IMPOR TANT DATES

February

Feb. 4 PTA Fundraiser—Road House Grill
Gresham—Kids eat free

Feb. 6 Multicultural Fair & Potluck
5:30—7:00pm

Feb. 14 Valentines Day

Feb. 17 No School; Presidents Day

Feb. 19 Immunization Exclusion Day

Feb. 25 Neon & Brights Day
PBIS Assembly 8:30

March

Mar. 2 PTA Meeting; 6:00-7:00
Mar. 12 2nd & 3rd Grade Music Program
6:30-7:30
Mar. 19-20 No School—Conferences
Mar. 23-27 Spring Break

RINGING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Pleasant Valley Families,

We are in a very steady time of year where students and teachers are in a good rhythm of knowing and understanding each other and what is expected academically and behaviorally. Thank you for supporting the home to school connections and relationships that are so important to the success of your child’s education.

We are gearing up for several big events in the coming months. I will be sending out Remind texts to announce the dates and times for a number of important things including our Multicultural Night in February, Spring conferences in March, and our PTA spring event in April. We look forward to seeing you at these important school events.

Testing season is also coming soon. We will communicate the days that your child will be in the lab for state testing. Third through sixth graders will take the Smarter Balanced test on Chromebooks. What we ask from you is to help your child get enough rest, eat a good breakfast and get adequate exercise during testing times. These things can all help with your child’s stamina and confidence with his or her test.

We are focusing on attendance at this time of year as well. It is so important that your student attends school every day. We are starting some school wide attendance incentives, and increasing recognitions at assemblies for strong attendance. Right now PV is at 82% of students regularly attending school. We want to increase this percentage to 87%! Please let us know if there is anything you need for assistance with regular attendance.

Thank you for your efforts in helping all students learn, achieve and succeed at PV.

Laura Nixon
Principal
**IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY**

**THE PBIS MINUTE:**
*(Positive Behavior Intervention Support)*

**Hi PV Families!**

We are halfway through the year! WOW! It is going by fast so we wanted to send a quick message about attendance. Did you know that chronic absenteeism is defined as missing equal to or greater than 10% of the total number of days in a school year for any reason? It includes both excused and unexcused absences, that last more than one-half of the school day. According to the Oregon Department of Education, chronic absenteeism has hit epic proportions and is having a direct impact on classroom culture, graduation rates and student success. *(Oregon Department of Education, 2018)*

Here at Pleasant Valley we feel it is important to keep this issue at the forefront of our minds in an effort to prevent absenteeism. One thing we are doing on our end is recognizing attendance every month at our PBIS assemblies. Students will receive an attendance certificate and get positive recognition for good attendance. There are also opportunities for students to earn prizes for improving attendance as well.

One of the biggest things we can do is try to eliminate or reduce barriers to attendance. These barriers can be transportation, issues with bullying, struggles or issues at home like lack of proper food or adequate sleep, lack of education about absenteeism, and students/families feeling disconnected to teachers and staff here at school. If you feel like any of these or other issues of concern are keeping a student at home please contact your classroom teacher, Mrs. Rose, or the office and share your concerns. We will do what we can to support your student and bridge that gap.

Andrea Rose - Pleasant Valley School Counselor

**LOST AND FOUND**

We have a very large selection of coats, sweaters and other miscellaneous items in our lost and found. If your child is missing items, please take a few moments to come in and look for them. Clothing that is not picked up by the end of the school year is donated to our Closet to Closet program or a local charity.

**Wednesday, February 19th** is exclusion day for those children who are not current on state required immunizations. You should have received notification if your child’s records do not comply.

*If you have questions, please contact: Robin Lazuran, RN @ 503.762.3209*

**Friday, Feb. 25th at 8:30am is Neon/Brights Assembly & Spirit Day**
Hello PV Families!

We are excited about three special music events coming soon:

1. This year’s Multicultural Fair is Thursday, February 6th from 5:30PM-7:00PM at Pleasant Valley Elementary. Each of our grade levels will give a musical performance during this event! The performances will take place in the gym.

