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Serving the Pleasant Valley Community
Battle Ground School District
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Upcoming Events

October 2016

- 24 - PVM Progress Reports on Skyward
- PVP - Early Release
- 25-28 PVP & PVM Early Release
- 24-28 Book Fair
- Teacher Conferences
- 28 - Pastries for Parents PVP at 8:20AM

November

- 4 - PVP Picture Retakes
- 5 - Holiday Bazaar

CURRENT MEMBERS: 208
MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 385

Pleasant Valley PTA Presidents Letter
Lacey Lemmon & Brian Higgins

Hello Pleasant Valley Families!

This is an important month for PTA and your input is needed. PV PTA recently sent out a survey for every member to complete, it's very important that you weigh in on the survey issues because up to three of your PTA representatives will be attending the Washington State Legislative Convention this October to cast our votes for Pleasant Valley PTA Members. This is our opportunity to have a vote in the platform that Washington State PTA will lobby for on behalf of its members.

Washington State PTA will work with the National PTA to bring our views about education to the US Government. This is where your membership really counts. For every 100 members we get 1 vote at convention.

We hope you take the time to answer...we are compiling the results and will vote according to the wishes of the majority our PTA members.

If you have not become a member yet, consider doing it soon. Last year we had three votes; we would love to have a larger voice but can't do it without your membership.

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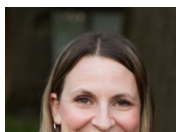
We have some really fun activities planned that are going on now or coming up very soon! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following: Cookie dough and Mixed Bag Fall Fundraiser; Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences; a Book Fair at each school; Pastries for Parents; Holiday bazaar; and the Seuss Shop Reading Incentive program has begun. Be sure to fill out your quarter sheet reading logs and turn them in for some great prizes! If you want details, please refer to www.pleasantvalleypta.com. We will also be sending out a refrigerator reminder with all these events and more posted.

We recently had our first General Membership Meeting and hope you were able to attend! This is your opportunity to get to know what PTA is all about. Anyone can attend this meeting and childcare is provided.

We hope you will come to our next General Membership meeting and be impressed with all we can accomplish together at Pleasant Valley. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Warm Regards,

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



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Legislative Corner

Remember to VOTE!

There are several very important local and national issues on the ballot. Please remember to vote on November 8th!

The **Washington State PTA** - made up of every local PTA and PTSA in the state - was established as an advocacy organization more than 100 years ago.

Every fall, the association selects its legislative priorities, and hearing from you is a valuable step in the process as PV PTA sends delegates to Olympia to vote on your behalf.

The following survey will outline the issues facing WSPTA at the Legislative Assembly on October 21st and 22nd. This 11 question survey should only take a few minutes of your time.

- 8 - Election Day - VOTE!
- 9 - Veteran's Day Assembly - 9:45am
- 10 - Fall Band Concert (All Bands)
Fall Fundraiser
- 11 - No School - Veteran's Day
- 16 - Early Release
- 20 - PTA Burgerville Night
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 29 - Fall Fundraiser Ends

December 2016

- 7 - Early Release
- 14-15 Candy Cane Grams go home
- 15 - Cookie Dough delivered
- 19 - Winter Break begins



Lacey Lemmon



Brian Higgins



Saturday, Nov. 5th

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Share a fun filled day with us and get a head start on your holiday shopping. You will find something for everyone on your list at one of our many vendor booths. Grab a treat at the sweet shoppe, enjoy local cuisine, listen to live holiday music from local bands and choirs.

Vendor Openings and Student Tables are available! Hurry, space is limited. If you wish to become a vendor for our 2016 Holiday Bazaar, please email

Shylah Graham at shylah.graham@gmail.com

Holiday Bazaar Ornament Collection

Every child is asked to bring in a themed ornament or tree décor or \$\$ donation, to decorate their grade level tree to be auctioned off at the Bazaar on Nov. 5th from 10-4pm. Donations due by Nov. 1st!!



