

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

## PANTHER POINTS *of interest*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tues. 10/24

7:00 PM Bd. of Ed. Meeting  
TEMS

#### Weds. 10/25

Unity Day - Wear Orange

12:45 PM Early Release Wednesday

#### Fri. 10/27

8:50 B&G Assembly "A"

### THE FAIRY HOUSE AND GNOME HOME BUILD IS TOMORROW - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st @ 10:00 AM

Please join us tomorrow, 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.



### WEDNESDAY, 10/25

#### 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>

### PV PTO GENEVIEVE FUNDRAISER



Today was the last day for the Genevieve Fundraiser. If you did not send in your forms, please send them in on Monday.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Healey at [dawladd7@yahoo.com](mailto:dawladd7@yahoo.com) or 203-537-7474.

### What is an Absence?

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 to be 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."

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. 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.....**

**Upcoming Events**

- ◆ **Thank you!** Thank you to Mary Christen King and Amy Tarantino for running the book fair, and for all of the volunteers who generously donated their time to make the book fair and ice cream social a success! **A BIG THANKS** to the Rodriguez family for their continued donation of ice cream and toppings to the ice cream social. **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
- ◆ **Turkey Toy Bingo Committee:** Looking for donations of unwrapped toys, baked goods, volunteers to solicit items from local businesses, contact Jeff Trachtenberg for info: [Jeff.Trachtenberg@henryschein.com](mailto:Jeff.Trachtenberg@henryschein.com)
- ◆ **Fall Fundraiser** – Genevieve's started last week, and it will end this week, 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 levels.
- ◆ **Survey:** 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/>

**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.

**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.

**TURKEY TOY BINGO NEEDS YOUR HELP!  
TOY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!**

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.

**TURKEY TOY BINGO TICKETS  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**



Please see the attached order form for Turkey Toy Bingo tickets.

The ticket forms are due back on or before Friday, November 3rd.

Each ticket is \$3. Cash or checks will be accepted. Checks may be made out to PV PTO.

If you have any questions, please contact Phil Richards at 860-559-7395 or [swps@ptrichards.com](mailto:swps@ptrichards.com).

**SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY**  
**Friday, November 10th**



Picture Retake Day has been scheduled for Friday, November 10th.

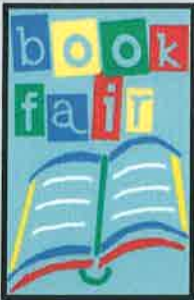
If you would like your child's picture retaken, your child should return the package you received to the photographer at the time pictures are retaken.

If your child was absent or you now wish to order pictures, please be sure to fill out an order form and enclose your check with the order. Extra order forms are available in the office.

If you have any questions about classroom groups, packages, retake day, or any other item, please contact:

**G&B Photography at 800-639-2104**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR THANK YOU!**



Thank you very much to this year's Book Fair volunteers: Kelly Rasmussen, Ann Marie Germano, Elizabeth Buck, Namita Kasera, Holly Gudauskas, Deepa Lakshman, Olivia Singer, Leticia Agyemang, Robin Lagasse, Nadine Caron, Rachel Romaniw, Julie Bousquet, Chris Abraham, Cara Statz, Meghan Dausey, Jocelyn Pichay, Haley King, Kellie Niemczyk, Tia Correnti, Dawn Healey, Jasmine Kaur, Anne Castelhana and Vijaya Canakala.

Thank you to the Rodriguez family for donating ice cream. Thank you to our ice cream scoopers: Karen Vencus, Avani Shah, Jocelyn Pichay, Nadine Caron, Suma Basavarappa, Julie Abrams and Karriann Noble.

And....thank you to Mr. St. Onge and Mr. Pastula for helping move the Book Fair!

**Mary-Cristin King and Amy Tarantino**  
**Book Fair Committee Chairs**

**ANNIE'S TEA PARTY**  
**IN THE SOUTH WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL LOBBY**  
**Saturday, November 11th**  
**1:00-2:00 PM**

South Windsor High School Drama will be presenting "Annie" this year.



While "Annie" is in town, we would like you to join her for tea. You will have a magical time, enjoy refreshments, and socialize with Annie and her friends.

Everyone will receive a special gift and have an opportunity to take a picture with Annie, so don't forget to bring your camera!

Admission is \$5.00 per person and due by Friday, October 27th. There are only 100 seats available for the Tea Party.

Email Glori Kaczmarek at [swsannie@gmail.com](mailto:swsannie@gmail.com) with any questions.



**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 [iredpichay@gmail.com](mailto:iredpichay@gmail.com) to reserve a spot at the table for your craft!



**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/GghufkS>

**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.





# TURKEY TOY BINGO

Friday, November 10, 2017

Doors open at 6:15 PM @ Timothy Edwards Middle School

(100 Arnold Way, South Windsor, CT)

SNOW DATE: Friday, November 17, 2017

## *TICKET ORDER FORM*



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**Turkey Toy Bingo: Ticket Order Form**

**Due: On or before Friday, November 3, 2017**

**Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.00 each \* = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Before 11/3/17 - cash or check to "PV PTO")

**\* Tickets at the door will be \$5.00**

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please send back completed order form  
and payment addressed to: Turkey Toy Bingo Ticket Order**

**Any questions please contact:  
Phil Richards @ (860) 559-7395 or [swps@ptrichards.com](mailto:swps@ptrichards.com)**

# SOUTH WINDSOR BOYS LACROSSE

## CALLING ALL BUILDERS, BANTAMS, JUNIORS & SENIORS!!!

*REGISTER NOW FOR THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN AMERICA: 2018 SEASON*

- Register Online at [www.swboyslax.org](http://www.swboyslax.org) 11/1/17 – 12/31/17
- **Early Bird Discount:** Discounted \$165/player if registered by December 16, 2017. \$185/player after December 15th. Fees include a US Lacrosse membership (done separately during the registration process (\$25/player)) and full uniform for each player.
- **Bobcat Builders / 6U – 8U:** (\$25 / player)
  - For players born between 9/1/09 – 8/31/11
  - Introduction to the basics of lacrosse in a fun and upbeat environment. 9 sessions of ~1.5 hours each (Sundays and some weekdays), 2 potential jamborees, possible light game schedule, and a year-end opportunity for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade players to join a Bantam practice. Opening night t-shirts and pinnies.
- **Bantam Lacrosse / 10U:**
  - For players born between 9/1/07 – 8/31/09
  - Introduction to competitive lacrosse through small field, 6 vs. 6 play. Focus on fundamental skill development and the fun & excitement of the game.
- **Juniors Lacrosse / U12:**
  - For players born between 9/1/05 – 8/31/07
  - Competitive league schedule and 3 anticipated tournaments, including the CVYL Playoffs.
- **Seniors Lacrosse / U14:**
  - For players born between 9/1/03 – 8/31/05
  - Competitive league schedule and 3 anticipated tournaments, including the CVYL Playoffs.
  - Evaluation sessions for team placement anticipated for March 2018.



**GO BOBCATS!!!**



### Live Registration and Uniform Sizing Night!!!

SWBL will be hosting a live registration and uniform sizing evening on **Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>** from **6 pm – 8 pm** at the **Firehouse at 1175 Ellington Road**. The vendor will be on hand to more accurately size uniform needs, we will have computer stations for live registration, and there will be coaches / board members present for any questions you may have.

Additional Details are available on the Website:

[www.swboyslax.org](http://www.swboyslax.org)

Any questions should be emailed to:

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[scott\\_arnold09@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_arnold09@yahoo.com)