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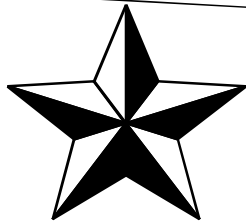
PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY AND STEM PROGRAM

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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. 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.
March 16 – PTA Meeting at P.V. at 7:00 p.m.
March 17 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
March 18 – 4th Gr. Traditional Field Trip
March 18 – Book of the Year Celebration at P.V. from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.
March 19 – 2nd Gr. CAPSTONE at 12:30 p.m.
March 20 – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-
March 23 to 27 –NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
March 30 – Classes Resume

Empower, Inspire, Lead

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

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

I want to share a big THANK YOU to our PTA! Our wonderful PTA has donated over \$9,500 Scholastic Dollars that we have collectively earned through our Book Fairs over the last few years. Every single one of the dollars was used to update and replenish books in our school Media Center. We have many new series! Also, we have added some additional series that we already have. We have new graphic novels, sports and science collections. This has allowed us to extend our library collection level for readers that are ready to read beyond the fourth-grade level too! Our learners will be thrilled. The books have arrived and are currently being inventoried and cataloged. After that their bindings will be reinforced for our current and future PV Stars to use and enjoy! Thank you PVPTA, you are an amazing group and you help to make PV the best school to learn and grow at!

I hope that all families are participating in PV's Book of the Year! As a school community we are collectively reading, *Fenway and Hattie!* This book and an accompanying reading calendar were both sent home for each family. Our Title I teachers have enthusiastically synergized to plan and organize this for our school family! We want all families to be involved and read the book together. Please use the following link to access the book's read alouds if you would rather your child read along, just listen to the chapters, or to catch up! We begin Chapter 14 on Monday. <https://www.parmacityschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=13754&dataid=21198&FileName=read%20aloud%20fhc.pdf> Please follow our PV Title One Team on Twitter @PVTitleOneStars. The author of *Fenway and Hattie*, Victoria J. Coe is following them and she has tweeted us back!

Expect MAP reports to come home with your child today as well as any Reading Improvement Plans for students that were

newly identified as being not on track with reading skills and at risk for not passing the Grade 3 ELA state test after the winter benchmarking period in January.

Looking ahead to the Ohio Department of Education state AIR tests, these assessments are scheduled for after Spring Break. Below is the updated Spring AIR dates for our third and fourth-grade learners.

Spring 2020 Elementary Testing Dates

In March, we are teaching, learning, and practicing Habit 6: Synergize- Together is better! Habit 6 is the habit of creative cooperation. If we synergize together as a whole school community, we can accomplish great things...perhaps more collectively than if we were working for the same cause each independently. One great way for us to synergize as a school community is to work together for the Student Council's Pull Tab Collection (from pop cans, pet food cans, soup cans, etc) to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. The Ronald McDonald House provides housing for families who have children in the hospital for the duration of their treatment. They recycle the pull tabs to fund their programs. This community endeavor is a fantastic experience by sending an important message to our children that they can make a difference in the lives of others! We will continue to collect pull tabs through Monday, March 2nd! Thank you to all that have collected and shared!

I can't thank you all enough for helping to make Pleasant Valley the wonderful school that it is! It is very evident to us that this is only possible with the support of the terrific

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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.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Stephanie Boka

PIEROGI DINNER INFORMATION

The sale of Pierogi Dinner tickets has stopped. If you are still interested, there will be a limited number available at the door next week.

BOOK OF THE YEAR DONATIONS NEEDED

We are still in need of items needed for our students' squirrel traps. Please consider donating the following items by Wednesday, March 11:

Tissue Boxes
Glue Sticks
Tape
Chenille stems (pipe cleaners)
Craft Sticks

SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures will be taken on March 4. All students' pictures will be taken. You may purchase them on the day of pictures with cash or a check, or prepay online and pick the background of your choice. If you do not purchase before or on picture day, a proof will be sent home later with an option to purchase.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION EVENTS

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

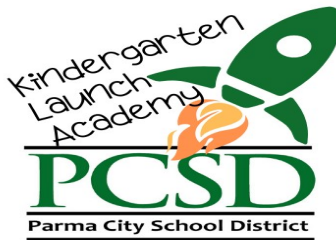
March 7 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 3 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
May 9 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
June 12 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
July 6 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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)



KINDERGARTEN LAUNCH ACADEMY

This is a brand new program for incoming Kindergarten students **turning five-years-old between May 1 and September 30**. This full-day (9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) district-wide program will be held at Green Valley Elementary School and Thoreau Park Elementary School.

Simply put, the creation of the Kindergarten Launch Academy is an extension of our continuing efforts to better meet the needs of our individual learners. While some districts elect to adjust the Kindergarten enrollment deadline dates, we prefer to offer parents a choice around which kindergarten option is the best for their child. We've listened to feedback from parents and teachers indicating some our students would benefit from an alternative step between preschool

and kindergarten. The Kindergarten Launch Academy offers a unique solution for students and is an additional way we are working to meet the needs of every student.

STEM PROJECT-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

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

<https://www.parmacityschools.org/Page/88>

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