

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

PANTHER POINTS *of interest*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**TURKEY TOY BINGO
IS TONIGHT!**
Doors Open at 6:15 PM

Weds. 11/15

**Dress As Your Favorite
Book Character Day at PV!**



12:45 PM Early Release
Wednesday

IF YOUR CHILD IS LATE TO SCHOOL

Please remember to write your child's first and last name on the blue sheet when signing them in.

TURKEY TOY BINGO IS TONIGHT!

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR**

**DOORS WILL OPEN AT
6:15 PM**

**BINGO WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM
TIMOTHY EDWARDS
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Any questions please contact:
Jeff Trachtenberg at
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS! UNDERSTAND SCHOOL ABSENCES

Attendance is essential to school success, but too often students and parents don't realize how quickly absences — excused and unexcused — can add up to academic trouble. Chronic absence (missing 10% of the school year, or just 2-3 days every month) can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing courses, and ninth-graders dropping out of high school. The Connecticut State Department of Education (SDE) has clear guidelines for school districts as to what qualifies a student being considered "in attendance" for a school day. In order for a student to be considered in attendance, he/she must be physically at their school (or an activity sponsored by the school) for at least half of the school day. Students missing more than half of the school day are considered "absent."

South Windsor Public Schools encourages parents to actively participate in their child's success by becoming familiar with school attendance requirements. If the total amount of time not in school is greater than or equal to one-half ($\geq 50\%$) of a school day, your child is considered absent. This includes time attributable to tardiness, as well as leaving before school is dismissed.

For example:

if a full school day is seven (7) hours long, a student must be present in the school for three and one half (3.5) hours to be considered in attendance; and
on shortened school days (late opening or early dismissal), students need to be present for half of the shortened day to be considered in attendance.

It is important for families to have this information, as these criteria will be used to reflect students' attendance on report cards. Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. We appreciate your efforts to ensure that your child(ren) are attending school! If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

PTO NEWS.....

- ◆ **Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who helped at our PV Movie Night, especially our tech support!
- ◆ **Holiday Fair on 12/1/17:** We are looking for volunteers to help out at the Holiday Fair on Friday, 12/1 with wrapping presents and working at the PTO table, setting up the night before and breaking down that day. Follow this link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4daba628a5f49-pleasant>.
- ◆ **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, 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 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

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.



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.



**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



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

Attention PV Parents!

Our annual Holiday Fair will be held on Friday, December 1st, 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 30th from 5pm-7pm or on Friday, December 1st after 8:00 am. Please contact **Dee Bruce** at deidre_jb@yahoo.com or **Heather Trachtenberg** at 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 iredpichay@gmail.com to reserve a spot at the table for your craft!



**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 or 860-869-7370.



FROM THE HEALTH ROOM.....

- ◆ If you are concerned that your child might have an "accident" during their school day, please send in an **extra set of clothes** (in a gallon size bag) to be kept in their backpack in the event it is needed.
- ◆ **Absolutely no prescription or over - the-counter medications are to be transported to school by students.** Parents or a designated responsible adult must supply all the medication in the original container. If your child needs medication throughout the school day, please contact Mrs. Duclos for information and the appropriate paperwork.
- ◆ If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater along with a sore throat, cough, body aches and/or nausea and vomiting or diarrhea, **PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME.** Children need to be **24 hours fever free without any fever reducing medication** (Tylenol, non-aspirin pain reliever, ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin etc.) before they can return to school.



YOUR PICTURES ARE NEEDED!

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 welcomed.



**READ AT HOME NEWS....
DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE
BOOK CHARACTER DAY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

All Pleasant Valley students and staff are encouraged to dress as their favorite book character on Wednesday, 11/15. Be creative! Get your friends involved! Let's see how many characters will be at PV on Wednesday!



Pleasant Valley School *Holiday Fair 2017*



The Pleasant Valley Holiday Fair will take place on Friday, December 1st from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There will be a variety of crafters at the fair and they will be selling their items at very reasonable prices. If they choose to do so, children can purchase gifts for their families or other special people in their lives. Parents are welcome to shop with their child (ren), or a shopping list can be sent in with them (see attached shopping list).

Please remind your child that even if they are not shopping, they can participate in the raffle. Each classroom fills a jar with fun things they have donated. These jars are raffled off to the students at the end of the day. Four raffle tickets will be given to each student. They will have an opportunity to use those tickets to win one of the jars.

In addition, each child will receive an additional ticket for a few other larger prizes that will also be raffled.

Please keep in mind that large sums of money are not necessary, as crafters are will also have low cost items available for sale. If you are sending money in with your child, please be sure that you put it in an envelope with your child's name and room number on it.

If you have any questions, please text or call
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