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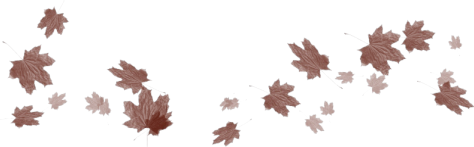
The Pleasant Valley Post

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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Upcoming Events

November 2016

- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 28 - Food Drive Begins

December 2016

- 5-14 Food Drive
- 7 - Early Release
- 12 - Candy Cane Gram Forms Due
- 12 - PVM Progress Reports available on Skyward
- 12 - Food Drive Ends
- 12-16 PVM Spirit Week
- 14-15 Candy Cane Grams Delivered
- 15 - Cookie Dough delivered
- 19 - Winter Break begins

January 2017

- 3 - Classes Resume
- 11 - Early Release
- 16 - No School (Martin Luther King Jr.)

CURRENT MEMBERS: 268
MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 385

Pleasant Valley PTA Presidents Letter Lacey Lemmon & Brian Higgins

Dear Pleasant Valley Families!

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is in just a few days. PTA has been a flurry of activity since September and two of our three yearly fundraisers are over! The Book fairs at each school were a huge success, thank you so much for supporting our libraries. Shylah Graham and her team of elves created the complete holiday experience with over 60 vendors, tasty treats, and amazing BBQ at our annual Holiday Bazaar. Not to mention the completed decorated Christmas trees that were auctioned off! They were stunning. We hope you were able to attend! It was a fantastic event, THANK YOU to everyone who participated and helped pull off this wonderful start to the holiday season!

Nearly 40% of students at Pleasant Valley qualify for free and reduced lunch. Pleasant Valley PTA partners with SHARE to send home food each week to some of these families. After Thanksgiving Break there will be a Giving Tree at each school with paper ornaments for the taking. Each ornament represents food or clothing items that are sure to lift the spirits of these families this holiday season. Help us empty the tree of ornaments and replace them with wrapped gifts by the dates designated by each school, prior to the Holiday Break in December. Donations can also be made directly to the PTA Student Support Fund at any time.

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 PTA Nominating Committee: Tina Yorke, Jackie Benjamin, Cara Zanetti, and alternate Amy Pace. They are responsible for nominating candidates for the PTA Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in any of PTA's elected positions please contact the nominating committee by leaving a message at the school or by sending an email to pvpta3.6.30@gmail.com. It is the people that make Pleasant Valley a great school and we are thankful to be a part of it.

As always, please consider joining the PTA if you haven't already. We appreciate your support!

We hope you are able to embrace the true meaning of the season and be thankful. We are thankful for all of YOU!

Warmly,

Lacey Lemmon and Brian Higgins, Co-Presidents of PV PTA
pvptapresidents@gmail.com



PV PTA Executive Committee

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PV PTA Co-Presidents

[Nicole Vigue and Shylah Graham](#)
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Secretary

[Curtis Michael](#)
Legislative Chair

Legislative Corner

JOIN THE PTA! Let your voice be heard!!

Curtis Michael
PV PTA Legislative Chair



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[@PVPBeavers](https://twitter.com/PVPBeavers)

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



Mad Science K-4 Mesmerizing

Science: 2/9/2017 - 3/16/2017 on Thursdays at 3:40 - 4:40 PM in the PVP Library

Observation, Hypothesis, and Experiment are the foundations



In the spirit of the season, we would like to thank all of our lovely volunteers who have made our PTA events fantastic!!

Thank you to **Shylah Graham**, and her team of elves, who made the Holiday Bazaar an amazing success!

Thank you to **Nicole Vigue** and **Jesse Coulson** for all of their hard work on the book fair!

Thank you to **Jolene McCombs** and all of the wonderful volunteers who bussed tables and who made our Burgerville Night a success.

Thank you to all the many other dedicated volunteers who spend hours making Pleasant Valley a community we can all be proud of!

FOOD DRIVE

Our school's annual food drive will be held from **Monday, Nov.**

28th through Monday, Dec. 12th. This is part of a community-wide effort, and donations go to the North County Food Bank.

We are collecting non-perishable goods such as canned or dried foods, paper products, and toiletries. We are encouraging students to bring items while recognizing that we have families who may not be in a position to donate.



MEMBERSHIP

Joining PTA does not require volunteering!

Please consider joining PV PTA this year - it is not too late! Every membership counts, every dollar counts and there is a little something in it for you.

