

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

PANTHER POINTS *of interest*

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September 1, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. 9/4

Labor Day - No School

Thurs. 9/7

PTO Meeting

NOTES AND ABSENCES

Remember you may call or email us with your child's absence or pick ups. Please remember to email **both** Mrs. Budarz and Mrs. Tobin at:

jeanneb@swindsor.k12.ct.us

and

jtobin@swindsor.k12.ct.us



EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAYS

Our first Early Release Wednesday will be on Wednesday, September 13th. The following is a list of all Early Release Wednesdays:

September: 13, 20, 27
October: 4, 11, 18, 25
November: 1, 8, 15, 29*
December: 6*, 13*, 20*,
March: 21*, 28*
April: 4*, 18, 25,
May: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June: 6

Dismissal time is at 12:45 PM.

*Denotes a Conference Day.
Dismissal is also at 12:45 PM.

WELCOME BACK!

Pleasant Valley opened its doors to **497** smiling students on Wednesday, August 30th. We had a great first day! We welcomed four classes of new kindergartners! Many new students and their families have joined the Pleasant Valley experience.



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE FOR PARENTS

- ◆ Bus tags that were distributed to Kindergarten and Grade 1 students should continue to be **worn through Friday, September 8th.**
- ◆ Please be sure to read, complete and return the following forms as soon as possible if you have not already done so: Student Overview Form, Panther Points Paper Copy Request, Bus Rules and Regulations.
- ◆ Please contact the office if your child will be absent for any reason. Our regular office hours are **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- ◆ If you are going to pick your child up at the end of the day, (we begin calling students for dismissal at 3:15), please notify the office via a note, phone call or e-mail as early in the day as possible. If you call later in the day, i.e. after 3:00, or if you appear in the office after we begin calling students for pick-up, it is disruptive to the dismissal process and your child may already be on the bus.
- ◆ The earliest children may be dropped off in the morning is **8:25 a.m.**, unless they are eating breakfast which begins at 8:15 a.m. Supervision for students is not provided before that time.
- ◆ We are not able to accommodate daily bus changes for students. Any request for a change will be granted solely on an emergency basis. Permanent changes only are processed with the bus company using the Special Transportation form. A three day notice is required for all bus changes.

PTO NEWS.....

Welcome Back!

The PTO Board would like to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Our PTO Board has been busy planning many exciting events for the upcoming school year.

- ◆ **Thank you!** Thank you to Dee Bruce, Dawn Healy, Heather Trachtenberg, Barbara Swedock, Nicky Moriarty, Mary Cristin-King, Beth Estman, Katherine Nicholson, Johanna Perkins, Laila Haswell, Eileen Bukowski, and Katrina Richards everyone who donated and helped with the Welcome Back Staff Luncheon and Welcome back picnic. Your help and/or donations were greatly appreciated to make things run smoothly!
- ◆ **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 first PV PTO meeting will be held on **Thursday, 9/7 at 7:00 PM.**
- ◆ **PV PTO Folders:** A special yellow and blue folder will be going home with each student next week. These folders will be going home each Friday with each child. Please remember to send them back to school on Monday in your child's backpack.
- ◆ **PTO Family Membership Contribution:** Your contribution to the PV PTO supports quality programs that are held at Pleasant Valley. Envelopes were in your child's PV PTO folder. There are also lists of committees for volunteer opportunities throughout the year!
- ◆ **Pleasant Valley Family Directory:** Please complete the information that went home today and return it to PV to ensure that we have the correct information for our 2017-2018 Family Directory. ****YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY IF THE FORM IS NOT COMPLETED AND RETURNED. ****
- ◆ **Ways to Help the PV PTO Earn Money and Supplies for Pleasant Valley School:** Stop and Shop, Shop Rite and Price Chopper Grocery Store Bonus Programs, Box Tops (The collection box for the Box Top program is located inside the cafeteria), Labels for Education, donations of ink cartridges, cell phones and other small electronics, (collection boxes for Ink Cartridge programs are located outside the front office). **AMAZON SMILE** - search: pleasant valley pto south windsor. All of your purchases can really add up and help our budget!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Send in your Box Tops! Attach them to a collection sheet or collect them in a bag. Don't forget to add your name, grade and teacher to the sheet or the bag. We will be announcing the summer winner at the next Blue and Gold!

