

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

PANTHER POINTS *of interest*

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October 13, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. 10/17

PTO Book Fair

9:00- 2:30 Gr.5, Mrs. McAndrew's Class
Florence Griswold Museum

Weds. 10/18

PTO Book Fair

9:00-12:00 Kdg. Students Field Trip to
Foster Farm

12:45 PM Early Release Wednesday

6:30-8:00 PM PTO Book Fair
Ice Cream Social

Thurs. 10/19

PTO Book Fair

Fire Safety Presentations for Kdg., Gr. 1
and Gr. 2 Students

9:00-2:30 Gr. 5, Mr. Laraia's Class, Miss
To's Class, AGTS Parents to Florence
Griswold Museum

Fri. 10/20

Caps For Kids Day

Donate \$1, Wear Your Hat!

CAPS FOR KIDS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

The Pleasant Valley Student Council will be teaming up with "Caps for Kids", a national non-profit organization dedicated to giving caps signed by athletes and celebrities to children battling cancer. All students are encouraged to participate in Caps For Kids' Annual Cap Day taking place on Friday, October 20th.



Next Friday, students will have the opportunity to wear their favorite caps to school in return for donating \$1.100% of the proceeds benefit Caps for Kids. Students can either bring in a dollar during the week or on Friday.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
October 17th, 18th, and 19th
8:30 AM-4:00 PM



ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Wednesday, October 18th,
6:30-8:00 PM



Help is needed at the Book Fair!
Please contact Amy Tarantino at amyztino@gmail.com or
Mary-Cristin King at marycristin.m.king@gmail.com
if you are able to help.
Come and enjoy some ice cream and
shop at the book fair!



PUMPKIN RAFFLE DURING LUNCH WAVES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th "PIZZA DAY"



All students who buy lunch on
Friday, October 27th will be entered into
a raffle to win a pumpkin!



Three names will be picked
during each lunch wave.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT THE BOOK FAIR!

We still need volunteers for the book fair next week! We mainly need help on Tuesday! If you can, please sign up through the link below:

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/experience/signup/qQ9dAnivH>

Volunteering at the Book Fair is the perfect way to stay connected to your child at school and help students find the books they can't wait to read. Without the help of volunteers, we cannot make this event possible for the students at PV! Thank you to all of those who have already signed up to help! We really appreciate it!

PTO NEWS.....

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Thank you!** Thank you to all of our volunteers who made Boss Baby a success!
- ◆ **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, 11/2 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, Geislers 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 Cartridge programs are located outside the front office).
- ◆ **AMAZON SMILE** - <http://smile.pvpto.org/> or search: pleasant valley pto south windsor
- ◆ **Feedback Needed:** PTO is looking for feedback on our activities, we are offering a survey to give us helpful information to improve the PTO and our activities, to participate, use this link: <http://survey.pvpto.org/>
- ◆ **Turkey Toy Bingo Committee:** The committee is looking for donations of unwrapped toys, baked goods, volunteers to solicit items from local businesses, contact Jeff Trachtenberg for info: Jeff.Trachtenberg@henryschein.com
- ◆ **Book Fair and Ice Cream Social:** Please join us on Wed the 18th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.
- ◆ **Fall Fundraiser** – The Genevieve fundraiser kicked off this week and will end 10/20. Don't forget to look online for even more selection of merchandise, as well as ship to home options! The money raised from this fundraiser will pay for PTO contributions to Fieldtrips and HOTS schools programming for all grade

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Hurry up and hand in all of your box tops before October 30th! The student who submits the most non-expired Box Tops will be crowned the October winner!



Can you clip it?

**SAVE THE DATE!
TURKEY TOY BINGO
FRIDAY, 11/10
@ TEMS
DOORS OPEN
AT 6:15PM**



**SOUTH WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL
OPERATION GRADUATION NEWS!**

**SAVE THE DATE!
NOVEMBER 18th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**SOUTH WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL
HOLIDAY HOOPLA CRAFT and VENDOR FAIR**

The South Windsor High School Holiday Hoopla Craft Fair presented by South Windsor Operation Graduation will be held on Saturday, November 18th.

Get a jump on holiday shopping with over 60 booths offering a wide variety of gift ideas such as handmade crafts, household decor, holiday decor, pet products, specialty vendor items, home and health products, live wreath sale, and much more.

Admission is free. Food, refreshments and bake sale items will be available throughout the day.

Onsite babysitting services will be provided by high school students.

The fair will be located at South Windsor High School, 161 Nevers Road, South Windsor.

