.com](mailto:jlene18@gmail.com).

We are still about 100 members short of our goal of 385 members this year. We are holding a membership drive to raffle off some great prizes, so make sure to become a member to have a chance to win. The classroom with the highest percentage of members will earn a class prize as well! Remember, anyone can become a PTA member, even students!

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. Grab a friend and do it together! Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions; new faces and ideas are always welcome.

As always, we encourage you to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Lacee Lemmon and Brian Higgins  
PV PTA Co-Presidents  
[pvptapresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pvptapresidents@gmail.com)



Lacee Lemmon



Brian Higgins

## Pleasant Valley PTA Needs You!!! Let Your Voice Be Heard

We are one PTA for both your Middle School and your Primary School and we need new officers for the 2017-2018 school year!



The Following Positions are Open and looking for You.

- Co-Treasurer Position
- Vice President of Communications

We need parents with fresh ideas and

D...Dynamic  
Communication  
E...Effort

Students recognized for demonstrating these successful characteristics at school for the month of February:

Hollyn Anderson  
Lisvet Arellano  
Abigail Barnds  
Alex Baumgartner  
Maleena Blunk  
Pravina Blunk  
Ethan Boyle  
Leah Busby  
Eric Caddy  
Logan Cartier  
Kaitlyn Caughey  
Elizabeth Chan Olvera  
Travis Charlton  
Maya Deitrich  
Mckenzee Detzler  
Lily Doan  
Amanda Dunbey  
Caleb Feb  
Dion Garrett  
Aiden Gibson  
Anita Goldinov  
Ximena Gonzalez  
Parker Graham  
Payton Graham  
Emma Jean Harris  
Erin Harrison  
Grace Harvey  
Mackenzie Hefley  
Claire Heitschmidt  
John Henry  
Angel Hernandez  
Gabby Hill  
Izzy Hill  
Nolan Hutchinson  
Nina Huynh  
Emma Jensen  
DJ Johnson  
Alexis Kienzle  
Mercedes Kienzle  
Rimia Krasnogolov  
Vanessa Kutsar  
Chris Lassiter  
Abby Lemmon



Pleasant Valley PTA  
Presents

Disney · PIXAR



**April 14**

**in the Small Gym**

Concession start at 5:30pm  
Movie Starts at 6:00pm

Pizza, popcorn, water and  
juice will be available for  
purchase

\*\*Please bring lawn chairs,  
blankets and/or pillows, sit  
back , enjoy some food  
and watch a great movie!!



Jump Rope for Heart  
(PVP Only)

Jump Rope for Heart is scheduled  
for the afternoon of **Wednesday,**  
**March 29, 2017** for the school-  
wide event.

Please make sure to return your  
forms by Wednesday, March 29!

Pleasant Valley PTA



renewed excitement to continue our  
legacy of dedication to making our  
schools the best they can be.

This is an amazing opportunity to join an  
experienced PTA and to contribute your  
own ideas and expertise. Work with  
other dedicated families that are  
continuously looking for ways to help our  
kids succeed.



If you are interested in becoming part of  
the future of Pleasant Valley PTA: Please  
Contact Tina Yorke  
at [tyorke1@outlook.com](mailto:tyorke1@outlook.com) or (360)601-  
0690.



**Pleasant Valley Primary**  
*A note from Principal Michael Michaud*

- Presscott Lenhart
- David Leon
- Hunter Leonard
- Abby Llanos
- Alexis Lodahl
- Dylan Lumby
- Drew Martin
- Shelby Marrott
- Marriah Marsing
- Victoria Martin
- DelCampo
- Ryan McClintock
- Sahara Mendoza
- Kaiya Minnieweather
- Eddie Pavlenko
- Holden Perry
- Bryce Phillips
- Chase Phillips
- Tanner Rayburn
- Ostariko Rekis
- CJ Rodarte
- Hayden Rose
- Jack Silbernagel
- Braeden Slamp
- Preston Slamp
- Amira Smith
- Trinidee Stallings
- Ben Taylor
- Sydney Vongboutdy
- Josh Weber
- Izabella White
- Kyle Wilson
- Brendyn Worden
- Garrett Wright
- Anthony Zanetti



**REGISTRATION  
IS OPEN FOR  
SPRING BREAK  
CAMPS!** - [register  
now!](#)

Use our new  
registration system to  
sign-up for Spring  
Break Camps. This  
year, camps include  
QuickStart Sports Flag  
Football, Cedars at  
Salmon Creek Golf



# May 6th is our PTA Carnival and Silent

**Auction.** We are once again gathering donated items for the grade level baskets that get Auctioned off.

Please consider donating to your child's classroom basket. The themes this year are:

## Kindergarten: Arts & Crafts

(Paper, markers, glitter, crayons, etc.)

