

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

## PANTHER POINTS *of interest*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Weds. 11/22

9:30-10:30 Grade 1 Students  
Native American Day

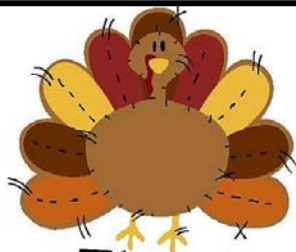
12:45 PM Early Release Weds.

#### Thurs. 11/23

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

#### Fri. 11/24

**NO SCHOOL**



# Happy Thanksgiving

### ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Our Artist of the Week this week is first grader Hasini in Mr. Cosham's class.



Recently inspired by Columbus Day, Hasini sketched a portrait of Christopher Columbus. She then used the sketch to replicate Columbus' likeness using vegetables to assemble a sculpture of the famous voyager. Congratulations Hasini!



### PTO HOLIDAY FAIR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st

Our annual Holiday Fair will be held on Friday, December 1st. This is an opportunity for students to purchase low cost items from local crafters for the holidays. Students will also participate in free raffles! Classrooms are busy collecting **NEW** items for their Holiday Jars that will be raffled off with other prizes.



Student Holiday Shopping lists went home with all students today. This list will help you and your child discuss who he/she should shop for and the dollar amount that they should spend.

**Please send in this list and your child's money (in an envelope, please) on Friday, December 1st, the day of our Holiday Fair.**

**We need parent help** the night before for set up and the day of the fair with our gift wrap, PTO and Raffle tables. Please contact Dee Bruce at [deidre\\_jb@yahoo.com](mailto:deidre_jb@yahoo.com) or [pv\\_pto@hotmail.com](mailto:pv_pto@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.

- ◆ **Classroom Jars:** Each classroom has been given a jar to fill which will be raffled off at the Holiday Fair. Students should bring in small items such as pencils, markers, stickers, or small toys to fill the jar.
- ◆ **PTO Table:** Once again, the PTO will be running a table. We will be selling low cost items which will enable many children to purchase gifts for loved ones at a very low cost. In order to make this possible, **we are in need of donated craft items that are new or unused.** A few examples are candles, sports items, ornaments, jewelry and picture frames. If you can help us out in any way, please contact Dee Bruce. Thank you!
- ◆ **Student Craft Table (Grades 3-5):** Again this year, the PTO will have a special table reserved for PV students to sell their crafts at the holiday fair! If you and your child are interested and need more information, please contact **Jocelyn Pichay at 860-916-1348** or send her an email at [jredpichay@gmail.com](mailto:jredpichay@gmail.com) to reserve a spot at the table for your craft!
- ◆ **Volunteers Needed:** We are also in need of parent volunteers to help us out during the fair. If you are interested please call Dee Bruce at 860-997-9856.

## PTO NEWS.....

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Thank you!** To our Turkey Toy Bingo committee and all of the parent, teacher and student volunteers, especially Jeff Trachtenberg!
- ◆ **Barnes and Noble Book Fair Night, Thursday, 12/14:** Join us at Barnes and Noble where the PV staff will be reading!
- ◆ **PTO Meetings:** We encourage all parents to attend our monthly PTO meetings, which are usually held on the first Thursday of each month. Free childcare is available. **Our next PV PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, 12/7 at 7:00 PM.**
- ◆ **Ways to Help the PV PTO Earn Money and Supplies for Pleasant Valley School:** All of your purchases can really add up and help our budget! Stop and Shop, Shop Rite and Price Chopper Grocery Store Bonus Programs, Geisler's Supermarket- put receipts in the envelope on the board outside of the office Box Tops (The collection box for the Box Top program is located inside the cafeteria), donations of ink cartridges, cell phones and other small electronics, (collection boxes for ink cartridges is located outside of the Pleasant Valley office.
- ◆ **AMAZON SMILE:** <http://smile.pvpto.org/> or search: pleasant valley pto South Windsor
- ◆ **Stop and Shop-** sign in to your account and search in South Windsor for PV
- ◆ **Holiday Fair on 12/1/17,** looking for volunteers to help out that day, wrapping presents and working at the PTO table, set up the night before and breaking down that day. Follow this link to sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4daba628a5f49-pleasant>

### H.O.T. SCHOOL HAPPENINGS NOVEMBER 2017

As a H.O.T. School, we strive to implement three basic tenets: democratic practice, arts integration, and strong arts. These underpin much of what we do and how we teach at Pleasant Valley, and we will showcase some of the Higher Order Thinking "happenings" that transpire over the course of each month.

