

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

PANTHER POINTS *of interest*

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September 15, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. 9/19
School Picture Day

Weds. 9/20
12:45 Dismissal Early Release Weds.

Thurs. 9/21
No School
Rosh Hashanah

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

DISMISSAL TIME AT PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

Due to the fact that we have many new staff members and many new families at PV this year, we are doing our best at dismissal time to make sure that all children are leaving with the right people.

Our new staff does not yet know you, your relatives or anyone else who might pick up your children on a regular basis. Until the staff gets to know who will regularly pick up the children, we ask that you either call or email us as early in the day as possible as to who will be picking them up if it is someone other than you.

We have these policies in place for the safety of all the children at Pleasant Valley School.

Thank you for understanding.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions you may have.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

Picture Day at Pleasant Valley School is Tuesday, September 19th. Order envelopes were sent home with students last week.



Grynn & Barrett uses a prepayment system. Because each child must return his/her own envelope, it will be necessary to have separate checks for each child. We ask that you fill in all information on the envelope, enclose your check made payable to Grynn & Barrett and return it to school.

SCHOOL MESSENGER IN PARENT PORTAL

If you did not customize your School Messenger/Contact Manager in Parent Portal, the notifications are sent to the Primary Contacts' phone number and e-mail address that we have stored in PowerSchool. This phone number and email address will be updated by our student information system (PowerSchool) unless you customize your School Messenger/Contact Manager located in your Parent Portal account.

If you wish to customize your School Messenger/Contact Manager, sign into your Parent Portal account:

- Select Contact Manager in the left hand column of your parent portal
- Click on the Contacts tab
- Select edit under actions for each student (you can add 3 phone numbers, 2 e-mail addresses and 2 text numbers per student)

You can control which numbers and e-mails are notified for emergencies/early dismissals, high priority, school closings/delays/general.

Please Note:

Once you have customized your School Messenger/Contact Manager account, it is your responsibility to keep the contact information up to date as our student information system will not update any contact information in a customized account.

This information is not maintained or updated by the school. In addition to notifying the school, once you customize your account you will need to maintain changes to phone numbers and e-mail addresses within the School Messenger/Contact Manager.

PTO NEWS.....

- ◆ **Thank you!** Thank you to Danika Hubbard for our September Birthday Board! A big thank you as well to all of the parents who joined our PTO meeting, we hope to see you at many more!
- ◆ **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:** Thanks to all of the families who have completed membership forms and your financial contributions to the PV PTO. which 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! Please return these forms if you have not yet done so.
- ◆ **Pleasant Valley Family Directory:** **If you have not done so and would like to be in the directory,** Please complete the Directory form that went home last week and return it to PV to ensure that we have the correct information for our 2017-2018 Family Directory. This is a great way to contact other parents in the school for playdates, etc. ****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), 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. All of your purchases can really add up and help our budget!
- ◆ **PTO:** The PV 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/>
- ◆ **Early Release Wednesday programs:** To offer expanded learning opportunities to our children and to help parents with childcare during Early Release Wednesdays, we have two programs, based on grade level, that will occur from 12:45-3:20 (except 11/22). Children will need to be picked up at the school after the program, however, children in 4th R will be walked by staff to that program.
 - Grades K-2 : **Play-well Intro to STEM with LEGOS program. Register and pay online here:** <https://play-well-registration.com/registration/new/63241>
 - Grades 3-5: **Mad Science Programming register and pay online here:** <https://register.madscience.org/westnewengland/afterschool-register.aspx>

*****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 Blue and Gold Assemblies!

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!



B&G ASSEMBLY—DATE CHANGE!

**Our first B&G "A" Assembly originally scheduled
For today, 9/15
has been rescheduled to next Friday, 9/22.**

2017-2018 BLUE & GOLD ASSEMBLIES
"A" and "B" Schedules

Due to the number of classrooms and students at the school this year, we have decided to create an "A" and "B" schedule for Blue and Gold Assemblies. The lists below indicate the dates of the "A" and "B" Blue and Gold Assemblies and the classrooms that will attend. If a classroom switches dates due to another event, notice would come from the classroom teacher.

Blue & Gold "A" Schedule
8:50-9:25 AM

September 22
 October 6
 October 27
 December 8
 January 19
 February 9
 March 9
 April 6
 May 11
 June 8

Wagner (K), LaGrange (K)
Cyr (1), Janis (1)
Cherko (2), Kuckel (2)
Frac (3), Carpenter (3)
Didden (4), Aceto (4)
Laraia (5)

Blue & Gold "B" Schedule
8:50-9:25 AM

September 29
 October 13
 November 3
 December 15
 January 26
 February 23
 March 16
 April 20
 May 18
 June 15

Parent (K), Darby (K)
Cosham (1), DiCioccio(1)
Nelson (2), Federowicz(2)
Nemer (3), Mazzatto (3)
King (4), Augustyn(4)
To (5), McAndrew (5)

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](#)



**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.





- Make friends.
- Catch fish.
- Earn badges.
- Climb rocks.
- Explore caves.
- Take hikes.
- Visit museums.
- Launch rockets.
- Race cars.
- Roast marshmallows.
- Take pictures.
- Help people.
- Discover trails.
- Ride bikes.
- Play sports.
- Learn games.
- Build character.
- Gain confidence.
- Hit targets.
- Laugh loud.
- Grow better.
- Camp out.
- Work together.

Have fun.

**ADVENTURE IS WAITING.
BUILD YOURS AT BEASCOUT.ORG.**



Join Pack 390 Cub Scouts!

Join us **Monday, September 18th at 6:30PM** on Colonial Point Church Grounds (located at 855 Chapel Rd) to learn about Scouting and have some fun building and **launching a water-rocket!!!**

Boys school age **K-5th** grades are welcome. For more info, email

pack390@yahoo.com



COME & JOIN IN THE FUN & EXCITEMENT OF CUB SCOUTING



Dear Parent:

Scouting develops young people in many ways: it builds character, it has a positive impact on values, and it strengthens the family foundation.

Below, you will find a brief description of the Cub Scout Program.

- Lions:** Lions are the newest Scouting program for boys in kindergarten. It weaves the concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness, and citizenship into activities that are age-appropriate and fun.
- Tiger Cubs:** Tiger Cubs are first grade boys who, with their adult partners, learn lessons about building family communications, preparing for emergencies, and understanding the environment. Lessons are each specific and Tiger Cubs are recognized each time a lesson or activity is completed. Some Tiger Cubs activities include obtaining a library card, visiting a zoo, learning to use public and private phones to report emergencies, and starting a family photo journal.
- Cub Scouts:** Cub Scouting is made up of second and third graders. Boys work toward accomplishing achievements and electives outlined in Cub Scout manuals, and are rewarded with emblems for their work. Cub Scouts learn about proper nutrition, safety, community involvement, and making informed choices. Activities include planning and cooking a family meal, starting a recycling program, increasing strength and agility through exercise, and camping with the family.
- Webelos Scouts:** Webelos Scouting is designed for fourth and fifth grade boys. They pursue activity badges for achievements in academic skills, the outdoors, technology, sports, and community involvement. Geared to older boys, Webelos activities include using computers, learning citizens' role in the nation, studying animals and insects, swimming, and properly caring for the flag.

Hope to see you at our first meeting!

The first meeting and joining night for Pack #390 will take place Monday September 18th at the Colonial Point Church grounds at 6:30PM. Prepare to have fun and spread the word to friends to come along!

For more information email pack390@yahoo.com.