For more information, email swog161@gmail.com.



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
UNITY DAY
WEAR ORANGE!**

**Together against bullying.
United for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.**



On Wednesday, October 25th the Pleasant Valley community will honor Unity Day. Unity Day was first introduced in 2011 by the Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights' National Bullying Prevention Center as the signature event for National Bullying Prevention Month. PACER's call to action was to "Make it Orange and Make it End. Unite Against Bullying!" Participants were encouraged to wear orange to show their support for bullying prevention.

To participate in Unity Day, individuals, schools, communities, and businesses wear or display orange to show support for students who have been bullied. During the week, students will be working on creating a community paper chain—a visual representation of our uniting to end bullying. When you come in the main entrance to Pleasant Valley on October 25th, please take a minute or two to read the thoughts our students have written on the paper chain.

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>

**SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL FAIRY AND GNOME
HOME BUILD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st
at 10:00 AM**



Please join us on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 AM to build fairy and gnome houses with Mrs. O'Brien.

Let's help the fairies, gnomes, elves and dwarves prepare for winter! We will be collecting natural materials and using these items to create small dwellings.

All students are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Please return the attached form to Mrs. O'Brien by Wednesday, October 18th if you plan to attend.

TURKEY TOY BINGO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Turkey Toy Bingo Committee is looking for donations of new toys/games for prizes that will be held on Friday, November 10th.

The PV PTO donates a portion of the profits from Turkey Toy Bingo to the fifth grade class to be used toward their fifth grade recognition activities. Mrs. Caouette and the fifth grade teachers help determine how this donation is used.

Please drop off any donations you may have to the Pleasant Valley Office.

Thank you for your support!



**A FIELD TRIP FOR PARENTS TO THE
FLORENCE GRSWOLD MUSEUM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

Parents are invited to go on a field trip to the Florence Griswold Museum. It is open to all Pleasant Valley parents. It is an opportunity to learn about the Arts Goes to School Program, as well as how to support Strong Arts, Arts Integration and Democratic Practice at Pleasant Valley School.



School bus transportation will be provided to and from the museum.

Please see the attached form to sign up and return to Natalie O'Brien by Monday, October 16th.

**Questions?
Feel free to email Mrs. O'Brien at:
nobrien@swindsor.k12.ct.us**

PV PTO GENEVIEVE FUNDRAISER

All students brought home our annual Genevieve fundraiser last Friday. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and ends on Friday, 10/20.



Parents will have a choice if they would like their order shipped home or shipped to school. There is not a shipping charge if your order is over \$79.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Healey at dawladd7@yahoo.com or 203-537-7474.

Volunteers Wanted in the PV Library!

Hello Parents and Guardians,

My name is Cheryl Pervere and I am thrilled to be the new Library Manager for Pleasant Valley Elementary School. For more information about volunteering please click on the link below.

<http://signup.com/go/GqhufkS>

Book Check In & Shelving

Pleasant Valley Students love to read and some mornings over 200 books are returned to the library.



Book Check outs

Help check books out to students during class Library time.

ATTENTION GRADE 5 PARENTS



Baked goods, bottled water, chips, cookies, etc. are need for Turkey Toy Bingo. A form went home last week with all Grade 5 students.

Please return the form to Pleasant Valley school if you can donate any of the items.

All items need to be dropped off in the Pleasant Valley office by Friday, November 10th.

RECYCLE BIN

There is a new white recycling bin that has been added to Pleasant Valley near the parking lot and soccer field. The 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!



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



VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY 2017 FRIDAY, 11/10 @ 8:50 AM Both "A" and "B" Groups Invited To this Assembly



We are seeking pictures and names of any family members that may have served in any branch of the military to be included at our Veteran's Day Assembly which will be held on Friday, 11/10.

If you would like, please send in a picture of the family member. Please be sure to put the family name and the room number of your child on the back of the picture.

Please contact Mr. Laraia, grade 5 teacher with any questions you may have. If possible, please let us know if a family member in the military will be attending this assembly.

Annual Fairy and Gnome Home Build!!!



Join us Saturday, October 21st at 10 a.m. to build fairy and gnome houses!

Let's help the fairies, gnomes, elves and dwarves prepare for winter! We will be collecting natural materials from around the school grounds and using these items to create small dwellings.

All students are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Please return the bottom portion to Mrs. O'Brien
by October 18th.

Name of student _____

Teacher _____

Name of adult(s) accompanying student _____

A Field Trip for Parents!



