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Upcoming Events

MAY

- 23-27 PVP Book Fair
- 26 - PVP Open House
5:30 - 7:00 PM
- 27 - PVP K-3 grade
Barbeque at lunch
- 30 - No School
Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1 - 7th Grade Field Trip
- 1-3 - 6th Grade Outdoor
School
- 2 - Early Release ,
AM Kindergarten
- 3 - Early Release ,
PM Kindergarten
- 13 - Early Release ,
AM Kindergarten last
day
- 14 - LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL
Early Release ,
PM Kindergarten last
day

Dear PV Families,

It's hard to believe that May is here and summer is right around the corner. The kids are gearing up for the remainder of the school year and starting to think about all their summer fun.



We would like to say thank you to the PTA board as well as the many volunteers who dedicate countless hours to the school each year. With the Watch D.O.G.S. program, chair people and teams of helpers, to the dedicated classroom helpers, we have so many people to thank. We were ecstatic that so many of you came out to honor YOU at the VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, 6PM Tuesday May 17th, in the small gym. After an amazing dinner provided by our PV teachers and staff, we held a short PTA General Membership Meeting where we heard about the excited new things that are happening at the primary school this summer including a new ten-plex for our 3rd and 4th graders and a NEW Playground for all the kids to play on. We also took the time to recognize the recipients of the Golden Acorn Award-Ceri and Tim Howell, The Outstanding Educator Award-Rich Mielke, Honorary Lifetime Membership-Heidi Palena and our two Outstanding Advocate Award winners Heidi Black and Heidi Palena. The schools also recognized their Volunteer of the Year award winners from PVM- Melinda Darley and from PVP-Leila "Grandma" Huffstutler. We would like to thank everyone who submitted nominations; it was tough to choose just one from the deserving nominees. We also inducted our new EC for the upcoming school year look for more information on them in our last issue of the 2015-2016 school year.

Warm Regards!
Rachel Selders and Betsy Fahndrich
PV PTA Co-Presidents

Pleasant Valley Primary
A note from Principal Ron Hutchinson



Here we are at the end of another school year thinking, planning, and preparing for the 2016/17 year. As we review this year's accomplishments, successes and challenges, we also have to reflect on our Vision and Mission as a school and community. This will be my last written



Academics
Activity
Advocacy

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

Meet the New PVP Principal



Meet the new PVP
Principal, Michael Michaud.

Mike comes to us from Captain Strong Primary, here in the Battle Ground School District. He has experience as a Principal and Assistant Principal, but also as a 2nd, 3rd, and 6th grade teacher.

PVP OPEN HOUSE



PVP OPEN HOUSE & BOOK FAIR

Thursday,
May 26
5:30 - 7:00
in the PVP
Library.



Don't miss
your child's artwork on
display.



Thank you to all the PTA volunteers who have made this year a success.

A special thank you this year's PTA Volunteer Awards Recipients:

Outstanding Advocate:
Heidi Black & Heidi Palena

Outstanding Educator:
Rich Mielke

Golden Acorn:
Ceri and Tim Howell

Honorary Life Membership:
Heidi Palena

Volunteer of the Year ~ PVP:
Leila Huffstutler

Volunteer of the Year ~ PVM
Melinda Darley

Thank you to the other nominees who have dedicated their time and energy to the Pleasant Valley

community.

Outstanding Advocate Nominees:
Barbara McBoyle, Rich Mielke

Outstanding Educator Nominees:
Heidi Black, Ron Hutchinson,
Barbara McBoyle

Golden Acorn Nominee:
Brian Higgins

**Honorary Life Membership
Nominee:** Melinda Darley

NEW PLAY



communication with the PVP Community. And with this, I want to share with you a "State of the School" message and report from my perspective as interim principal. The knowledge, learnings, and amount of shared information that took place this year could fill a book. One of the most critical components in education is how we listen to and learn from each other in our partnership of teaching and learning. Pleasant Valley Primary/Middle School(s) and community is a very special place.