Good luck and keep clipping!

PANTHER POINTS IS ON LINE!



All Pleasant Valley families will now be receiving Panther Points and attachments via School Messenger each Friday.

In an effort to go green, we are asking parents to opt out of receiving a hard copy of Panther Points on Fridays.

CONFERENCE SIGN UPS

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



BUILDING SECURITY

For building security and the safety of all students and staff, all visitors are required to stop in the office and sign in. Visitors are required to wear a pass at all times while in the building.



Pleasant Valley Nurse's Notes

News You Can Use From the Health Room

September 1, 2017

Mrs. Lisa Duclos, RN

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Office: 860-610-0291 ext. 1754

Email: lduclos@swindsor.k12.ct.us

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is so important that PV has your most current and updated contact information.

Please make sure all of your personal and emergency contact information is up to date. It is important that Pleasant Valley can reach you.

Please call the office with any updates or changes.

Welcome Back

I hope your summer was everything you hoped it would be. I'd like to welcome everyone back with an extra special shout out to PV's new students and families. I am so happy you are here. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any question. I'd love to help if I can.

What to do if your child needs medication at school...prescription and/or over-the-counter

There is a policy and procedure if your child should need medication throughout their school day. The medication authorization form which is to be completed by your child's physician can be found on our school website, under the nurse icon, or you can give me a call and I can email or send one home with your child. Please call me if you have any questions.

****LICE CORNER****

Back to school sometimes means saying hello to these pesky little wingless harmless critters. Please keep communication open. I can't help rid them from a classroom without your help. My mantra is DON'T PANIC!

I will help you. It happens. No negative stigma here.

When to keep your child home from school

Now that we are all back it is not uncommon for students to start sharing germs. If we work together we can help keep illnesses to a minimum. If your child has a fever of 100 or greater, keep them home until they are 24 hours fever free without medication. Also, if your child vomits please keep them home until 24 hours vomiting free. The vomiting bug spreads on the bus and in the classroom very quickly. Help me prevent repeat illnesses.



**NEW
LOCATION**

September 7-10, 2017

75 Brookfield St, South Windsor

Admission: Free Thursday, Adults & Kids 57" and up \$8, Kids under 57" FREE

Hours: Thurs. 5-10pm, Fri. 5-11pm, Sat. 10am-11pm, Sun. 10am-6pm

FREE ATTRACTIONS:

Baby Chicks
Bubble World
Milking Cow
Corn Town
OK Corral
Maze

Character Meet & Greet
Pirate Encampment
Concert Series
(sponsored by Mitchell
Fuel)

*Little Wapping
Farmer Contest

***Visit WappingFair.org
for rules and registration.**

**RSVP us on Facebook
and received \$1.00 off
admission!**

FEATURE ATTRACTIONS

Thursday Night

Unlimited Ride Wristbands
Records & Burpee Zoo
(Sponsored by Conroy & MacGilpin
Orthodontics)

Friday Night

Records & Burpee Zoo
Racing Pigs & Dachshunds
(Sponsored by C-Tec Solar)

Saturday

Records & Burpee Zoo
Racing Pigs & Dachshunds
Chris Clark Bike Stunts
(Sponsored by AllState-Desmond Agency)
Flying High Frisbee Dogs
(Sponsored by Camp Bow Wow)
Bending Gravity – FIRE SHOW

Sunday

Unlimited Ride Wristbands (12-4)
Records & Burpee Zoo
Racing Pigs & Dachshunds
Chris Clark Bike Stunts