## 1st Grade: Family Game Night

(Board games, card games, carry storage tote, dominoes, checkers, etc.)

## 2nd Grade: Day at the Beach

(Water bottles, beach toys, sunscreen, towels, pool toys, cooler, flip-flops)

## 3rd Grade: Kitchen

(Kitchen tools, spices, books, etc.)

## 4th Grade: Family Time Gift Cards

(Restaurants, theaters, bowling, activities etc.)

## 5th Grade: BBQ & Picnic

(BBQ rubs, BBQ tools, meat thermometer, skewers, apron, vegetable basket, recipe books, etc.)

## 6th Grade: Sports

(Sports gear, golf balls, tees, towels, baseball, basketball, gloves, team themed items, tickets, etc.)

## 7th Grade: Pampering Time

(Soaps, bath salts, loofah, spa gift certificates, bath items, candles, etc.)

## 8th Grade: Gardening

(Garden tools, gloves, books, flower pots, bulbs, nursery gift card, etc.)

\*\* Thank you in advance for your generous donations. If you don't have time to shop but would like to donate money, please put money in an envelop and write the grade level and indicate that it is for the auction basket. If you have questions or would like to



Hello Pleasant Valley Primary Families,

You are probably aware that Pleasant Valley Primary and Middle schools are overcrowded, with many classes at or above capacity.

It is challenging to provide the high-quality educational experience that our families have come to expect when the core facilities must support more students than that for which they were built.

Unfortunately, in order to accommodate the students and families who live within the Pleasant Valley Primary and Middle school boundaries, the Battle Ground Public Schools Board of Directors voted at its meeting on Monday, March 13 to not accept any boundary exceptions for students other than those the district is required to accept by state law (RCW 28A.225.225).

We understand this change may be a difficult one. We are here to answer any questions you may have and assist with your transition. You will need to enroll at your resident school before September 2017. If you want to apply for a boundary exception at one of our other primary or middle schools, that process begins May 1, 2017. Please note that boundary exceptions, except those allowed by state law, are also not accepted at Glenwood Heights Primary and Laurin Middle School.

### Safety

We continue to monitor the parking lot and student dismissal in an effort to improve the overall safety of our students and families. As we experiment with different options we appreciate your flexibility and understanding. The most recent change to the parking lot is specific to car pick up. We are now asking that vehicles form two parallel lines leaving space for both crosswalks. We believe this adjustment will lessen the congestion near the entrance/exit on 50th Avenue creating improved traffic flow. We have two staff assigned specifically to the crosswalks and to help coordinate traffic. We ask that parents avoid any unnecessary distractions (i.e. cell phones) while in line waiting for their children.

### Important Information

#### Connect to Kindergarten

Connect to Kindergarten (kindergarten registration) is scheduled for the week of April

Camp -and- Rugby  
Oregon Day Camp

### 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.

help please contact Ceri Howell at: [timandceri@yahoo.com](mailto:timandceri@yahoo.com) or (503) 367-1989.

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## PVM Spirit Week

### Monday - COLOR WARS!

5th Grade - Hot Pink  
6th Grade - Black  
7th Grade - Purple  
8th Grade - White

### Tuesday - Squad Day

*You and your 'squad' dress alike or in a theme.*

### Wednesday

Out of this World or Under the Sea

### Thursday

Red, White & Blue Day

### Friday

RED & GREEN GAMES  
(Basketball)

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## 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:

17th. More information will be available starting April 10th. In preparation, please secure a birth certificate and immunization records.

### Adverse Childhood Experience

Cyndie Meyer, Clark County Public Health Program Manager of Chronic Disease Prevention, spoke at the March 17th staff meeting to help with our understanding of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and as a precursor to the May 24th Dr. McVittie Sound Discipline workshop. ACEs are serious childhood traumas (i.e. emotional or physical neglect, homelessness, etc.) that result in toxic stress that can harm a child's brain development. This toxic stress may prevent a child from learning, from playing in a healthy way with other children, and can result in long term health problems.

