

November School Building Reports

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

1. Some of the awesome October Highlights here at PVE were:
 - a. The PVE PTO along with the PVI, PVM, and PVHS PTOs worked alongside the high school classes for an extremely successful Bear Walk! Go Bears!
 - b. All About Second Grade was fun and informative for all of those who attended!
 - c. The school counselors' advisory meeting for RAMP gave a glimpse of the amazing things they are doing for our students and their families as they continue to do even more and build onto their goals. We are SO proud of them!
 - d. The students had a blast during spirit week. We loved seeing their PVE pride during the dress up days and pep rally.
 - e. Student book character pumpkins and staff pumpkin contest.
2. Here at PVE we have so much to be thankful for this year! It has been a very eventful November as we get closer to Turkey day and Thanksgiving recess!
3. The Students of the month for November are: Paisley Mulligan (Kindergarten), Maria Mendez-Quaranto (first grade), Madeline Pfancook (second grade).
4. The Employees of the month for November are Emily Murphy and Chriss Koflanovich
5. We have been continuing our afterschool tutoring program this month and are proud of the progress our students have been making.
6. At PVE we have been holding our Holiday Food Drive collection from November 3rd- November 20th to provide food for PVE families in need. We are always so proud of how generous the Pleasant Valley Community is and the way that even during hard times, they come together to help each other.
7. From November 4th to November 7th we held a vote to name the taxidermy bear that was so generously donated to us by the Carbon County Environmental Education Center. Students voted for their favorite name and the name that won was Mr. PAW-posello!
8. We had our Family STEM Night at PVE on Thursday, November 6th. Families were able to attend a special assembly featuring exciting science demonstrations presented by Mad Science of Lehigh Valley as well as join in on hands-on experiments. It was fun for the whole family as the parents seemed to be enjoying it just as much as the kids!
9. We held our STEM Days on Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th. Students attended an assembly followed by hands-on STEM stations that had virtual reality, robots, and much more. The bear cubs had a great time learning while having fun.
10. Our Veteran's Day Celebration was held on Tuesday, November 11th. We honored service members with a Parade and a Ceremony as well as providing the veterans with breakfast. The turnout was amazing and it is such a heartwarming event. The community came together and all of the compliments we received made us even more PV proud.
11. The PTO Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 12th. They are working hard to get ready for the holiday season and we are so looking forward to seeing what they come up with. We are so thankful for everything they do and how hard they work to help us make PVE magical.
12. We held our Bully Prevention Assemblies on Friday, November 14th. At PVE we are working hard to try to teach our students from a young age that bullying is never ok and that we should treat each other with kindness and respect. We are hopeful that these efforts will help students carry kindness with them as they move to each building within Pleasant Valley.
13. We had a successful Fire Drill on November 17th. Even though our students had Thanksgiving recess and turkey on their minds, they were on their best behavior.

14. PVE is holding Parent Teacher Conferences on November 24th and November 25th. We appreciate the constructive dialog between our faculty and the parents/guardians as they get a chance to check in, answer questions, and give individual attention to each family.
15. Here at PVE we started collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots beginning November 10th through Thursday, December 11th. We are so proud and appreciative of the plague we received from Toys for Tots at the November 6th Working Session meeting. We strive to continue the amazing work we all have done with our community to make Christmas magical for the children. The number one saying here at PVE has always been "kids come first" and we love any opportunity to spread that message.
16. While the students are away for Thanksgiving Recess, we will begin decking the halls of our building for the holiday season. We always like to say that for us, PVE is the happiest place on earth and during the holidays it also becomes the most magical place too.
17. We hope everyone has a safe, happy, and enjoyable Thanksgiving Recess with family and friends.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