All of us are learners and all of us are teachers. "Let me be sure, I understand what it is, you understand, then I will be a better Learner and Teacher, too." This is a quote that I am reminded of every day. Some of the things that we learned this year were:

- *Increased understanding of improved teaching strategies and authentic literacy assessment that will advance the acquisition of literacy skills in all of our students.
- *Expansion and improved articulation of science, technology, and math curriculum.
- *Improved coordination, collaboration and participation between Physical Education and our Health & Wellness program.
- *Improved student safety and security throughout the campus.
- *Improved communication between the schools' administration and operations.

I could go on and on about the successes and improvements but, I won't because I want to, "Thank you for welcoming me and making me feel appreciated throughout this school year." I mean it, when I say, "Pleasant Valley is a very special place to work, live, and learn." In my career as a school administrator, I have had the privilege and responsibility of being the principal or assistant principal of 7 different schools, in 5 different school districts, in 3 different states. Along the way, I have also worked with a wide range of school districts, schools, educational professionals, and organizations throughout the United States and parts of Canada.

I am proud and privileged to have ended my professional career here at PVP. The level of commitment and dedication of the staff is beyond reproach. I have observed and participated in meetings, work sessions, and collaborations that had the sole purpose and focus of each child's educational success. This has been and will continue to be done at a level that pushes the envelope of thinking and at the same time challenges our bias that have been shaped by our backgrounds, habits, families, society, and other influences.

With that being said, we/you are going to experience a tremendous amount of change between now and the beginning of the next school year. For example:

- *Implementation of 5, full-day kindergarten classrooms.
- *Installation and occupation of a 10-plex for the 3rd and 4th graders.
- *Relocation of at least 13 classrooms and other personnel.
- *Hiring of new staff members (teachers, an instructional coach, and some classified personnel).
- *New routines, schedules, procedures, and programs.
- *Professional development in math, literacy, assessment,

Instructional Interventions, and other curricular areas. Remember, it's not who you are, it's what you do and the imprint you make that will be remembered. My only hope is

Mike received his undergraduate degree from Jamestown College in North Dakota, his Graduate degree from WSU Vancouver, and his Professional Certificate from Seattle Pacific University. He enjoys watching his 9 year old daughter, Elle, compete in soccer and basketball.

We are pleased to welcome Mike to the Pleasant Valley Primary Community.



Summer Camps: Registration is open for summer camps through BGCE. We have a limitless amount of options for ages 3-17. Music, sports, art, cooking, theater, dance, science, enrichment, coding, summer school, hobbies and much more! Prices, days, and times vary. Contact Battle Ground Community Education for more information at 360-885-6584 or visit us online bgce.battlegroundps.org

Safety Classes

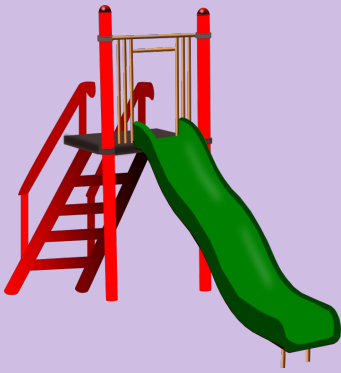
Safe On My Own is for ages 7-12 and teaches kids how to handle being home alone. This American Red Cross class encompasses a variety of subjects in regards to safety. June 4, 10-11:30am, Lewisville, \$30. Safe Sitter is for kids no younger than 11, it is a medically accurate, competency based, highly structural babysitting preparation course. June 11,

9:30am-4:30pm, \$75. Contact Battle Ground Community Education for more information at 360-885-6584 or visit us online where you can register at bgce.battlegroundps.org

Crazy Creators Art Camp:

Ages 8-14, Pleasant Valley, July 11-14, 1:30-3pm, \$60. Bring your imagination and your adventurous side as we draw, paint and create some interesting creations from different kinds of art supplies. Builds confidence and a great

STRUCTURE



Thank you to everyone for their generosity. The PTA is pleased to announce we raised over \$20,000 at the auction and subsequent "pitch in for the playground" drive to help put in a new structure.