Good news! Research shows that if parents and schools provide a safe environment for their children and teach them how to be resilient it helps reduce the effects of ACEs. Save the date for May 24th. Dr. McVittie will be sharing strategies for building resiliency and for creating a safe environment for our children.

### 40th Anniversary Celebration

We will be celebrating the Pleasant Valley 40th Anniversary on May 18th from 6:00-8:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please email Diane Castle at [castle.diane@battlegroundps.org](mailto:castle.diane@battlegroundps.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/PVPBeavers> if you are interested in helping with the festivities.

Be kind. Work hard. Show courage.

Warmly,  
Mike and Diane

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## Connect to Kindergarten



Kindergarten registration is scheduled for April 17th-20th.

Registration will be online again this year. Parents who are unable to register online, should go to the office that week from 9:30am - 3:00pm.

More information will be available starting April 10th. In preparation, please start

**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!

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.

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**Adult Classes:**  
Did you know?

**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.

Check out the National PTA's **Our Children Magazine** at

[PTAOurChildren.org](http://PTAOurChildren.org)

for great articles and content.

gathering your documents: a birth certificate and immunization records.

**Kindergarten Parent Night** on  
Thursday, the 20th, from 4:30 to 5:30

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

Principally Speaking,

There were moments in learning to be a parent that I never forget. The first time I saw my child struggle to roll over and we anxiously watched, encouraged and cheered. When he made it, we would typically scream for joy... the first time a little too loud so that we made him cry. The same thing happened when they took those first awkward steps. We were so excited. Even when they took one step and fell flat on their face, we pulled them up quickly, got them on their feet, and then hoped they took two the next time. Usually we rued the day we taught them to walk as the next 2 years were spent following, chasing, watching like a hawk, frustrated when we forgot about them for a minute and they pulled the flour to the floor, and waited anxiously for the day when their brain was able to recognize that it was fun to get into stuff and that they didn't have to explore everything, every time (particularly at the grocery store). I remember my children learning to shoot a basketball. They would try and try and try. Then they would one day finally get the ball up to the hoop and in. The joy on their faces was priceless. When they learned how to multiply, how to drive, how to treat their parents correctly, and a myriad of other things along the way, we understood their difficulties, struggles and triumphs. Life and being a parent is about trying, failing, learning and ultimately growth.

At Pleasant Valley, we have been focusing many of our Advisory lessons on helping students and adults understand the principles for having a growth mindset. For students to be successful in meeting high expectations and rigorous course expectations, they must believe they can do difficult things, that intelligence can be improved, hard work is essential to success, failure is a learning opportunity and doesn't define you, persistence is necessary, endurance in tasks allows for break through learning to occur, you must try, try and try again, one must



Community Education has opportunities for all ages! Offerings include, art, music, dance, fitness, safety, online courses, and more!

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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](http://bgce.battlegroundps.org) where you can register and schedules.

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embrace the difficult times and be willing to struggle, maintaining a work ethic when something doesn't come naturally, and eliminating the fear of not being as good right now at something as one of your peers. When individuals embrace the idea that growth, growing and becoming better are essential to learning, then real learning has an even better shot at taking place. Too many students and adults shut down when something is hard. Too many avoid doing difficult things because they fear not being able to get there. Far too many believe that they cannot improve, change or learn so why even try. It is a school thing. It is a societal thing. We believe that everyone can improve and learning will occur, it just might take more effort and time.

So, we are taking a few minutes a couple times a month to specifically address developing a growth mindset. Our hope is that every student will believe that growth and change are possible. When faced with any challenging task in school or life, our desire is for each person to come to that experience with a mindset that says... "I cannot do that... Yet, but I soon will" Just another way to help our school find its greatness.

If you are interested in additional information on the concept of developing a growth mindset, I would suggest the work of Carol Dweck. Her article, "The perils and promise of praise" was a life changer for me as a parent. Her new book *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* is exceptional and insightful.

A great 10 minute video by Eduardo Briceño "The Power of belief -- mindset and success " from TEDxManhattanBeach can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc>

Regards,  
Tamarah Grigg,  
Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

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Please send April Newsletter submissions to [Rebecca DeMoss](#)  
no later than April 19, 2017.

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