1. The 1st Marking Period closed on Tuesday, October 28th, with grades being posted in PowerSchool and available for parents.
2. Sensei Anthony and his dedicated team recently led a series of impactful anti-bullying assemblies, held on October 29th and October 30th. These assemblies were designed to provide students with the knowledge and tools necessary to combat bullying in all its forms, growing a safer and more inclusive environment within the school community. The assemblies, led by the highly respected Sensei Anthony, who brings expertise in martial arts and character development, emphasized themes of respect, empathy, and bystander intervention. Students were engaged through interactive demonstrations, real-life scenarios, and open discussions, allowing them to better understand the dynamics of bullying and their role in preventing it. The team's commitment to creating a positive school culture was evident throughout the presentations.
3. On Friday, October 31st, PVI celebrated "Wear Your Favorite Costume Day," with students and staff alike showcasing a wide variety of costume characters. Even the office staff joined in the fun, sporting a double group theme of "Rock, Paper, Scissors" and "Uno Cards."
4. The Bear Den, an exciting initiative at PVI, complements the PBIS program by allowing students to exchange Bear Bucks for various prizes. Open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, this rewards system celebrates positive behavior and maintains a supportive school atmosphere. By reinforcing PBIS principles, the Bear Den promotes student engagement, offering fun rewards such as the VIP table, lunch with Officer Mease, and basketball games.
5. On November 5th, parents of our three grade-level Students of the Month for October were invited to a special breakfast. October's honorees were Eden Romano, 3rd grade, Aubrey Szarzynski, 4th grade and Ashlyn Randis 5th grade. Their nominating teachers also attended this celebration of their achievements. We are PVI proud!
6. Introducing PVI's BEARy new friend! After staff submitted name suggestions to PVI Administration, students voted for their favorite. We're thrilled to announce the new PVI Bear friend is named Oreo! You can meet our new friend in the PVI lobby showcase!
7. PVI celebrated Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11th, by hosting a "Lunch for the Brave" to honor active military personnel and veterans. Students and staff showed

their appreciation by coloring pictures, making cards and posters, and wearing red, white, and blue. Upon arrival, veterans were greeted with refreshments, live music by Mrs. Kuntz, and a video of thankful messages. They could also view the "Wall of Honor" in the main hallway, which featured pictures of service members submitted by students and staff. A special assembly, hosted by Mrs. Bencker, included performances by the PVI student body, a flag etiquette presentation, student poem readings, and a performance by Mrs. Kuntz. The assembly concluded with students forming a human flag in the bleachers to honor the veterans. Following the assembly, students were invited to attend a veterans' lunch.

8. The PTO held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 12th. All PVI parents and staff were invited to attend, and discussions focused on upcoming fundraisers and events for students, families, and staff.
9. Our monthly grade-level assemblies are scheduled for November 18th, November 20th and November 21st. During these assemblies, we will celebrate our November Students of the Month. One student from each team will receive an award certificate from the building administration. Additionally, staff members have nominated one student per grade level for special recognition as a grade-level Student of the Month. Congratulations to all our winners; we are incredibly proud of their achievements!
10. PVI is proud to announce Joelene Douglas, Professional Staff, and Celeste Calabria, Support Staff, as our Employees of the Month for November. We extend our gratitude for their invaluable contributions to our students and staff.
11. PVI Office staff and administration will serve our Thanksgiving lunch to students on Thursday, November 20th!
12. Parent-Teacher conferences for all grades at PVI are scheduled for Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th. These conferences will offer parents and guardians a valuable opportunity to meet with their child's teachers to discuss academic progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. Conferences will be held throughout the day and evening on both days to accommodate varying parent schedules. We encourage all parents to participate in these important discussions as they play a crucial role in supporting student success.
13. The PVI administration extends its best wishes for a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday to the entire Pleasant Valley student body, faculty, and staff, as well as the Board of School Directors, administration, and community.

