



# September 2016 *The Pleasant Valley Post*

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Battle Ground School District  
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## PV PTA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 PM in the small gym.  
Childcare is provided.

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### Upcoming Events

#### September 2016

- 29 - Bond Informational Meeting
- 30 - Skyward Online Student Update closes for 16-17

#### October 2016

- 5 - Early Release
- 11 - Watch D.O.G.S Kickoff
- 13 - PVM Open House  
5:00 - 7:00 PM
- 14 - No School - In-service
- 18 - PTA General Membership Meeting
- 19 - Early Release  
PVM Picture Retakes
- 24 - PVM Progress Reports on Skyward

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

We survived the first month of school, and what a great month it has been! Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered your time in an effort to make Back to school a smooth transition. We appreciate each of you. It is always nice to meet new Pleasant Valley families as well as reconnect with the returning ones. If you are new to our school, we welcome you! Pleasant Valley has been blessed with wonderful people who make our school community even better with great kids, kind teachers and an active PTA!

PTA works closely with the schools to provide families with the most up-to-date information through flyers, email blasts, Facebook and our website! Please take a few minutes to join our email list by checking the box on your PTA membership form, filling out the email blast flyer, or by joining directly from our website [www.pleasantvalleypta.com](http://www.pleasantvalleypta.com). You do not have to be a PTA member to be added to this list, but more members we have equals a larger voice at the state level. PTA influences education legislation at the state and national levels and our vote counts!

This year PTA is focusing on increasing our volunteer base. We have a few board positions available and welcome fresh ideas and new faces. Don't hesitate to jump in with both feet and make a difference. Our school motto this year is Be Kind, Work Hard, and Have Courage.



Academics  
Activity  
Advocacy

### PV PTA Executive Committee

- [Lacey Lemmon and Brian Higgins](#)  
PV PTA Co-Presidents
- [Shylah Graham](#)  
PV PTA Vice President
- [Rebecca DeMoss](#)  
VP - Communications
- [Betsy Fahndrich and Leisa Houlahan](#)  
Co-Treasurer
- [Ceri Howell](#)  
Secretary
- [Curtis Michael](#)  
Legislative Chair

### Legislative Corner

**Remember to register to vote!**

Instructions can be found at:  
[Clark County Elections](#)

Curtis Michael  
PV PTA Legislative Chair



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Primary  
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- 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
- 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

**Bond Facts & Information Meeting**



We hope you can join us, Thursday, September 29 at 6:15 PM in the PVP media center to learn more about the upcoming bond on the ballot this November and it's impact on the Pleasant Valley campus.

Mr. Hottowe, Battle Ground Public Schools Superintendent, will be available to give a better understanding of what the bond is, how it was developed, and the projects that it will fund.

**Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff Meeting**

*(Dads Of Great Students)*

Have the courage to volunteer! We need to fill these positions to be able to support all the events throughout the year. We can't run these events without your help!

Thank you for participating in the first of our three fundraisers for the year, the Payback Fundraiser. Your efforts are important and affect every student. With a portion of the funds earned, our membership is able to give every certified teacher \$100.00 to spend on whatever they need for their classroom. In addition, PTA is also awarding special grants of \$500.00 each to teachers who apply for innovative learning grants. We have 6 grants to give away this year. PTA can give more than 6 away if anyone wants to donate directly to the teacher grant line item; your contribution is 100% tax deductible. Our fall fundraiser is coming up in November, followed by our biggest fundraiser, our annual Auction gala in March. More details to come as these events get closer.

There are many upcoming opportunities to join in and make your student feel special by coming in to the school. Join us for Pastries for Parents before school at 8:20 AM on October 28th, at PVP. Pick up a book at the book fair while you are there and see what is interesting to your child! The Holiday Bazaar will be a ton of fun and you can enjoy the live music and get your holiday shopping done early on Nov 5th, 10 AM at the PVM gym.

Our PTA holds three General Membership meetings a year. We hope you are able to attend the first one on October 18th, at 6:30 PM in the small gym. We work hard to make sure our members are informed about the PTA budget, the activities that are organized, and important information directly from both schools. We hope you can find the time to attend these meetings as we count on the membership to offer opinions and suggestions.

We hope you will come and be impressed with all we can accomplish together at Pleasant Valley.

Warm Regards,  
Lacey Lemmon and Brian Higgins, Co-Presidents of PV PTA  
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Pleasant Valley Middle  
[@PVMiddle](https://www.instagram.com/PVMiddle)



**Code to the Future - Programming & Game Design**  
Methods integrate both Programming and Game Design, giving students a fun and well-rounded understanding of how to utilize technology to create. We combine world-class curricula and tools, with a pair-programming education model that makes learning programming a fun experience!

Start date: 09/30, 2 session times - choose what works best for you!  
Location: Lewisville Campus/BG  
Cost: \$105.00/6 class sessions, ages 7-12 years

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

Registration begins on 10/01  
teams will be formed for grades K-8

**Stage Makeup & Costumes:** - Zombies  
This is a one-day workshop teaching the basics of costuming and stage makeup; learn how to create fake bruises, scar, scrapes, and open wounds. This workshop is perfect for creating a "zombie look" perfect for parties!

**Adult Classes:**



**OCTOBER 11 at 6:30PM**

*in the small gym*

Enjoy some ice cream as you talk with other Dads and learn about the program; which seeks to engage men, inspire children, reduce bullying and enhance the educational environment at our school!!

