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PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY AND STEM PROGRAM

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April 19, 2019



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19 and 22 – NO SCHOOL
April 24 – PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at P.V.
April 24 – Grade 4 MATH AIR I Testing
April 25 – Grade 4 MATH AIR II Testing
April 30- Grade 3 MATH AIR I Testing
April 30 to May 2- PE Spring Run
May 1 – Domino's Pizza served for lunch
May 1 – Grade 3 MATH AIR II Testing
May 2 – Kona Ice for Referral Free Students
May 3 – Field Trip for All 3rd Gr and Small Group Classrooms
May 3 – PTA Backwards Day for \$1 donation
May 6 – PTA Flower Pick Up
May 6 to 10 – Staff Appreciation Week
May 7 – NO SCHOOL – Election Day
May 8 – Choir Concert at PV at 7:00 p.m.
May 10 – Field Trip for 3rd STEM and 4th Trad.
May 17 – Volunteer Breakfast 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
May 22 – PTA Fourth Gr. Farewell Celebration
May 23 – Field Day
May 24 – STEM GALA at Tri- C West
May 27 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
May 30 – Last Day for Students

Empower, Inspire, Lead

*Our Mission: To empower and inspire
a community of lifelong learners and leaders.*

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

I did notice that some of our daffodils are popping up in our Land Lab...finally! April has been a busy month! Our third and fourth-grade learners took both parts of the English Language Arts AIR state assessment during this last past week and the week prior. Our third and fourth-grade learners will begin the Math AIR stated assessment in the next two weeks. We are now halfway through our spring state testing.

The remainder of Spring 2019 State AIR Testing to be completed:

3rd Grade	4 th Grade
4/30: Math Part 1	4/24: Math Part 1
5/1: Math Part 2	4/25: Math Part 2

While illness has fallen on many of us throughout this school year, we realize some absences are unavoidable. However, when students miss too much school- regardless of the reason- it can cause them to fall behind academically. The state has identified students who are absent more than 7 days in one month or 11 days in one school year as having *excessive absences*. Those with 16 or more absences have been identified as having *chronic absenteeism*. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of the 3rd grade
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign of students risk of dropping out of school
- By 9th grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Please make every attempt to have your child in attendance each and every day. Every day counts!

All school library books are due no later than Monday, May 6th. We are collecting any school fees that are due. Send money or checks in an envelope with your child. Your child can give it to their teacher. Be sure to have your child's name and classroom teacher's name written on the envelope. If you plan to pay using a credit card, payments will only be accepted at the treasurer's office at the district board office.

As always, I want to thank you for your partnership with Pleasant Valley! We are so appreciative of all of our Pleasant Valley families. Should you ever have any questions, concerns, or just a terrific idea you would like to share, please send me an email at bokas@parmacityschools.org or call the main office at 440.885.2480.

Very Sincerely,

Mrs. Stephanie Boka
Principal

STUDENT SPRING PORTRAITS

Spring pictures were sent home. These pictures are NOT pre-paid. Please review the portraits and pricing, purchase what you like and return payment and non-purchased portraits **as soon as possible**. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR 2019-20

Children turning 5 by September 30, 2019, and have a sibling already in Parma City School may be registered at Pleasant Valley. Registration is needed AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please call the office for an appointment. All new families must go to the Board of Education. If you are planning to **move or withdraw your child** from the Parma City School District for next year please call the office as soon as possible at 440-885-2380.

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." Hal Borland