Parents are invited to go on a field trip to the Florence Griswold Museum. It is open to all Pleasant Valley parents. It is an opportunity to learn about Art Goes to School program, as well as how to support Strong Arts, Arts Integration and Democratic Practice at Pleasant Valley.

Where: Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme

When: Thursday, October 19th, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Why: To learn about Art Goes to School

*****School bus transportation is provided to and from the museum.**

Parents are an essential part of our Higher Order Thinking School community. Please consider volunteering with our Art Goes to School program. Can you give one hour of your time to support PV? You determine your level of participation and commitment, and there is absolutely no prior knowledge or preparation necessary.

Questions? Ask Natalie O'Brien, the art teacher, at nobrien@swindsor.k12.ct.us

Please return the following form to Natalie O'Brien by **Monday, October 16th.**



Name _____

Email _____

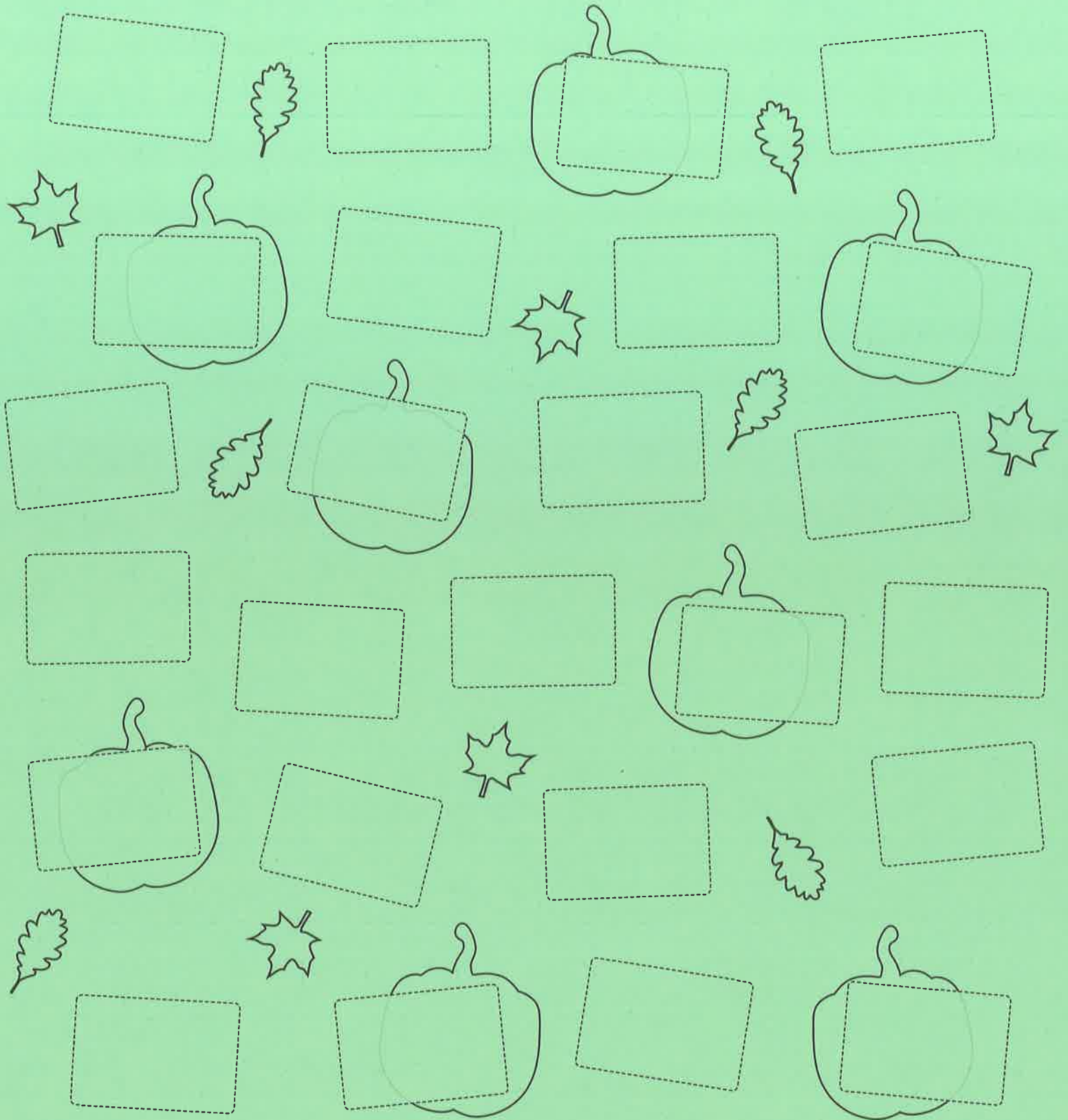
Child's Name _____

*Children cannot attend this field trip. This trip is strictly for parents.

