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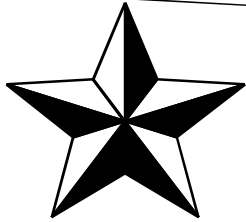
PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY AND STEM PROGRAM

9906 Pleasant Valley Road
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February 14, 2020



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DISTRICT GOALS

1. *We will practice fiscal responsibility.*
2. *We will improve student achievement.*
3. *We will increase our transparency throughout our communities.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 16 – Polar Blast Snow Tubing 1 to 4 p.m.
Feb. 17 – **NO SCHOOL** – Presidents' Day
Feb. 18 – PTA Malley's Orders and Money due
Feb. 19 – PTA Meeting at P.V. at 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19 – Kdg. STEM Field Trip
Feb. 21 – PTA Popcorn Money Due
Feb. 25 & 26 – PTA Popcorn Delivered
Feb. 26 – 3rd Gr. CAPSTONE 10:30 to 11:30 am
Feb. 27 – 1st Gr. CAPSTONE – 10 to 11 a.m.
Feb. 28 – 4th Gr. Traditional Field Trip
March 4 – Spring Picture Day
March 6 – PTA Crazy Sock Day for \$1 Donation
March 13 – PTA Malley's Candy Pick Up 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Empower, Inspire, Lead

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

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

Happy Valentine's Day! Mr. Karaffa and Mrs. Honigman planned another successful Healthy Heart Run! We thank them for their leadership with this event. Our learners look forward to this fun and challenging event every year. A special thank you to all of the parents that volunteered for this event too!

Our staff and learners finished the mid-year process of administering district-wide benchmarking assessments to gauge our learners' growth to measure learning in reading and mathematics and reflect on our daily practice as educators. Teachers met in grade-level teams to review these results and engaged in discussions around whole group classroom instructional strategies and differentiated instructional strategies for smaller groups of learners. We want to ensure that ALL of our learners' needs are being met at their current instructional levels.

Last week our first-grade learners had fun leading the parade to celebrate the Chinese New Year during their Art class using an enormous dragon they created, bringing lots of luck for the year! Also, we held our second Parent-Teacher Conference Night. If you have not had a conference and would like to, please contact your child's teacher to schedule one before or after the school day. We rescheduled our PTA sponsored Bingo Night last Friday due to the closing of schools for inclement weather to April 3, 2020, from 6:00-7:30 pm. Looking ahead, on February 18th we will reveal and kick off our Pleasant Valley Book of the Year! This is designed to engage our whole school community in a shared reading experience. Stay tuned!

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 Yours,
Mrs. Stephanie Boka

STUDENT COUNCIL CHARITY DRIVE

Every February Student Council has a charity drive. This year our charity is Ronald McDonald House. They will be collecting pull tabs the last week of February. Please start collecting pull tabs from pop cans, pet food cans, soup cans...any metal PULL TAB is fine. Look for more information coming home soon.

PARMA PIEROGI DINNER

Partners in Education will once again be sponsoring the Parma Pierogi Dinner on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Normandy High School from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and our own 3rd and 4th grade Choir students have been invited to perform at 6:30 p.m. Fish dinner tickets are \$12, Pierogi dinner tickets are \$10 and Mac & Cheese dinner tickets are \$8. Tickets are available in the Pleasant Valley office, checks should be made out to P.I. E. and all proceeds support the schools. Carry-out is available starting at 3:00 p.m.

SICK CHILDREN SHOULD STAY HOME

At this time of year there is an increase of cases of flu and strep infections. To help prevent the spread of these and all communicable diseases, it is important that all parents/guardians adhere to the following guidelines:

***Promote handwashing** in your family. Many students do not wash their hands as recommended, and reinforcement at home is necessary.

***KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME** if any of the following should occur:

-vomiting within the last 24 hours

-diarrhea within 24 hours

-temperature of 100 or higher

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antifever medication
-**strep** is suspected, but results of a throat culture has not been received
-**positive throat culture** for strep throat. Students may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun.
- **any symptoms of acute illness** such as persistent cough, runny nose with body aches
-**Your child should look and feel like him/herself** for 24 to 48 hours before returning to school!
Why???
- To protect your child from exposure to more infection before he/she is able to build resistance
- To protect other children and school staff from communicable diseases that your child may transmit

Cough drops are allowed with written permission from parents/guardians. The cough drops must be kept in the clinic.

REMEMBER –Handwashing is the most effective means of preventing the spread of communicable diseases! *Also, a parent/guardian must call the school office and report a child's absence by 9:30 a.m. The phone number is 440-885-2380. The student's name, teacher, reason for absence, name of person who is calling and length of absence must be given. You may call the absence line 24 hours a day and leave a message.*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION EVENTS

Please find below the dates and times for kindergarten registration for 2020-2021:

March 7 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 3 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
May 9 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
June 12 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
July 6 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All kindergarten registrations (the sooner, the better) will be held at PCSD Central Office, Board Room, 5311 Longwood Ave., Parma, OH 44134.

All parents **MUST** complete the online registration prior to attending a registration event. The completion of the online registration will act as a “ticket” to any one of the five Kindergarten Registration events.

Parents must bring the following documents to this event:

- *Student's birth certificate
- *Student's immunization record
- *Two documents proving residency
- *Parent/guardian Photo ID
- *Custody Papers (if applicable)
- *IEP or ETR (if applicable)

CAMP INVENTION

National Innovation Day is Sunday, February 16. Innovation is everywhere you look! At Camp Invention you can learn what it takes to be an inventor by turning your biggest ideas into world-changing inventions. Join your friends for a week of fun and exciting activities where you will use your imagination and never give up!

Camp Invention will be at Pleasant Valley from June 8 -12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332 and use promo code ELEVATE25 to save \$25.00, offer expires March 31, 2020.

STEM PROJECT-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

All new students to the STEM Project-Based Learning program **MUST** complete the online application and teacher recommendation. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of STEM Coaches, building administrators and department of curriculum and instruction.

Please Note: For students applying for STEM Project-Based Learning in grades 1-7, applications will be accepted based on **space available**. Students **MUST be registered in the Parma City School District to be accepted into STEM**.

STEP 1: Parent(s) and student fill out the online application. *For incoming Kindergarten students, this step is how you get assigned your lottery number.

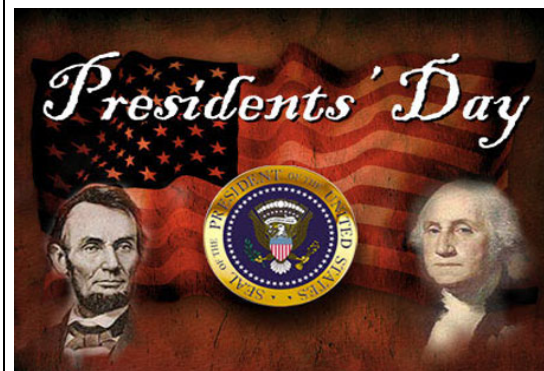
STEP 2: Complete and sign the STEM Compact (attached).

STEP 3: A PCSD representative will email the teacher's email provided in the application with instructions for them to fill out their online teacher recommendation.

STEP 4: Random numbers will be assigned to each application. PCSD will use a random number generator to help in the Kindergarten selection process.

[STEM Project Based Learning Applications for the 2020-2021 School Year](https://www.parmacityschools.org/Page/8875)

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