Every Member counts

Every person signed up in our PTA goes towards votes that our PTA receives at the Washington PTA convention in the spring. These votes allow us to shape PTA policy at the state level. Before convention, we survey our membership to get input on what is important to you!

Every Dollar counts

Each membership raises dollars to support PTA activities locally and at the state level. At Pleasant Valley our dollars go to support programs such as teacher grants, Chrome and I pads, Learning Incentive Programs, Band Uniforms, Art Enrichment and much more.

A portion goes to Washington State PTA and [here](#) is where the money goes.

A little something for you

Joining PTA offers discounts at a variety of businesses including Fed Ex, Great Wolf Lodge, Wild Waves Theme Park and Xfinity Area in Everett. [Washington State Benefits National PTA](#) teams up with businesses committed to supporting PTA's mission of serving all children by offering our members special discounts, fundraising opportunities and other unique deals.

Including: Hertz, Lifelock, Metlife, Quicken Loans, Staples, Sylvan Learning, and TeenSafe [National PTA Benefits](#)

Volunteering not required

Joining PTA does not "sign you up" for any volunteering. We won't call you to ask unless you have told us that you would

scientific exploration. But be prepared to be amazed...you'll have trouble believing your own eyes or ears on this spellbouding epedition 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!

Optical Illusions: Seeing is believing, but you won't believe your eyes in this exploration of illusions! Discover how our brains receive information from our eyes. Find out how to trick your eyes into seeing the impossible!

Science of Magic: Step right up to see the scientific secrets behind some classic magic tricks! Chemistry, physics and mathematics are just a few

tools that magicians use to perform their shows. Learn about science and sleight of hand as you create your own show to perform for your friends and family!

Sonic Sounds: Sounds vibrations are constantly being produced all around us, they travel in waves and bounce off objects! Get a glimpse into the scene of sound as you create vibrations using different instruments. See the effects of sound using plasma and distort your voice through sophisticated machinery!

Quick Start Indoor Soccer - New Session Begins 01/23

- No matter if you are experienced or brand new to the game, this winter take advantage of QuickStart Sports after school indoor soccer program full of skills, drills, and fundamental learning; all while having fun in a team environment. Our

GLEE CLUB

Congratulations to the Pleasant Valley Primary Glee Club has been selected to sing at the Providence Festival of the Trees on Saturday, December 5th at 3:00 PM at the Oregon Convention Center.

Click here for more information
[Festival of Trees](#)



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 **November**:

Patriot Pride List

Justice Anderson
Sabrina Anderson
Lisvet Arellano
Cody Armstrong
Jacqueline Barker
Courtney Beyers
Noah Blackburn
Milana Bondarev
Lucas Braunschweig
Kira Caesar
Elizabeth Chan Olvera
Travis Charlton
Shon Childers
Madison Clouse
Ella Conklin
Brendan Crouse
Ty Dalley
Lily Doan
Aliyah Dodge
Ahmad Elolaimi
Mylah Flores
Chris Foulke
Ruben Garcia
Nathan Gibert
Payton Graham
Hannah Grant
Anastasia Grebenyuk
John Henry
Angel Hernandez
Stephanie Higgins
Melayna Holts
Jasmine Jennings
Patrick Kurfurst
Vanessa Kutsar
Emily Lee
Sierra Lehl
Abigale Lemmon
Danny Llanos
Alexis Lodahl
Lindsay Lovejoy
Drew Lowe
Phoenix Lustr
Isaiah Machida
Sam Marrott
Sahara Mendoza
Ben Michaels
Kaiya Minnieweather
Matthew Miller
Brayden Morrison
Erin Ninbanphot

like to volunteer.

Please consider joining PTA: Here is the link to our [website](#) and the [PTA membership form](#), complete and send into your child's teacher or place in PTA box at each school.

<http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com>

AUCTION COMMITTEE

PV PTA is looking for people to be on our Auction Committee! Calling all volunteers!!!



Would you love to help your child's school?? The annual PV Auction is a fun adult night out and our **BIGGEST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR!** The auction is held at the beautiful Heathman Lodge and requires a group of volunteers to coordinate - no experience necessary!

Please contact [Abby Uribe](#) and let her know that you're willing to be a member of the team!!!

Clothing Items Needed

With Black Friday Shopping just around the corner, and the spirit of giving on your brain, we have some other children that you might want to put on your list! Our health room at PVP is in desperate need of donations!!! We badly need new or used

- * Girls and boys pants, sizes 6 to 10
- * Girls and boys underwear, sizes 6 to 10 (no boxers please)
- * Belts, sizes small and medium

Thank you for your consideration and for helping our kids. Have a wonderful holiday!!