   Performance Schedule:
   Kinder & 1st Grade 6:10PM
   2nd & 3rd Grade 6:20PM
   4th, 5th, & 6th Grade 6:30PM
   Please make sure your student is in the gym a few minutes before his/her performance time.
   This is a wonderful opportunity to see your child perform for the first time this school year! We are looking forward to an exciting evening of food, games, music, and fun!!!

2. Second & Third Grade Program: Thursday, March 12th @ 6:30PM
   Our Second and Third Grades will be combining this year to present a special music program called, We’re SWAMPED! Be sure to mark this date in your calendar!

3. Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus Concert: Thursday, May 14th @ 7:00PM
   Our Fifth and Sixth Grade students will have an opportunity to join the Pleasant Valley Chorus this spring. Rehearsals will be held after school on Thursdays, 2:30-3:15PM, beginning February 13th. Families will need to arrange transportation home. Sign-ups are underway!

   Thank you for your support! Feel free to call or email with questions.
   emily_kirstein@csd28j.org
   (503) 762-3209 ext. 4517

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C.A.R.E. Corner

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers and students who have donated books to the C.A.R.E. program this year. Your continued support has provided hundreds of books to students who might not have access to reading materials or simply just enjoy reading!! The C.A.R.E. program provides students from each classroom, every single week, a new book to keep. C.A.R.E. stands for Creating A Reading Enthusiast. Our hope is that we can get students excited to try new books and provide an opportunity to grow their reading library.

We rely completely on donations and so, as you are clearing your bookshelves from the holidays, please consider the C.A.R.E program as a place to donate those books. We have a drop off location in the hallway near the Library.

Amanda Grover
C.A.R.E Book Coordinator
**Mr. Naimo’s P.E. Corner**

**Track News**
For grades 3, 4, 5, & 6

**Key things to know:**
- No transportation provided (carpools are strongly encouraged)
- **Athletes need to be picked up on time.** I have obligations after school that need to be attended to that are often time sensitive.
- **Volunteers to run stations are encouraged and welcomed.** I often have up to 60 athletes per season and management can be a little tricky. Volunteers help make a smooth and more productive practice.

**Announcements:**
- ALL participants must have a signed **medical release/permission form**.
- The track team is open to all ability and interest levels.
- Track practice is at Pleasant Valley on **Thursday for Grade 3** and on **Tuesday and Wednesday for Grades 4, 5, & 6**. All practices are from 2:30pm - 3:45pm.

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- Centennial Elementary 5th/6th grade Track Meet @CMS; **TBA**
- Centennial Elementary 4th grade Track Meet; **TBA**
- More news on the track meets will come home in May.
- One of the focus points will be to gear up for a track meet at the end of the season. Events will include running events (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1200m, 55m hurdles, and 4x100m relay) and field events (high jump, long jump, shot put, discus).

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**PTA**

**WHAT’S THE SCOOP WITH PTA**

* Our next Restaurant Night Out is at the Gresham Road House on Tuesday February 4. This is also a Kids' Eat Free night!

* Have you signed up to be a member yet? We have memberships available for parents, teachers, business owners, and all of you in our community! Please contact anyone in the PTA if you need a form.

* We can use your Helping Hands in our upcoming events! We will be honoring our Support Staff and bus drivers in March; we have a jog-a-thon in April; and we will be honoring our teachers in May.

* Thank you to all of you who came to our January general meeting! Our next general meeting is Monday, March 2 from 6:00 - 7:00pm. Free childcare is available through the Pleasant Valley Champions program.

* Stay tuned for our upcoming fundraisers, including the jog-a-thon, Mt. Hood Theater movie ticket sales, and flower basket vouchers from Al's Garden Center.

* You can support the Pleasant Valley Elementary from the comfort of your own home! Simply connect your Amazon shopping with our AmazonSmile account: [https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-6039389](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-6039389)

Thank you for all you do for your children!

Sincerely, the PTA Board

Staci Fischer, Erika Schneider, Lisa Lancaster, Krista Ede, and Suzy Archuleta

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The capacity to learn is a gift; The ability to learn is a skill; The willingness to learn is a choice.

-Brian Herbert