Pleasant Valley Middle School

1. The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) has been incredibly active, demonstrating leadership through successful community service and fun school events! The MS NJHS hosted a successful Coat Drive, collecting an initial total of 45 coats! We are overjoyed that more donations are still coming in. A massive thank you to our PV community—you are truly phenomenal for your generosity!
2. The MS NJHS raised an outstanding total of \$844 from the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to support their projects and service efforts. And to add some fall excitement the MS NJHS organized a fun "Find a Pumpkin" Scavenger Hunt from October 28th through October 31st. Students enjoyed searching for the 25 hidden pumpkins scattered around the building, with a prize awarded to every lucky finder!
3. The after school tutoring has begun. We have a total of 15 students signed up at the moment and are hoping for more to participate. After school tutoring sessions are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students must sign up in advance to attend through Flex Manager in the Clever App.
4. Pleasant Valley Middle School (PVMS) PTO hosted the 7th and 8th Grade Dance on November 7th, and it was a smash hit! We are thrilled to report a great turnout, with 269 students attending the event! It was a fantastic night of fun, music, and school

spirit. A huge thank you to our PTO for organizing such a wonderful and memorable evening for our students!

5. On November Fire Drill was conducted on November 17th.
6. Get Ready to Stall! Middle School PTO will Host a "Stall Day" Fundraiser! On Tuesday, November 18th, students will have the chance to bring in loose change to "stall" their classes. The concept is simple: the more change collected in each classroom, the more time is spent counting the coins instead of on the lesson. Teachers are encouraged to make the day even more interesting by having a "quiz" or "test" ready to go, giving students a real incentive to get that change in and "stall" the clock! All classes and teachers are participating in "Stall Day." Students were told that they can only bring in loose change.
7. On November 11th, the Middle School along with our PTO planned the Veteran's Day Assembly. The assembly was a heartwarming and memorable event for the Middle School. We had 36 Veterans who had attended the celebration. Our honorees and their families enjoyed a dedicated luncheon before the assembly. Students showed their patriotic spirit by wearing colors according to their grade: Red (6th Grade); White (7th Grade); and Blue (8th Grade). The MS Band played music and the MS Choir sang for the event. Many of the Veterans shared their own personal stories with our students and staff which were very moving and inspiring.
8. We are excited and fully prepared for our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for November 24th and November 25th! We look forward to connecting with all our parents and working together on every student's route to success! We're all set and ready to go!
9. During the month of October, the Library had a decorating contest, "Decorate a Ghost". Participants were to decorate a ghost to like their favorite character for a chance to win a prize. All entries were due by October 30th. The student choice winners are: 1st Place - Maria Oberreiter; 2nd Place - Veronica DeJesus; 3rd Place - Colin Daney. The Principal's Choice winners are: Mr. McCutchan's Pick - Lily Collins; Mrs. Fields' Pick - Danielle Binkley; Mr. Rodriguez's Pick- Leah Santangelo. All entries are viewable in the library. Thank you, Roxy Scott, for always keeping the students engaged with these exciting events.
10. Pumpkin Decorating is back! On Friday, October 31st all teachers and students had a chance to show their creativity and work together to decorate a pumpkin. Students were given a chance to judge the pumpkins and here are the results: 1st place - Mrs. McMaster's with a grand total of 127 votes!; 2nd place - Mr. Tanzillo's HR with 112 votes; 3rd place - Mr. Fleming's HR with 96 votes
11. On October 31st, our Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Stefanie Santiago, hosted an awesome Dia de los Muertos cultural Celebration. Día de los Muertos, also known as Day of the Dead, or in much of Europe as All Saints or All Souls Day, In Spanish I, they celebrated the holiday in a variety a ways full of remembrance and fun activities to honor loved ones and mark the end of the first quarter. Students presented awesome slideshows on the holiday's origins, foods, and famous figures like Frida Kahlo and Selena Quintanilla. They built a beautiful ofrenda/altar together, decorating it with photos and mementos brought in by students (even honoring pets and family!). Students painted mini-canvases and made gorgeous papel picado (paper cut banners) to decorate the room. They enjoyed a delicious spread of authentic treats, including pan de muerto, marigold cupcakes, empanadas, and tres leches. The ambiance was incredible! Mrs. Santiago dressed as La Catrina, music played, and the room was filled with decorations and food aroma, giving students a real taste of the holiday. Spanish I students work incredibly hard in this class, and this turns out to be a nice break from the traditional class setting, allowing them time to reflect, and get hands on with various activities,

and a chance to relax and celebrate the end of the first quarter, and the lives of those they loved.