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

Principally Speaking....

"Simple Gifts" is a Shaker song that was written and composed by Elder Joseph Brackett, in 1848. The song became word-famous when composer Aaron Copland featured it as a part of the score of Martha Graham's ballet, *Appalachia Spring*. Since then, the song has been recorded by various singers (from balladeers to pop stars), performed by university marching bands, and even featured in television commercials. In all its forms, it is a favorite.

The lyrics are especially poignant as we enter our season of giving.

'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,
'Tis the gift to be taught and richer gift to learn,
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say...

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this is an appropriate opportunity for

a team environment. Our experienced coaches will focus on developing each player's shooting/scoring 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 pitch! 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.

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.

2017 General & Special Education Conference

The 2017 General & Special Education Conference: *Brain-Based Science, Learning & Achievement-Pre-K through 12th Grade* will be held at the Washington State Convention Center in downtown **Seattle on March 8, 9, and 10, 2017.**

Twenty-four, full-day courses will be offered on a variety of topics by some of the "giants" in educational research. Courses are designed for general education teachers, special education teachers, school psychologists, therapists, professional support staff and administrators. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

Go to the conference website at www.rehabseminars.org



Joseph Novruk
Elliot Ownbey
Dylan Parker
Jayden Parquet
Wyley Perrin
Caiden Peterson
Alexis Pfau
Paris Pham
Caitlyn Rotschy
Amaris Sambrano
Koby Sampson
Stephen Savage
Kaelyn Shibley
Colby Sipes
Hannah Sipes
Jennifer Skelton
Braeden Slamp
Devynn Snider
Sam Stellini
John Stryker
Seth Tanninen
Brady Trombello
Emily Tupikov
Peyton Upham
Trent Vivian

Dominic Wade
Brandon Wartars
Izabella White
Sophia Woodland
Anthony Zanetti

me to convey my thanks to all members of our Patriot school community, for the "simple gifts" of your commitment, support and partnership.

Thank you, parents, for the gift of grace. For recognizing that in all life's jobs, the "human factor" exists. When we make mistakes, despite our best efforts, your understanding and continued trust are important to us. Thank you also for the gift of partnership. Your time and commitment before and after school hours, at school conferences and various school events is appreciated.

Thank you, students, for the gift of kindness, respect, and perseverance you demonstrate regularly. Your hard work, generous spirit, and consideration for others bring sunshine to our days.

Thank you, staff, for your gifts of compassion and focused work and instruction. You create and foster a warm and rich environment that promotes learning and risk-taking. It is an honor to work with you.

I am thankful for you, Patriot family. Wishing you all many simple gifts of the season.

Tamarah Grigg
Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

Pleasant Valley Primary A note from Principal Michael Michaud



Families of Pleasant Valley Primary,

With the changing of leaves came an amazing October! November has been equally wonderful. Take time this holiday weekend to enjoy every moment with family and count the many blessings that you have. Here's to another year of giving thanks for all our blessings. May you have a home filled with laughter and love. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Pleasant Valley community. I am blessed to be working with a staff that is committed to students' social, emotional and academic well-being. I could not be more proud of the efforts of our staff and students. I am blessed by the 600 smiles, hugs and fist bumps I receive each day as students enter the building. The support of our parents and community is second to none. Simply, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Michael and Diane

for all of the conference details, or click here to download a program and poster.

Please download the full conference program and a poster for your school(s). This will be one of the largest science-based, educational learning conferences that offers full-day courses.

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- [Battle Ground Community Education](#)

Check out the National PTA's **Our Children Magazine** at PTAOurChildren.org for great articles and content, such as:
* [Help Your Teen Plan For The Future](#)
* [Are Some Types of Screen Times Better Than Others?](#)

CANDY CANE GRAMS!



*It's that time of year again!
Send a sweet treat to your
children, their friends, staff, or
the whole classroom!*

**On sale now through
Monday, December 12th!**

Download the form [here](#) or go to the forms section on the [PTA website!](#)

Candy canes will be delivered on
Wednesday, December 14th & Thursday, December 15th

Price for a Candy Cane Gram is 50¢

Price for whole classroom is \$10.00

(class sizes are between 24-30)

*Please make checks out to PV PTA and return all orders to the green
PTA box in either school office.

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

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