Kindergarten

Disney Themed
Stuffed animals, books, and ornaments
Mickey hands
Fun Pick Toppers
(Michaels Arts & Crafts)
1st Grade

Red & Green
Traditional

2nd & 3rd Grade

Whimsical
Multicolor, Jewel tone
Fun Fun
Pick Toppers
(Michaels Arts & Crafts)

4th & 5th Grade

Elegant
black and white and silver
6th Grade
Woodland ski chalet team
Plaid
Would love to find some antlers and ski cabin type ornaments

7th Grade

Winter wonderland
Snowman

8th Grade

Dress tree in gold and champagne

**You can send in ANY amount of money and we will cheer for you. Every

Pleasant Valley Primary
A note from Principal Michael Michaud



Hello,

This week begins our Lucy Calkin's Unit of Study (writing adoption) professional development series. The Units of Study are four Common Core aligned units, including one unit each in opinion, information, and narrative writing. Each unit represents six weeks of teaching, and within those six weeks, the unit supports a great many cycles of drafting and revision, as well as several publications. Students will learn that writing with a purpose takes perseverance and grit. Students will become strategic, metacognitive writers who use specific processes to achieve particular purposes as writers.

We will also discuss chapters 2-3 from Heather Forbes' book Help for Billy. Chapter 2 suggests ways in which we can create classrooms for children that are designed to help with self-regulation. Students need us to love them unconditionally-and to nurture them, as some students have yet to the learn how to self-regulate for themselves. Chapter 3

[Take Survey](#)

Please take a moment to complete this survey and 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)



Youth Recreational

Basketball: - Winter Session
Get ready to play recreational basketball with your friends and/or classmates!

Registration has already started - don't miss out! Play with your friends and/or classmates. Registration closes on November 6.

Unicycle - New Session

Begins 11/01 - All for One and One for all is our motto! This is a great opportunity for you to be one of the few to master riding the Unicycle! You will be practicing and mastering the skill of unicycling in a safe, structured and professional environment. Each student will have levels and goals to strive for and will be motivated to reach those goals. This class will fill quickly and

accommodate only the first 30 students.

Activities offered through Community Ed, held at the Lewisville Campus in Battle Ground:

Dance, all class sessions

begin on 11/07: - Classes sizes are small and run for all ages - Preschool Dance, ages 3-5 yrs; Beginning Ballet or Tap, ages 5-7 yrs; Intermediate Ballet or Tap, ages 7-12 yrs; Teen and Adult Tap.

How to Improve Your Grades, Impress Parents & Teachers, and Still Have a Life!:

- Did you have a Parent-Teacher conference for your 8th grade student, and maybe they need a little boost and to build some

win shop for you. Every little bit helps! Thank you!!

2016 Innovative Teaching Grants

Congratulations to:

Pamela Thompson

(2nd Grade team)

Lori Wilson & Justin Rice

(STEM/Woodshop, 6-8) and

Amy Allinger

(Physical Education - 4th),

recipients of our Fall 2016 Innovative Teaching Grants. The purpose of the grant is to fund projects that make creative use of common teaching aids, approach curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie non-traditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities.

This is a great example one of the ways PTA promotes education with our students. If you are not a member, [please join today!](#)



Our fall Box Tops drive ends this Friday, October 21.

Enter for a chance to win one of FOUR \$25 Amazon gift cards. Plus, help 2 teachers win bonus \$10 gift cards!

For additional copies of the box top form, and all the details of the drive, go to the PTA website under Events, [here](#).



The first Seuss Shoppe day is nearly here! Forms are due on **Friday, November 4**, so that students can redeem their prize on Friday, November 18.

speaks to the neuroscience of the need to move away from fear-based consequences. We will learn that children are resilient and plastic, meaning a child's nervous system and neurological pathways have plasticity; the ability to change, adapt, acquire and create new and improved neurological pathways. Simply, positive relationships are the driving factor in the development of a healthy brain.

Halloween

We have decided to allow students to dress up for Halloween. We ask that you avoid face paint, masks and props.

Safety

Stay safe and dry this week! Also, a reminder to help keep kids safe by not bringing dogs on campus during school hours. We can't predict how animals or students will react in certain situations.