12. On November 18th, November 19th and November 20th we are having our "Certs & Desserts" event for students who achieved either Distinguished Honor Roll or Honor Roll status for the 1st quarter. They received their official academic certificate paired with a well-deserved, celebratory cookie! Congratulations to all our honor students.
13. The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) has been hard at work showing incredible support and gratitude for our local Veterans at the Valor House. The NJHS ran a successful food drive from November 3rd through November 13th. They collected key items to ensure a wonderful holiday for the residents. They gathered items like pie crust, pie filling, cake mix, frosting, canned gravy, mashed potatoes, and stuffing. A fantastic effort to supply a complete holiday meal! Our NJHS also had a commemorative bracelet sale which was a huge hit. Bracelets were sold for just \$1.00 during lunch periods. They successfully raised an impressive \$408, with all proceeds being directly donated to the Valor House to support their essential programs. Thank you, Veterans! We are so proud of our NJHS students for their hard work and dedication to giving back to those who served.
14. Twenty two students met for 10 days during the summer to write this year's Drama production, *Camp Odyssey: A Pirate Legacy*. Seventy one students (and one middle school assistant principal) practiced for two months to help Camp Odyssey's pirates find their treasure. On November 12th a few students went on a field trip with Dr. Gibb to Poco 103 radio station to promote the play to our community. The play was performed this past weekend on Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th. The play was recorded so students from the play will be able to watch themselves on the big screen.
15. The PVMS Student Government Associations (SGA) is holding a Duck Donuts fundraiser vouchers sale! The vouchers are only valid for the Bartonsville, PA, location only. You can pick up an order form in the Middle School Office. All orders are due by Friday, December 5th and donuts will be delivered to PV Middle School on Tuesday, December 9th.
16. Get ready to stock your freezers and support a great cause! The PVMS PTO is hosting a David Cookie Fundraiser to raise funds for dances, field trips, assemblies, field day, classroom and grade level celebrations. Orders were due by Monday, November 3rd, with pickup to be announced before Winter Recess.
17. Over the years many staff members have purchased T-Shirts for either fundraisers or denim days, etc. Let's all wear those T-Shirts in our closets!! Our Sunshine Club is Sponsoring a "10 days of T-Shirts" for Staff.
 - Monday, 11/10 - Alma Mater Monday (Show of your Alma Mater)
 - Tuesday, 11/11 - Red, White and Blue Day (Veteran's Day)
 - Wednesday, 11/12 - Mental Health Wednesday (Wear your Black & Green T-Shirt)
 - Thursday, 11/13 - Subject Area (Grey or Black)
 - Friday, 11/14 - PV Pride Day
 - Monday, 11/17 - Orange Metal Health T-Shirt
 - Tuesday, 11/18 - Kindness Tuesday (Wear your favorite kindness T-Shirt)
 - Wednesday 11/19 - Wish it were vacay Wednesday (Wear your favorite vacation T-Shirt)
 - Thursday, 11/20 - Show your PVEA/PSEA PRIDE
 - Friday, 11/21 - PV Pride Day

Pleasant Valley High School

1. PVHS recognized Unity Day on Monday, October 27th. Staff was encouraged to wear orange to show that we are united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. The goal of the day is to bring together students and staff to emphasize the message that bullying

is not acceptable and that all students deserve to be safe in school, online, and in the community.

