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### **Fall Fundraiser**

Our fall fundraiser with Big Kahuna is in full swing! Please check with your student to receive your catalog and order form that was sent home with them last week. The students learned all about the prizes and **Dino World** collectibles that they can earn! One is earned simply for registering your student online and setting up their "seller page". Click the link below for the website!

[Click Here to Register](#)

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### **Book Fair**

November 13-20th will be our fall book fair at Pleasant Valley. We will have both schools set up at the Primary school in room 11. All sales will benefit the school libraries. Wed Nov 14th we will have Pastries for Parents, beginning at 9am, with an appearance from **Clifford the Big Red Dog!!** This is a late start day, so PVM starts at 9:15am,



and PVP starts at 10:10am. Students can come to the book fair with their parents, but primary students are not allowed unsupervised on campus until 9:50 am when our BEA staff arrives. The book fair will be open from 9am - 4:30pm each day. Online shopping begins Nov 8th, and we are still looking for volunteers to help us run this amazing event! You may reply to the email or contact Jen Bleizeffer at [mommableizeffer@gmail.com](mailto:mommableizeffer@gmail.com) for more information about volunteering.

[Volunteer or Shop Online](#)



Select basketball tryouts have begun. Grades 4 - 8 are holding tryouts for both boys and girls this week. Click the [link](#) to view the flyer.



We will be holding another Veterans Day assembly this year, put on by the ASB. Both primary and middle school students will be attending the assembly on Thurs Nov 8th. The assembly will begin at 9:30 am in the large gym at Pleasant Valley. Veterans and members of the community are welcome to join us in honoring those who have served. if you would like more information please contact Amy Pace at [pace.amy@battlegroundps.org](mailto:pace.amy@battlegroundps.org) There will be No School Mon Nov 12th in observance of Veterans Day.



Parent Teacher conferences are Nov 5th-9th at PVP, and Nov 6th-9th at PVM. All conference days are 3 hr early release days, so prepare for your students to come home early that week. PVP will be early release all week from Mon-Fri, PVM will be early release Tues-Fri. Contact your student's teacher for more information about conferences.



Thanksgiving Break this year will begin with a 3 hr Early Release on Wed Nov 21st, and No School on Thurs Nov 22nd, or Friday Nov 23rd. School will resume on Mon Nov 26th.





### Principal's Letter from PVP

Dear Pleasant Valley Primary families,

Believe it or not, November will be here when students arrive on Thursday of next week. This signals the time for a new character trait focus. This month we focused on **Skills for Learning**. It has been great watching the children apply the skills of **Listening, Focusing Attention, Using Self-Talk** and **Being Assertive** at school. We will now shift our focus to **Empathy** and **Compassion**. The goal for November is for students to identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how others are feeling. When we model empathy and compassion ourselves, it is easier for students to do it.

November is also the month when we give thanks for all that we have, including our health, family, and friendships, to name a few. As the Principal of Pleasant Valley Primary, I am so thankful to work with colleagues that care so deeply for each other and for our children, your children. I feel very blessed.

Parent-teacher conferences can play an integral role in your child's education. Conferences are scheduled November 5th-9th. You will have the opportunity to speak directly with your child's teacher about his/her school experience. Whether your child is 5 years old and just starting school or leaving for the middle school in a few short months there is much to be learned at every level. I strongly encourage you to attend.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you enjoy the beginning of this holiday season with your loved ones. We are thankful for your continued support and dedication to our schools and children.



### Principal's Letter from PVM

Dear Pleasant Valley Middle School families,

Welcome to a new year at Pleasant Valley Middle School. I am very excited to have the opportunity to be your new principal and work alongside Krishna Smith, our assistant principal, and our great staff members. I have heard nothing but fantastic things about the school and community, and have already felt the positive culture and the warm welcome from families.

A little about me. This is year 22 for me in education. I was a primary school teacher for the first 12 years and have been a principal for the last 10. Five of those years I served as principal of Amboy Middle School, and prior to that I was assistant principal at Glenwood Heights Primary.

As a building principal, I believe that communication is a key to the success of student achievement and building operations. With that said, please reach out either in person or by email or phone to talk with me about any topics and/or questions that you may have. I am here for you and our students.

#### **Safety**

Sticking to the communication theme a little longer, I also want to emphasize the importance of reporting safety concerns. Specifically, please report safety concerns to me or one of our school administrators or office staff. We have the power to investigate and look into concerns, but we cannot do that if we do not know the concern exists.

To follow up on recent incidents that have occurred in our Pleasant Valley School community, I want to reiterate that the safety of all our students and staff is a top priority. We take all appropriate measures



## PTA President's Letter

Hello Pleasant Valley Families!

This is an important month for PTA. We recently sent out a survey for every member to complete, our 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.

Thank you so much for your participation in our Payback book fundraiser. We are still collecting and counting the order forms.

Our fall fundraiser is fast approaching, we are teaming with Big Kahuna to offer you cookie dough and other wonderful items. Both the primary and middle schools had a kick-off assembly on Friday, October 19th. The fundraiser will run through November 5th. Check your child's backpack for more information! This is an excellent opportunity to get a head start on holiday shopping for your loved ones and friends.

Our PV Book Fairs, conferences, and Pastries with Parents will be up and running soon. Keep an eye on the calendar for these special events. We hope you've enjoyed the sunshine and observed our beautiful trees changing color. Have a wonderful fall!!

Warm Regards, Heather Anderson and Betsy Fahndrich, Co-Presidents of PV PTA

if confronted with a safety concern. If you have something to report, and cannot reach me or a staff member (perhaps because it's a weekend), our district uses the online SafeSchools incident reporting system. Families can use the online tool to report anything concerning, such as bullying, intimidation, harassment, weapons or drugs: <https://bgsd-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/>. This is an effective tool for both families and our district.

### School goals for 2018-19

Finally, let's look inside the classroom. As a district, we have two common goals for the year: *(1) All schools will develop strong social-emotional skills to equip all students for academic excellence and success in life. (2) All schools will implement high-quality instruction in every classroom to improve student learning.* At Pleasant Valley Middle we work to positively impact these goal areas through the use of our Advisory program and our late start Wednesday's dedicated to Professional Learning Communities. Advisory is a time to connect with a trusted adult and peers with the use of a program called Second Step. Themes and positive attributes are focused on throughout the school year. Professional Learning Communities allow teachers time to focus on student data and best teaching practices for student success.

I hope to see many of you at our parent-teacher conferences coming up Nov. 6-9. This may be another opportunity to meet in person. Thanks and GO PATRIOTS!

I look forward to a great year at Pleasant Valley,

Principal Mike Maloney  
Pleasant Valley Middle School