Important Information

We continue to work on getting students to school by 8:45. We are adjusting bus times by ten minutes on routes 69, 68, 67, 63, and 62, and five minutes on route 64, starting Tuesday, October 18, 2016. The construction on 50th Avenue has caused delays for a few buses. We have talked with the construction team about getting the buses through in a timely manner.

Research finds that parent support is one of the best predictors of student achievement--a home environment that encourages learning, parents' high expectations for achievement and future careers and parents being involved in their child's education.

We ask that you attend parent teacher conferences the last week in October. And, get dads and other male role models to volunteer as a WatchD.O.G.

(<http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/>)

The PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser started this week. Please support the Pleasant Valley PTA . (<http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com/>) They do a great deal for the school community.

Be kind. Work hard. Show courage.

Sincerely,
Michael and Diane

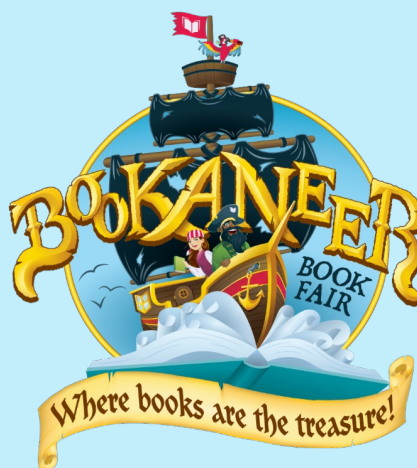
PVP BOOKANEER BOOK FAIR

Mon, 10/24 - Thu, 10/27

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday, 10/28
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Don't forget to wear your pirate gear! Arrrrgh!



Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

We need your help!

Would you like to volunteer for the PTA book fair the week of May 24-28? There are short, 2 hour slots available.

...class session begins 11/08, for grades 8 and up. 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 use your imagination.

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.



Information Night

There is one last Bond Information night scheduled for tomorrow night, **October 20** at **Glenwood Heights Primary School, 6:00 p.m.**

Sschool district administrators will present information about the bond and then answer questions. More information about the bond initiative and the Bond Information Nights is available at the [District website](#).

SHARE THE HAPPY

"Share the Happy" is a great way to celebrate your student's birthday while supporting the PVP Library.

For your donation in honor of your student's birthday, your student

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 October:

Patriot Pride List
Sabrina Anderson
Luis Andrade
Avetis Babayan
Jacqueline Barker
Paul Bratkov
Kaitlyn Caughey
Elizabeth Chan Olvera
Travis Charlton
Shon Childers
Lily Doan
Chris Dufresne
Ahmad Elolaimi
Ruben Garcia
Nathan Gibert
Claire Heitschmidt
Stephanie Higgins
Melayna Holts
Jasmine Jennings
Emma Jensen
Rimma Krasnogolov
Vanessa Kutsar
Naomi Lail
Sierra Lehl
Alise Leonard
Hunter Leonard
Johnathon Lesmeister
Alexis Lodahl
Lindsay Lovejoy
Phoenix Lustr
Isaiah Machida
Megan Martin
Shelby McCombs
Bryden Morrison
Jenna Murphy
Wyley Perrin
Kaelyn Shibley
Mahaylia Simmons
Hannah Sipes
Jennifer Skelton
Devynn Snider
Sam Stellini
John Stryker
Emily Tupikov
Cherine Uyan
Dominic Wade
Brandon Wartars
Sophia Woodland
Anthony Zanetti

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

Even if you have little ones in tow, you are welcome to volunteer. Visit our [VOLUNTEER PAGE](#) to sign up or contact Jesse Colson at Jlene18@gmail.com.

BOOK FAIR IS FAST APPROACHING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Pleasant Valley Middle School A note from Principal Tamarah Grigg

Greetings Pleasant Valley families!

As we near the end of the first month of school, I hope your family is settling into your routines for back to school. My son is playing football, and tackling a full eighth grade schedule. My daughter is playing softball, a full IB student, attending college visits and focusing on her senior year. My husband and I are hanging on for the ride! It is a busy time here at the start of school, and now that school is well under way, it is important to check in on how our students are doing with their school work. The demands of life and the balance of work and family has never been more challenging, yet it is critical that we take the time to check in on our kids.



