

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

PANTHER POINTS *of interest*

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September 22, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. 9/26

7:00 Bd. of Ed. Meeting
TEMS

Weds 9/27

12:45 Dismissal Early Release Weds.

Fri. 9/29

8:50 B&G Assembly "B"

WALKING FOR OUR FUTURE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The South Windsor Public Education Fund present their biennial, "Walking For Our Future" - a 5K walk/run/bike event on September 30, 2017. This walk will be leading up to South Windsor's historical *Heritage Day Celebration* on Main Street.



NOTES, ABSENCES, PICK UPS

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

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! 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](#)



VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY 2016 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.

THE PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER AT SOUTH WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Preschool Learning Center located at South Windsor High School has openings available for the morning session.

If you are interested, you may contact the teacher, Ann Wolff either at [860-474-1814](tel:860-474-1814) or via email at: AWolff@swindsor.k12.ct.us.

For more information:

[http://swhs-childhoodeducation.wikispaces.com/
The+Learning+Center-potential-preschool+parents](http://swhs-childhoodeducation.wikispaces.com/The+Learning+Center-potential-preschool+parents)



PTO NEWS.....

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Thank you!** Thank you to all who have completed the PTO membership forms!
- ◆ **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, 10/5 at 7:00 PM.**
- ◆ **PTO Family Membership Contribution/Directory:** Thanks to all of the families who have completed directory/ membership forms and your financial contributions to the PV PTO which supports quality programs that are held at Pleasant Valley. Forms went home several weeks ago. There are also lists of committees for volunteer opportunities throughout the year! **Please return these forms if you have not yet done so and would like to be in the directory, as we would like to get the directory underway! ****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:** 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, (the collection box for ink cartridges is located in the lobby).
- ◆ **AMAZON SMILE** - <http://smile.pvpto.org/> or search: pleasant valley pto south windsor 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/>

PLEASE NOTE

THE MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR 9/29/17 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO 10/6/17

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank You to everyone who submitted summer box tops! A new summer winner will be announced at both B&G Assemblies



Can you clip it?

Haven't participated before? No worries! It's never too late to submit box tops on a collection sheet or in a ziplock bag...just make sure to include your name, teacher, and grade!



ROOM PARENTS NEEDED!

Each classroom at Pleasant Valley School is in need of two parents/guardians to assist teachers with holiday parties and other classroom activities. Other activities may include supervising field trips. In addition, the PTO will call upon Room Parents to help out during **Teacher Appreciation Week** and to coordinate a show of appreciation for their classroom's teacher.



If you are willing to volunteer as a Room Parent, please return the bottom portion of the attached yellow form by **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** in an envelope labeled **PV PTO Room Parent Committee**. If you have more than one child in the school and would consider being the Room Parent for any of them, please list in order of preference.

Note: If there are more than two volunteers per classroom, names will be put into a box and two names will be randomly select

Thank you!
The PV PTO

Pleasant Valley PTO is looking for Room Parents!
"Together We Create Opportunity for our Children"

To: Pleasant Valley Parents
From: Amy Hapkiewicz — (860) 290-9695 amyhap1@yahoo.com
Katrina Richards — (860) 292-0404 swps@krichards.com

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The Room Parent Committee has set the guidelines below for party planning. This was done in an effort to encourage parent involvement by simplifying party preparations, lowering costs and maintaining parity amongst the classes:

- \$6 per child is the amount that room parents can request for parties
- Keep games and crafts simple. A list of web sites will be available for craft and game ideas.
- No favor bags
- The 5th grade students will plan their parties, facilitated by the class room teacher. This information will be communicated to the room parents via the classroom teacher and the room parent will assist the students by calling parent volunteers, picking up supplies, and helping out the day of the party. The 5th grade room parents will also be involved in the planning of the 5th Grade Recognition which is held on the last day of school.

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Room Parent requests received after the deadline will not be added into the pool of parents received on time. We may call you if there is a shortage of volunteers.

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Room Parent Volunteers

Parent Name _____ Phone # _____

Child Name _____ Room #/Teacher _____

Child Name _____ Room#/Teacher _____

Child Name _____ Room#/Teacher _____

Email Address (please Print): _____



BUILDING BONDS (A 5 WEEK SERIES FOR FAMILIES)

DATE: THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 12-NOVEMBER 9TH

TIME: 6:00-7:30 PM

COST: \$20.00 (SNACK PROVIDED AND ACTIVITIES PROVIDED)

LOCATION

150 NEVERS RD. SOUTH WINDSOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Families who nurture shared time, traditions and values create a sense of belonging that helps kids thrive. Empower your family through love and respect. This 5 week program is for caregivers and children in 3rd-5th grade. Learn about communication “door slammers” and “door openers” when it comes to your kids. How the simple wording of things you say can create a more positive relationship with your child. Learn simple tips and tricks to foster better relationships in your family, while having FUN! We will talk through specific scenarios that all parents have experienced (or will experience) at some point. This is a must attend for parents who want to have a more positive home life!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: KELLY MCKENNEY @ 860-648-6361 X320 OR
EILEEN ADLER @ 860-648-6361 X324

“Parenting the Connected Child”



Do you ever feel like this?

Are you concerned about the amount of time your family members spend connected to phones and video games?

Dr. Paul Weigle, MD is our featured speaker. He is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and Associate Medical Director of Natchaug Hospital, of Hartford Healthcare in CT. He is an expert in the field and has authored numerous articles on the effects of video game & internet habits on the mental health of youth.

He regularly speaks on the topic to physicians, parents & mental health professionals.

TEMS School Resource Officer (SRO), Tina Roy, will also present important information that all families should hear. She has been a member of the SWPD for 16 years and is currently starting her 5th year as SRO at TEMS. She has a wealth of knowledge that she enjoys sharing with the school community.

Parents are welcome to join us for this free program on

Wednesday, September 27th, 2017

7-8:30pm

Timothy Edwards Middle School Auditorium

Topics Highlighted:

- ❖ **How much gaming/phone use is too much?**
- ❖ **How does screen time affect academic achievement, sleep and behavior?**
 - ❖ **What is internet addiction?**
 - ❖ **How can I protect the health of my child?**
- ❖ **Tangible ways to incorporate healthy & safe social media use for the whole family.**
 - ❖ **Tips to regain control.**

For more information, contact Kathy Reed, S.W. Youth and Family School Outreach Coordinator, at kreed@swindsor.k12.ct.us or at 860-648-5030, ext. 2209.

This program is sponsored by S.W. Youth and Family Services, the S.W. Police Department and the S.W. Public Schools