The district is preparing the site and was on the committee to help choose the structure. It was a group decision with the school, the district and the parents all working together to get our play structure replaced and installed before a new school year begins. This is a huge feat and we couldn't have done it without everyone pitching in together.

The structure will be delivered this summer and we will need volunteers to help with installation! If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help with this project, please email pvpta3.6.30@gmail.com.

A special thank you to Heidi Palena & Melinda Darley for their all of their hard work.

Student Learning Resources

Pleasant Valley is fortunate to have several supplemental learning programs like [Moby Max Education City](#), [World Book](#), and [Raz Kids](#). These programs are also available for our student's use at home. Watch for information in your child's back pack for site, username and password information.

We encourage all students to login and take advantage of these great resources this

that I know you have made an imprint on my life; the school couldn't be left in better 'leadership hands' than Mike Michaud and Diane Castle.

Congratulations and thank you very much,

Ron Hutchinson
Pleasant Valley Primary Principal

Pleasant Valley Middle School A note from Principal Tamarah Grigg

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

As mentioned before, students most likely to be successful in school are those who participate in school activities and have parents who are involved in their education. At Pleasant Valley, we are working hard to help our students make the best decisions about schoolwork and positive character.



I recently read an article about inspiring teens to practice work habits that will lead them toward being respectful adults. The author mentioned that the key to helping teens develop healthy habits involves getting teens interested in being the best. How does that work? The author explained that teens need examples of respectful habits modeled for them. She talked about allowing teens to see positive relationships between mom and dad, sisters and brothers, home and school.

Parents, I appreciate your support in helping your children have a productive school year. Please continue to expect the best from your children. Continue to ask about their homework, peer relationships, and relationships between them and their teachers. Regardless of the profession your child chooses, my hope is that he/she will mature into a respectful and responsible adult.

Successful professionals practice common habits. They ask good questions, consider other perspectives, collaborate with others, persist, seek new challenges and frequently examine self. I encourage you to continue participating in the work of shaping our teens for the future.

We have been taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment. This state test is designed to measure students' knowledge of specific contents and their ability to apply their knowledge in problem solving situations. Parents can be a great help to students in test preparation. Encourage study and review of subjects; show interest and ask questions about school assignments. Also, ask your child how they develop their ideas or answers, practice vocabulary words in your conversations and encourage reading and writing at home. Parents, please continue to participate in the various facets of our school. Continue encouraging your child to do his/her best. Your involvement supports, encourages and motivates us.

Thank you for all you do at PVM.

Sincerely,
Tamarah Grigg
Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

Builds confidence and a great summer outlet! Materials provided. Contact Battle Ground Community Education for more information at 360-885-6584 or visit us online where you can register at bgce.battlegroundps.org

Art Adventures Camp: Ages 5-7, Pleasant Valley, July 18-21, 1:30-3pm, \$60. Grab your fun hat and c'mon down to explore and create together some quirky and adventurous drawing, painting and mixing of different art supplies. Builds confidence while having some summer fun! Materials provided. Contact Battle Ground Community Education for more information at 360-885-6584 or visit us online where you can register at bgce.battlegroundps.org

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.

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of these great resources this summer.

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

Battle Ground School District has a list of key dates for the 2016-17 school year. You can find the list of dates and much more on the district website at www.battlegroundps.org/about-us/school-calendars.

HAZEL DELL PARADE



Congratulations to the PVM Marching Band and the Pleasant Valley Unicycle Team on their outstanding performance in the Hazel Dell Parade.



Come into the office to register 9:30am- 3:00pm
or [Register online here](#)

Please send June Newsletter submissions to [Rebecca DeMoss](#)
no later than June 8, 2016.

