

September School Building Reports

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

1. The new school year is in full swing here at PVE! The energy of the students and staff has brought life back into the building and we are absolutely thrilled to start another amazing year with our new and returning bear cubs.
2. Dewey Days at PVE were back for the third year. This year we were excited to show off the upgrades to the bus thanks to MCTI. The bus looked great and ready for the summer. Our first event was "Touch a Truck". July was "Wildlife Wednesday", we had the Carbon County Environmental Education Center give a wildlife show complete with birds and a snake. Our last Dewey night was held August 13th. We had a back to school carnival theme, kids played games with the girl's HS basketball team and we gave away 150 backpacks and school supplies to the kids in attendance. The backpacks and school supplies were donated by the Harley Davidson Owners Club. Several of their members were also in attendance to help the kids pick their backpack. We want to thank the students from FBLA for volunteering at all the events, the PVE PTO, who provided snacks, and the Dewey Planning Committee for all their hard work over the summer.
3. The PV garden is blooming and looks amazing! We received several donated plants and our PTO graciously purchased more. This spring our students planted those flowers. We have made some upgrades to the garden over the summer. We now have a shade sail over the picnic table and will be installing solar lights. This year each class will be creating a class flag that will be incorporated into the garden.
4. We received a grant for seeds and mobile greenhouses from the Pleasant Valley Education Fund. Now we will be able to start growing the plants for next year in the early spring and have students plant them the last few days of school.
5. We received a grant from the PTO to create a science lab for the elementary school. This space will be used by teachers to do experiments or science projects in a large space. We hope to have the Science lab open by January.
6. A special thank you to our support staff for working so hard all summer to get ready for the beginning of this school year. We appreciate everything they do to make PVE the cleanest, safest, and happiest place for our students.
7. Our New Student breakfast was held here at PVE in coordination with PVI. We were joined by our new students and their families. The students and families who attended really appreciated being able to see the building and meet our administrators. It brought them a lot of comfort being able to do so before the new school year started.
8. Find Your Classroom was on August 19th. It made us so happy to see how many students were excited to be back in our building. It was just another example of how PVE truly is a home away from home for our bear cubs.
9. We held our Kindergarten orientation on August 21st. It was extremely successful as the building was buzzing with impressive numbers of new students and new families. We were happy to give them such a positive

- experience as their first time in our building. A big thank you to the bus drivers, faculty, staff, and volunteers who made this event great.
10. Behavior assemblies took place for all grades August 26th through the 28th. We discussed student expectations and positive reinforcement for good behaviors. Clearly communicating the expectations early on helps not only with how they act in our building, but as they move through their journey with each Pleasant Valley building.
 11. We had our first Fire Drill on August 27th on a beautiful sunny day. We are proud of how well all of the students behaved for what was the very first fire drill many of our students have ever participated in.
 12. PVE's 1st and 2nd grade Open House was on August 27th. Watching how excited the children are to show their families their classrooms is always so much fun. We were happy that such a huge number of students and their families attended and are thankful to faculty, staff, volunteers and outside vendors who came in and made this event a true student and family favorite. We are always looking for ways to invite the families in to see the magic that is Pleasant Valley Elementary.
 13. All of our students were looking their best for picture day which was held on September 3rd. We are excited to see how well all of the pictures came out!
 14. ELA and Math NWEA testing was held from September 2nd through September 5th. We are so proud of our students for trying their best and doing so well during testing.
 15. Our Fall Title I and PAC meetings were held on September 9th. It was great to be able to provide the community with information as well as receive their input.
 16. The PVE/PVI PTO meeting was held at PVE on September 10th.
 17. We had a successful Act 80 day on September 12th. Although we of course missed our students, it was a very productive day.
 18. The PVE and PVI Back to School Bash was held on September 12th at PVI and was hosted by the PVE/PVI PTOs. It was a great event that had both students and their families together to have fun!
 19. Books and Bagels returned this September as well! We started with Kindergarten the week of September 15th, First grade the week of September 22nd and will be wrapping up with second grade the week of September 29th. This event has received lots of positive feedback from families and we are so happy that our librarian Mrs. Bustos is continuing what she started for the students and parents this year.
 20. PVE PTO has already started collecting candy for their trunk or treat next month. We are enjoying the festive "tootsie roll" collection box in our office. It is a must see if you ever stop in our building.
 21. PVE and PVI have partnered with the America 250/Keystone initiative to celebrate the Semiquincentennial. On September 19th, guest readers came to PVE to read "K is for Keystone" (a Pennsylvania history book) as well as provided Pennsylvania themed "swag bags" for students.
 22. Volunteer Orientation was held on September 24th. We are looking forward to meeting all of the parents who want to join the ranks of our volunteers! We are lucky to always have a very large number of parents that are

interested in volunteering. We appreciate the time and effort they put into helping make PVE the great place it is.

