

PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOOFBEATS

December 2024

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Holy cow...Winter Break is coming already?!

Our staff and students have been hard at work for almost half of the school year, and we are seeing some amazing results. As you know, we have adjusted to an *Essential Standards* based teaching, learning and reporting system this year. Our staff have re-paced the school year, designed instruction based on specific and vertically aligned grade level standards and are developing common assessment plans for data review. We are currently in the depths of our mid-year diagnostic assessment using iReady. We cannot wait to see the growth our students have made so far--it's been quite a year!

Outside of the classroom, our PTA hosted an incredibly successful Stampede Carnival, an amazing Trunk or Treat and continues to host fundraisers at local businesses and meet monthly to make sure they are doing all they can to meet the needs of our students and staff. Also, our Girls on the Run Team practiced, worked hard and participated in a 5k run last month...way to go girls! Needless to say, these aren't all that has gone on but just a few highlights for the school year. We're very proud to host various events, activities and clubs to help our students and families build a connection with their school.

As we move into the winter months, please help your children be prepared for varying temperatures and weather conditions. As they put on and take off layers throughout the day, it is important for students to have their names on their jackets, gloves and hats. This allows us to return them when they have been lost (this also goes for water bottles, lunch boxes and backpacks).

As I reflect on the past year, and the past 6 months specifically, I want to publicly thank all of our staff members, students and families for making Pleasant Valley Elementary School a safe, welcoming, productive and just plain awesome place to be. Thank you all!

Happy Holidays!

Derek Cordell, Principal



LOOKING FORWARD

1/6 - Students back to school from Winter Break



1/14 - PTA meeting, 8:30 am

1/19 - Family Skate Day at Reno Ice, 10 am-12 pm

2/11- PTA meeting, 8:30 am

2/14 - Donuts With Your Darling, 8:30 am-9:10 am

3/11 - PTA Meeting, 8:30 am

3/15-3/30 - Spring Break



4/8 - PTA meeting, 8:30 am

* Nominations for PTA officers

5/?? - Marathon Club run, TBD

5/13 - PTA meeting, 8:30 am

5/28 - Color Fun Run

*Funds 2025/2026 Art and PE teacher at PVES

6/6 - Rolling into Summer at Roller Kingdom

6/12 - Reno Aces PVES Family Night



A BIG THANK YOU FROM 5TH GRADE!

Fifth Grade would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our spring trip to Sierra Nevada Journeys!

Platinum Level

**TAMARACK
CASINO**

Gold Level

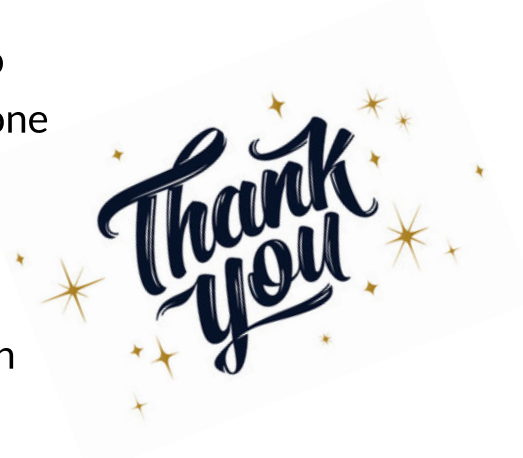
- ★ Healing Hands Physical Therapy
- ★ T & T Lawns Plus
- ★ Big Tex Trailer World Reno
- ★ Nevada Drywall Stucco & Stone
- ★ Weigl Concrete

Silver Level

- ★ Sierra Nevada Construction

Bronze Level

- ★ Tangerine Aveda



PTA THANKS YOU

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school. Thanks to your generous contributions and participation, together we:

- Raised \$32,000 at the Stampede Carnival for our general school funds to use throughout the year!
- Raised \$1,300 from Mofo's Dine Out Night to help fund our 1st grade Heggerty program! Thanks Mofo's!
- Received a generous donation from the Sparks Rotary Club to fund our Heggerty program for 2 years!
- Raised \$968 from our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat to help fund the 5th grade SNJ trip!
- Provided Thanksgiving pies to every teacher!

Please consider joining the PTA if you'd like to further support our PVES staff and students. Attending PTA meetings is not required! Scan the QR code to join now for 24/25 school year.



REGISTRATION REMINDER

It's Registration Time! Online registration is now open.

In a few short months we will begin building classes for the 2025 - 2026 school year. In order for your child/ren to be placed in a classroom, online registration must be completed.

Please register for the 2025 -2026 school year by logging into your Washoe County Infinite Campus Parent Portal <https://washoenv.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/washoe.jsp> and completing the Online Registration.

*If you have moved please email a piece of mail specifying the new address to the office.

*Students who are currently attending via School of Choice do not need to complete a School of Choice request.

Please complete online registration and submit any new documentation as soon as possible.

Your child cannot be considered as a student at Pleasant Valley for 2025 -2026 or placed in a class until we confirm you have completed online registration.

Please contact the office at pleasantvalley@washoeschools.net or (775) 849-0255 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello PVES Families,

I hope you are well! Just a few updates: I will begin teaching the SHARE program to our 4th and 5th graders. An email about how to preview the curriculum went out a few weeks ago, but if you have any questions please reach out. This week is the start of the "Fill the Barrel" food drive hosted by our Student Leadership Team. Please bring in non-perishable foods to help families in our community by December 19. Thank you for your support! I wish you a cozy, fun and very happy holidays!

Ms. Williams



STUDENT ILLNESS

Parents, now that cold and flu season is upon us, we wanted to take a moment to remind you of our WCSD policy on student illnesses.

Click here to see the current WCSD illness screening tool: <https://www.washoeschools.net/selfscreening> which gives guidelines to use when your student is not feeling well. Please refer to this tool to make decisions before sending your child to school.

Per the WCSD illness policy, if your student has **one or more of the following**: fever (100.4 or greater), vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep your child at home until they have been free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours without the use of symptom-reducing medication. We know it is hard to keep your child home for a full 24 hours after their symptoms have subsided, but it does make sure your child is fully well and not contagious when they return to school; the 24-hour time period may be extended if illnesses are spreading in a classroom or school. Such information will be communicated to families.

If you take your child to his/her health care provider, and you can get a doctor's note regarding your child's illness, please share the note with us at the school as we can use it for their attendance. We always appreciate those doctor's notes.

Please call or email the PVES Health Office if you have any questions.

Vickie Cooper RN, School Nurse and Tanya Lenon, Clinical Aide