- Yes, I'd like to go to the Florence Griswold Museum and I will take the bus.
- Yes, I'd like to go to the Florence Griswold Museum, but I will provide my own transportation.
- No, I cannot attend the Florence Griswold Museum field trip, but I'd like to learn more about Art Goes to School.



HARVEST ALL YOUR BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately.
To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to **BTFE.com**.

Do you need access to food?

Food Banks/Pantries

South Windsor Human Services

150 Nevers Road South Windsor, CT 06074
860-648-6361

Available Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm by appointment for South Windsor residents.
Thanksgiving Baskets (turkey and fixings)

The Bridge Healthy Choice Pantry

By appointment 860-472-3131
thebridgesouthwindsor@gmail.com

Meals on Wheels- CRT

860-648-6361 South Windsor
Contact South Windsor Human Services
(Linda Worthington, ext. 335)

Meals on Wheels- Visiting Nurses

ECHN Visiting Nurse and Health Services
860-872-9163 ext 2367 860-870-2358 Maria
1 Meal \$6.25 and 2 Meals \$10

Additional Assistance

Senior Community Café at the South Windsor Senior Center

150 Nevers Road South Windsor
860-648-6361x328 by noon the day before
Lunch provided for those ages 60 and older
Mon to Fri. Reservations required at least one day in advance. A donation of \$2.50 (or whatever you can afford) is requested*

2-1-1

Dial 2-1-1 or go to www.211ct.org for free connections to critical health and human services within the community.

Free and Reduced School Lunches

If you believe you qualify for free or reduced priced lunches for your children at school, please contact Lisa Clayton at 860-291-1230. For more information visit <http://www.southwindsorschools.org/page.cfm?p=2834>

WIC Local Agency:

740 Main Street East Hartford 06108 860-291-7323
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children. Provides healthcare referrals, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support and supplemental food
*cancellations are listed on Channel 3(WFSB)

Mobile Foodshare

Wapping Community Church
1790 Ellington Road
Fresh Produce every other
Thursday from 12:30-1:00 PM.
Call South Windsor Human Services for more info
860-648-6361

SNAP (Food Stamps)

Contact: State of CT Department of Social Services on Broad Street Manchester, CT
1-855-626-6632

FREE ADMISSION

Over 60 Venders

Food

Raffle

Babysitting

**NOVEMBER
18, 2017**

**HOLIDAY
HOOPLA**

**CRAFT & VENDOR
FAIR**

**9:00am -
3:00pm**

Sponsored by South Windsor Operation Graduation

**SOUTH WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL
161 Nevers Rd**

**SOUTH WINDSOR OPERATION
GRADUATION**

\$10,000.00

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

- Tickets are \$20.00 EACH
- DRAWING ON 11/11/17 at 12:00 pm at South Windsor High School Football Field, 161 NEVERS ROAD, SOUTH WINDSOR (during halftime of Varsity football game)
- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. Winner responsible for all applicable taxes.
- ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SOUTH WINDSOR OPERATION GRADUATION (SWOG)
- SWOG is a non-profit, volunteer organization committed to providing a safe, substance-free, fully-supervised, all-night graduation night party for the graduating class of South Windsor High School

**HELP US KEEP THE CLASS OF 2018
SAFE ON GRADUATION NIGHT**

**TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS,
EMAIL LISA AND GLORI**

SWOGRAFFLE@GMAIL.COM

Or

**USE THE TICKET REQUEST
FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS
FLYER**

Tickets will be sold
at the South Windsor Farmer's Market on
Saturdays from 10-1, at various SWHS home
sporting events and other venues TBD. Contact
swograffle@gmail.com for info

**SWHS \$10K RAFFLE TICKET
REQUEST**

PLEASE PRINT as should appear on
ticket:

Name: _____

(ONE first and last name only per ticket)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Request # ___ tickets at \$20 each = _____

FORM OF PAYMENT:

___ CHECK (enclosed, payable to SWOG)

___ CASH

_____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Please make copies of this form to
request tickets under additional
names.

You will be notified when your tickets
are available.

PLEASE LIST YOUR CONTACT INFO TO
ARRANGE TICKET PICKUP OR
DELIVERY:

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

**MAIL TICKET REQUEST
TO:**

SWOG

PO BOX 545

SOUTH WINDSOR, CT

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