23. The PTO Bear Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th at the PVHS Stadium. This fun community event where students can walk, run and work together to help raise money for their school. PVE, PVI and PVMS are excited to collaborate for this event. All proceeds go towards enriching school programs, events and classroom resources.
24. PVE is holding our All About First Grade event on Thursday, September 25th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We are inviting parents and guardians to come and learn about our First Grade Math and Reading programs, as well as, what our library has to offer. We enjoy every opportunity we get to invite families into our building to learn more about what their child is learning!

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

1. A warm welcome to our new PTO board members! The PVI PTO was instrumental in helping us kick off the school year with several successful activities. Our staff also deeply appreciated the breakfast they provided.
2. On Tuesday, August 19th, PVI administration hosted the "Find Your Classroom/Meet the Principal" event for families. The event had a great turnout, and we extend our gratitude to all who participated.
3. Welcome Back assemblies were held on August 26th through August 28th for all grade levels. During these assemblies, Mrs. Albright and Mrs. Bencker reviewed school year expectations and reintroduced our school-wide positive behavior system, "Be a Bear."
4. PVI conducted its initial fire drill with students on Wednesday, August 28th. The next drill is set for the week of September 20th. Students demonstrated excellent compliance with fire drill procedures during the first drill.
5. PVI students had their Fall Picture Day on Tuesday, September 2nd. Retakes and makeups are scheduled for October 21st.
6. NWEA testing occurred from September 2nd to September 9th. Additionally, iReady Math Diagnostics were conducted throughout September.
7. On Wednesday, September 3rd, bus evacuations were conducted for all buses upon student arrival. This procedure allowed us to review bus safety protocols. We extend our gratitude to the district office staff for their assistance in completing this drill.
8. PVI hosted an Open House on Thursday, September 4th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all PVI families. During this event, teachers provided information about their classes to parents and guardians. Special Area teachers (Art, Health, Music, Physical Education, and Technology) were available in the library for visits. Additionally, building administration, school counselors, and the nurse were present throughout the evening.
9. A Scholastic Book Fair was held at PVI during the Open House on Thursday, September 4th. Special thanks to Mrs. Deb Butchoski and Ms. Robin Woyke for organizing this event.
10. PVI hosted two fall meetings on Tuesday, September 9th, starting at 10:00 am. Mr. Ayre led the Fall Title I Parent Meeting, which was open to families, community members, and staff. Following this, Mrs. Albright conducted the Fall PVI PAC meeting. Family members were invited to share their feedback

with administration as well as ask any questions they had. All PVI parents and guardians were encouraged to attend both sessions. We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended!

11. The first PVI PTO meeting for the 2025-2026 school year was held at PVE on Wednesday, September 10th, at 4:00 PM. All parents, guardians, and PVI staff were invited to attend. PVI extends its gratitude to all members and volunteers for their continued dedication.
12. Our school community came together on September 11th to commemorate Patriot Day. Students and staff observed a moment of silence and wore red, white, and blue, honoring the lives lost and the heroism of that tragic day in 2001. This collective remembrance fostered unity and reflection.
13. During the week of September 15th, PVI fifth-graders participated in Safe2Say Something training. This Pennsylvania Attorney General initiative teaches students to recognize warning signs of potential harm, especially on social media, and report concerns to a trusted adult or via the anonymous Safe2Say Something system through the app, website or hotline. The program aims to prevent violence by empowering students to get help before a crisis.
14. The Mobile Dentist recently visited PVI on September 15th and will return on September 22nd and September 23rd. They provided a range of dental services, including cavity fillings and cleanings, to pre-registered PVI students. We extend our gratitude to the Mobile Dentist for offering this valuable service to our students.
The Dental Van is also scheduled to return to PVI in late October/early November to conduct mandated 3rd-grade screenings, with parental consent.
15. From September 16th to September 18th, PVI hosted its initial grade-level assemblies for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. These gatherings successfully reinforced expectations and established a positive atmosphere for the academic year. We anticipate continuing these assemblies throughout the year.
16. Keystone Assemblies September 19th - PVI has the honor of hosting the Keystone Classroom Initiative. This unique program provides our students with an engaging and interactive learning experience, bringing Pennsylvania's rich history to life. Through hands-on, storytelling-based visits, students will watch a special reenactment of the Henry Box Brown story as a way to bring Pennsylvania history to life.
17. The PTO Bear Walk is a community-wide fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, October 18th, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Pleasant Valley High School track. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students to raise money to support their schools while enjoying a variety of fun activities. In addition to walking and running the track, families can enjoy: concessions, face painting, a basket raffle, games and activities. The Bear Walk brings our community together to celebrate and support our students. We look forward to seeing everyone there!
18. Throughout September, homeroom teachers taught our school-wide PBIS lessons. Additionally, PVI's PBIS program will open the Bear Den on September 23rd. Students will have the opportunity to redeem Bear Bucks