Recently, the third graders participated in a TAC (Teacher-Artist Collaboration) to enrich their knowledge of the science curriculum. They worked with Don Cooper, artist/musician. Prior to being a music teacher and teaching artist, Don was a professional songwriter, performer, and recording artist. Don uses music and multiple intelligences to further the curricular goals of students. Together, with the third grade teachers, Don focused on the science unit titled "Sounds like Music to my Ears." They incorporated music to encourage higher level thinking. Students got to experiment with different sounds and developed a deep understanding how sound is created, transmitted, received and interpreted. In addition, during the course of the TAC students collaborated and developed their own musical instrument, while composing an original song to perform for their peers.

Students are not the only ones to broaden and deepen their understanding of Higher Order Thinking. On November 7th, teachers participated in a Professional Development revolved around "The Art of Questions" with an artistic director, theater artist and teacher, Christopher Eaves. Mr. Eaves provided a framework for the teachers to explore the integral role inquiry plays in the development of critical thinking.

### YOUR PICTURES ARE NEEDED!

Don't forget to submit pictures of you reading for the bulletin board!



Hard copies or electronic submissions to your teacher are welcome!

### BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER FOR GRADE 5 STUDENTS continues....



The Butter Braid fundraiser will continue through Friday, November 17th. Orders will be delivered the week of

December 11th.

If you have any questions, please contact Laila Haswell at [ghabrial@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ghabrial@sbcglobal.net) or 860-869-7370.

### CONFERENCE SIGN UPS

If you did not sign up for a parent/teacher conference yet, please contact your child's classroom teacher to do so. Elementary Conferences are scheduled for November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th.



**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAIR  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st**

**Attention PV Parents!**

Our annual Holiday Fair will be held on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in the Gym. We are extending a special invitation to **current Pleasant Valley parents and grandparents** to reserve a table for \$15. This fee includes a table! Set-up will be on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm or on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> after 8:00 am. Please contact **Dee Bruce** at [deidre\\_jb@yahoo.com](mailto:deidre_jb@yahoo.com) or **Heather Trachtenberg** at [htrach@gmail.com](mailto:htrach@gmail.com) today to reserve your spot ASAP since spots are limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Registration forms are also available in the office.



**STUDENT CRAFT TABLE AT THE HOLIDAY FAIR Grades 3-5**

Do your children love to make their own crafts? This year the PTO will once again have a special table reserved for PV students to sell their crafts at the holiday fair! If you and your child are interested and need more information, please contact **Jocelyn Pichay** at **860-916-1348** or send her an email at [jredpichay@gmail.com](mailto:jredpichay@gmail.com) to reserve a spot at the table for your craft!

**BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR  
THURSDAY, 12/14  
THE SHOPPES AT BUCKLAND HILLS  
6:30—8:00 PM**

Come see your favorite teachers and PV staff read some of their favorite books at Barnes & Noble on Thursday, 12/14. There will also be fun activities for the students to participate in.

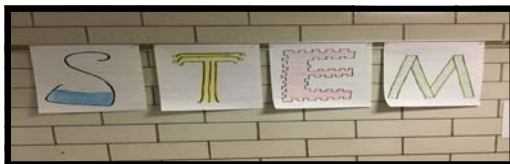


**OUR PAJAMA DRIVE CONTINUES  
THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

The Pajama Drive is being held in conjunction with the annual **Scholastic Book Clubs Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive** and will benefit a national non-profit organization that provides new pajamas to children living in shelters, group homes, foster care and those who attend Title I schools, Head Start programs and other organizations that supports at-risk youth.



**PLEASANT VALLEY**



**NIGHT  
Thursday, November 30th  
Drop in anytime between 6:30-8:00 PM**

Please join us on Thursday, November 30th for our first Annual STEM Family Night! Students will teach parents what they have been learning in STEM! We will have tables set up by grade level to showcase current STEM modules which all families should feel free to visit. Remember to grab your engineering bag for more STEM fun at home!

**RECYCLE BIN**

Please remember to donate! Our recycle bin is a collection bin from Bay State Textiles, a company that will now pay us by the pound for all used clothing donations. Items can be in any condition; the company will even take old shoes and stuffed animals! Click on the attachment below for a list of items they accept. I hope to see the bin filled often as we will use this as a great way to raise money to offset costs of field trips, visiting artists, and school programs.



[Acceptable Items for Recycling at PV.pdf](#)