2. Tuesday, October 28th, was the last day of the first marking period.
3. After school tutoring has continued on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and it is well attended.
4. On October 29th, the Principal's Advisory Committee had its first meeting. This is a group of students that meet monthly with the building administration to discuss issues from the students' perspectives.
5. The National Honor Society hosted a trunk or treat for the community on October 30th. Although it rained, the event was a success, as it was moved indoors.
6. On Halloween our staff dressed in costumes in chosen themes per department. The students loved seeing their teachers participate!
7. The staff had an opportunity to receive their flu shot after school on November 3rd.
8. Dr. Konrad spent the entire day at the high school on November 4th. He was available for teachers to stop in and talk about anything they wanted to discuss.
9. On November 7th, many of our students were recognized at our monthly Bear Pride Celebration. The students received recognition for going above and beyond expectations. Among those students, one student was chosen from each grade as the student of the month.
10. The students of the month were: 9th grade - Natalia Jozwiak, 10th grade - Michael Lewicki, 11th grade - Emmerson DeLuna, and 12th grade - Mercedes Rizzo
11. The SATs were administered on Saturday, November 8th, to those students who signed up to take them.
12. The annual Homecoming Dance was Saturday evening, November 8th in the high school gym. The theme this year was *The Great Gatsby*.
13. Caps and gowns can be ordered November 10th through November 26th. There is no cost to the students, as they are purchased by the district for the seniors.
14. Parent/teacher conferences can be scheduled via Sign Up Genius starting November 10th for conferences November 24th and November 25th.
15. On November 11th, Veteran's Day, staff and their family members who served in the military were recognized for their service to our country. Every period a student read an inspirational quote related to Veteran's Day via the intercom. The televisions throughout the school showcased staff and their family members who served. Also, students and staff were encouraged to wear red, white, and blue.
16. Staff members were invited to our first "Coffee and Conversation with the Principals" on November 13th.
17. The long awaited additional parking for students became available this past week!
18. Our next scheduled fire drill is on November 17th.
19. Our guidance department has made significant achievements thus far, including addressing over 500 student appointment requests during the first marking period. Also, all counselors completed transcript audits and post-secondary meetings with their assigned senior students.
20. In October, 84 students took the PSATs with 67% of them securing their Act 158 college readiness pathway.
21. Fourteen seniors participated in the ASVAB exam with 9 of them obtaining a qualifying score for the Act 158 career readiness pathway.
22. Over 70 seniors received direct, on-the-spot college acceptances at our instant decision days.
23. The counseling department spearheaded a high school-wide collection effort for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The items are being used to assemble complete meal boxes for families in need directly within our school district.

Pleasant Valley Bears Academy

1. The PVBA proudly concluded its first marking period on October 28th, marking a significant and successful milestone for our students. We anticipate another exciting and productive marking period, filled with new learning opportunities, engaging projects, and continued growth.
2. The PVBA/Technology team brought some digital magic to the halls this Halloween. Instead of traditional costumes, we embraced a fun and familiar Google Suite theme. It was nice to see students instantly recognize our outfits, which were based on the very apps they use daily in their learning—such as Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and perhaps even Classroom. This theme was a wonderful way to connect with students over something both educational and entertaining. This celebration highlighted the integral role PVBA/technology plays in our school district.
3. Conference time is almost here! We're looking forward to connecting with our families during parent-teacher conferences on November 24th and November 25th.
4. The Bears Academy Flex Space remains a vital hub for student support. This versatile area is constantly utilized for essential activities, including focused small-group instruction, critical IEP meetings, informative college visits, instant acceptance day, and conducting PSAT makeups. We are pleased that this space supports student success daily.
5. Our guidance counselor is placing a strong emphasis on the critical task of completing state-required artifacts for our 11th-grade and 12th-grade students, which must be finished to fulfill graduation requirements. Ms. L. is actively meeting with students to provide individualized support, clarify expectations, and set manageable deadlines.
6. We continue to encourage students to stay involved and engaged in the wider PV community through activities at their respective schools. We update our PVBA Family weekly by sending out the Bears Academy Weekly Growl, which includes the district's upcoming events and critical deadlines.
7. PVBA is counting down the days until the end-of-month holiday vacation. This well-deserved break offers a valuable chance to spend quality time with family and friends and recharge. We hope everyone uses this time to relax, reconnect, and come back refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of the school year! Since PVBA offers some unique flexibility, this is also a great time for students to catch up on missing material, work on credit recovery, or even work ahead.