## PVM OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the gym. Chump Street will be performed by the Prairie Drama Club at 6:00.

Mark your calendars and come on down to see some of the programs that make Pleasant Valley Middle School unique such as drama club, ASL, and much, much more!

## Holiday Bazaar

*Sat. November 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



Lacey Lemmon



Brian Higgins

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



Hello,

It was a productive week at Pleasant Valley Primary. We made great progress with aligning our school improvement efforts with the district's strategic plan. This week's focus was building a culture that supports and promotes the physical, emotional, and social well-being of students and staff. Attendance, social/emotional learning, safety and security, and engaging the community were topics of discussion. Strategies were then developed to accomplish each agreed upon goal.

#### Safety

Our goal is to ensure student safety. For the safety of our children, your children, all visitors are required to check-in at the office before going to any location on campus. Visitors will receive a badge to wear; this indicates to staff that you are an approved guest. We invite all parents to participate in school activities as volunteers. We highly encourage you to be an active part of your child's education. For planning purposes, please prearrange each visit directly with the teacher or call 360-885-5550 for assistance.

#### Attendance

Real talk! Chronic absenteeism is described as missing more than 17 days (10%) of school per year. Last year, 106 of approximately 600 students at Pleasant Valley were chronically absent. It is critically important that students attend school each and every day. Should you need assistance please contact the office

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

#### Quick Links

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cuisine, listen to live holiday music from local bands and choirs.

[Vendor Openings Available](#)

Check out the National PTA's **Our Children Magazine** at [PTAOurChildren.org](http://PTAOurChildren.org) for great articles and content.

at [pvpooffice@battlegroundps.org](mailto:pvpooffice@battlegroundps.org).

### **Important Information**

Modular - The maintenance and operations department and the general contractor assigned to the modular have been hard at work this week. District personnel were on site throughout the night this week monitoring the temperature of classrooms and making sure the learning environment for students and teachers was acceptable. Work will continue through the weekend. We are told the HVAC system will be fully functioning by Monday. I truly appreciate your patience and understanding. The weather this week was a helpful ally. We are closely monitoring the morning bus situation to ensure that students arrive at school on time. The goal is for students to be on campus no later than 8:45 AM. This allows enough time for students to get a quick breakfast should they choose to do so. I believe that we have made adjustments today that should significantly improve the situation. We reviewed the arrival times for each bus over the last several weeks and have a better understanding of the reason for each late bus. Students will be provided time for breakfast should they arrive late because of a late bus. The learning environment in the modular building and late arriving buses are top priorities right now.

Join the PTA!

**Be kind.**

**Work hard.**

**Show courage.**

Sincerely, Michael and Diane

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

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

At the start of every journey, it is important to chart your course-so you'll know the direction to which you're



headed and can plan for the joys and obstacles you'll face along the way. At Pleasant Valley Middle School, each



school year is a new journey of learning for our students and staff. Whether you are a returning family or a new family to our community, below are some important elements to our school year. Having our destination firmly established helps us maintain our vision for high levels of learning for each student during our school year.

**Map: Destination/Where we're headed**

At the start of each school year, our teachers/teams review the learning standards (Common Core State Standards, or CCSS) that are expected for each student. We assess our students using I-Ready, so we have a strong understanding of their foundational knowledge and skills. This review helps us determine the course of learning for our students, and to set appropriate Action Goals. This is part of our annual school improvement planning process.

**Suitcase: Items we'll need along the way**

Because of the rigorous learning expectations established for our students, it is important that students arrive each day prepared to learn. Our Common Core State Standards are designed to stretch students; we will continue to encourage our students to persevere as they acquire new skills and solve new problems.

Our teachers and staff work collectively to create an environment that promotes high levels of safety and productivity. During our opening days, our school hosted an Expectations Expo, to provide students with an understanding of how to behave in specific areas of our school. Routines, procedures and learning expectations-explicitly taught by staff-all rely on students being able to demonstrate our PRIDE: Be Positive; Take Responsibility; Have Integrity; Be Dependable; Show Effort as well as being safe and respectful.

**Itinerary: What we'll be doing on our trip**

All students will have the same grade level learning standards as their ending point. They will be actively engaged in lessons and learning experiences designed to develop their understanding of skills/concepts and apply their

knowledge to relevant problems.

Some may have additional stops/supports/accommodations to help them reach these targets. Other students may reach their destination more quickly. We encourage and challenge these students with individualized journeys, to allow them to apply their understanding to new situations and in new ways. It is a real privilege to guide this journey of learning for our students each year, and it's a team effort. I appreciate the intentional work/commitment by our teachers, the active engagement of our students, and the valued partnership of parents.

It was great to see so many of you during our recent Back to School Night, and we hope to see you during our **OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 13 from 5:00-7:00pm** to see great things happening at PVM.

Sincerely,  
Tamarah Grigg  
Principal Pleasant Valley Middle School

## Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

**OCT 24-28**

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.

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



To volunteer for the PVP Book Fair from 9:00am to 4:00pm, contact Jesse Colson at [Jlene18@gmail.com](mailto:Jlene18@gmail.com) to volunteer.

To volunteer for the PVM Book Fair which takes place 8:00am to 3:00pm. Contact Nicole Vigue at [nhenson01@yahoo.com](mailto:nhenson01@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

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

no later than October 13, 2016.

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