Parent Access is a great way to see what is going on academically with your child at school. If you have not already done so, I strongly encourage you to sign up. Stop by the main office and our fabulous secretaries can assist you. Even better, get your child in the habit of monitoring their own progress and sharing it with you! Thank you to all who showed up at our Back to School and Open House functions. It has been great to see the energy created by families walking our hallways in some cases reconnecting with Pleasant Valley after a summer break, and in some cases getting to know Pleasant Valley as a new family to our school. While these events are great for getting acquainted, a more in depth conversation about how learning is really going can be done at our upcoming parent conferences. Conferences will run on Oct 25-28 during our early release schedule. If you have questions please contact your child's teacher.

We look forward to seeing you at our fall conferences as well as our combined K-8 Veteran's Day Assembly on Nov 9th at 9:45
Go Patriots!

Sincerely,
Tamarah Grigg
Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

student's birthday, your student will get

- *To pick out a new book for the library
- *A bookplate will be added to the inside of the book with their name
- *Be the first to check out the new book
- *Get a bookmark or pencil
- *Take their picture and place it on our Share the Happy board and we have their name placed in the newsletter.

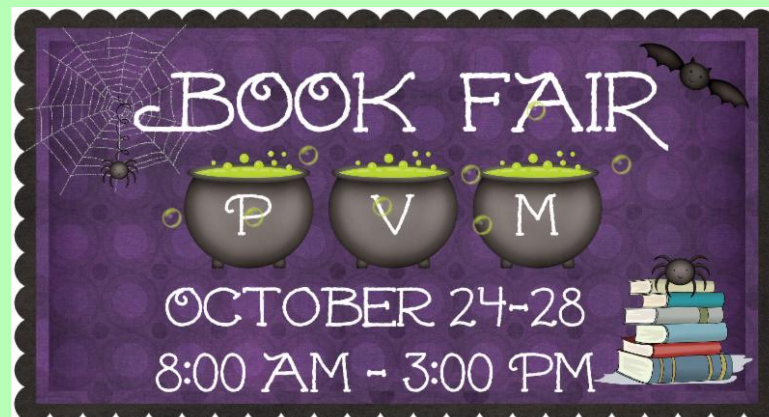
Congratulations and Happy Birthday to our Share the Happy students:

Wardie hammerstrom
Mikayla Koivisto
Allison Le
Wesley Byman
Aidan Nelson
Carson Grap
Chloe Crain
Myah Ebeling
Josh Bollinger
Chance Murray
Olivia Stanley
Chassi Easton
Dyllinn Johnson
Jett Dalley
Delaney Maness
Kai Jones
Zoe Rebitzke

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PVM Halloween Book Fair



October 24-28 in the PVM Library

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mon - Wed - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Thursday - 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Friday - 8:00 AM to Noon

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to volunteer for the PTA book fair the week of May 24-28? There are short, 2 hour slots available.

Even if you have little ones in tow, you are welcome to volunteer.

To volunteer for the PVM Book Fair stop by the PVM office or contact Nicole Vigue at nhenson01@yahoo.com to volunteer.

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Pastries for Parents

**Friday, October 28
at 8:20 AM
at Pleasant Valley
Primary**

FALL FUNDRAISER

The Pleasant Valley PTA's Fall Fundraiser has begun. This year, we will be doing our Fall Fundraiser in two parts. We would love for you to participate in whichever part works best for you. The Fall Fundraiser is an important part of how our PTA funds programs and educational tools.

Cookie Dough sales began last Wednesday, 10/12 and will continue through 10/26. To order these awesome Spunkmeyer cookies, go to their [website](#).

The second part of our fundraiser is Mixedbag Designs which runs from 10/27 to 11/10. This fundraiser has a variety of things from kitchen gadgets to wrapping paper.

All orders will be delivered on Thursday, December 15.

Please send November Newsletter submissions to [Rebecca DeMoss](#)
no later than November 16, 2016.

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