for various prizes, including experiences like lunch with a teacher and nature trail walks.

19. We are excited to announce that the Mobile Ag Lab will be visiting PVI beginning the week of September 22nd! This unique traveling classroom provides students with an interactive, hands-on learning experience that connects science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts to the world of agriculture. Our grade level curriculum is aligned with each grade level attending. The Mobile Ag Lab, a 40-foot mobile classroom, will be stationed at our school and will be led by a certified teacher who will guide students through a variety of engaging, hands-on science experiments. The lessons are designed to show students how agriculture impacts their daily lives, from the food they eat to the clothes they wear. We are grateful for this opportunity to provide our students with a unique and enriching educational experience. Thank you to Mrs. Danielle Lukashewski for arranging this for our students.
20. PVI will host a Volunteer Orientation for interested family members on Wednesday, September 24th. Building administration will discuss the volunteer process, expectations, and available opportunities to support the school. All PVI parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Thank you to everyone who attends!

Pleasant Valley Middle School

1. Our summer was highly productive, beginning with a Middle School Drama Camp led by Dr. Gibb and Ms. Altemose. A total of 22 students participated, culminating in the creation of a completed playwright titled "Camp Odyssey: A Pirate Legacy"—a fantastic display of our students' talent and creativity.
2. On August 12th, PVMS and PVHS successfully hosted a joint new student orientation at the middle school. With a warm welcome, we greeted about 40 families, who enjoyed a light breakfast provided by Whitsons Culinary. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our new students and their families, setting a positive and inclusive tone for the school year ahead.
3. On August 18th, our 6th-grade orientation was a great success with an excellent turnout. Students were able to find their new classrooms from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Our 6th grade guidance counselor, Sheri Fallon, was also there to provide support and answer any questions parents had, helping everyone feel ready for the year ahead.
4. On August 19th, the 7th and 8th grade students were able to check out their new classroom locations from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.
5. We successfully completed our first fire drill of the year on August 27th! Great job, everyone!
6. On Tuesday, September 2nd, PVMS students participated in Picture Day. These photos will be used for their new student IDs, which must be worn daily.
7. From September 2nd through September 9th, students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th participated in NWEA Testing.
8. Our fall Scholastic Book Fair, held from September 2nd through September 5th, was a huge success! Students enjoyed browsing for books during their

ELA classes, and we saw great sales during Open House. A special thanks to our librarian, Roxanne Scott, for organizing this wonderful event.

9. Open House was held on September 3rd and it was a huge success! This was a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet our dedicated teachers, counselors, and administrative team, and gain a clear overview of the exciting curriculum their children will be learning this year.
10. Bus evacuations were conducted at the high school bus parking lot on September 4th. All students were taught how to exit the bus correctly during an emergency.
11. From August 25th to August 28th, Whitsons Culinary offered a refreshing treat to our teachers before students arrived. They were given a coupon for a free iced coffee or fruit refresher, a wonderful gesture that helped everyone start the year feeling energized and appreciated.
12. We also aim for our teachers to participate in the fun for the first week of school, we had an early morning trivia question. The fifth caller with the correct answer will win a free refresher from Whitsons Culinary. Question: What school district did Ramon come from? Answer: Bethlehem School District. The winner of our trivia question was Chris Jarrow.
13. Students and Staff were able to participate in School Spirit week which brought fun and unity to the school. Below is how we celebrated spirit week:
 - Wednesday, September 3rd – Be a Superhero! Wear a Superhero shirt!
 - Thursday, September 4th - School Rocks! Wear your favorite band or singer T-shirt! (School Appropriate)
 - Friday, September 5th - PV Pride wear PV blue or spirit wear
14. Thank you to everyone who joined our first PTO meeting on September 11th. You can join us for future meetings on the second Thursday of every month from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Middle School Main Office Conference Room. We hope to see you there!
15. On September 11th, in honor of Patriots Day students were encouraged to wear red, white and blue in remembrance of all Americans who lost their lives.
16. On September 12th, our staff completed Safe2Say training under Act 55. The session was highly informative and successful.
17. On Tuesday, September 16th, students learned more about Safe2Say Something. S2SS is an anonymous reporting system designed to help students and staff recognize the warning signs and signals, especially on social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. The S2SS program trains students and school staff members to treat every warning sign seriously and to act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult and/or by reporting it anonymously via phone, mobile app, or website to the Pennsylvania S2SS Crisis Center.
18. In honor of Constitution Day on September 17th, a banner was hung in the Middle School lobby and teachers taught special lessons in all history classes.
19. On September 16th and September 17th, five of our dedicated Middle School Science teachers participated in a productive science curriculum review. Their

hard work and collaborative efforts are helping us build an even stronger program for our students.

20. Our 6th graders were able to connect with their friends at our first event of the year! For an afternoon of fun in the Middle School Old Gym on September 18th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. A fun time was had by all!!
21. Did someone say Pancakes, the MS NJHS will be collecting pancake mix and syrup for PVEN. Donations should be dropped off in the lobby starting September 19th through October 3rd. No glass please.
22. PVM PTOs proudly announce that the Bear Walk is Back! Join us for an exciting community event where students will walk, run and have FUN — all while raising money for their schools! All funds raised will benefit the PVE, PVI and PVM PTO's. All proceeds go toward enriching school programs, events and classroom resources. The event will be held at the PVHS Track on Saturday, October 18th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
23. MS NJHS will be hosting a Coat Drive. You can start donating gently used winter coats for all sizes. These donations are for the Pleasant Valley Community. We will start collecting donations October 1st through October 24th.

Pleasant Valley High School

1. What a start to the new school year! In mid-August all of our fall sports programs began and teams are already making us proud, with both the boys' soccer and football teams securing a spot in the playoffs.
2. In August, our seniors showed off their artistic talents, painting their parking spots and the traditional senior paw prints. If you get a chance, stop by the student parking lot and be sure to take a look!
3. We kicked off the year by supplying every student with a new PV Bear backpack and school supplies.
4. The students and teachers are also navigating the ongoing Capital Improvement Project like pros, and showing great adaptability.
5. September was just as busy. We had a fantastic turnout for Open House on September 10th, where families followed their student's schedules, met their teachers, and had the opportunity to learn about our many clubs and activities.
6. During the first two weeks of school, our students participated in NWEA assessments in English, Math, and Science.
7. Picture Day for underclassmen was on September 5th, while senior portraits were taken over the summer.
8. On September 11th, our Social Studies classes honored those we lost 24 years ago by placing over 2,000 flags in front of the high school.
9. The first PVTV broadcast of the year began last week. Students are back at it delivering announcements, weather, feature stories, and the news. We are very excited as the new PVTV studio set will be unveiled within the next few weeks.
10. Students also participated in a school-wide training on the Safe2Say program on September 16th.

11. This week we welcomed our new Assistant Principal Dr. Zachary McMichael to the high school. We anticipate a productive and rewarding experience with him as a member of our administrative team.
12. Finally, we have some incredible news to share! We're thrilled to announce that Kerry Freeman has won ShopRite's Amazing Teachers Award, which comes with a \$5,000 prize! This is a huge honor for her and our high school and marks the second year in a row one of our teachers has received this well-deserved recognition.

Pleasant Valley Bears Academy

1. As our school year is underway, we are filled with enthusiasm and optimism for a successful year.
2. The Open House held on September 10th was a great success! It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet our PVBA teachers, counselor, and administrative team, providing a clear overview of our Pleasant Valley Bears Academy.
3. Underclassmen Picture Day was on September 5th. Senior portraits were taken over the summer.