

# THE PLEASANT VALLEY PRIDE

April 2026 District Update *Building Excellence through Collaboration, Honesty, and Trust*

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## Message from the Superintendent

April has been a season of incredible growth and high achievement across Pleasant Valley. From state-level academic honors to real-world medical training, our students are finishing the year with a powerful roar. I am immensely proud of the transparency, dedication, and community spirit that continue to define our district.

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### 🏫 Pleasant Valley Elementary (PVE)

- 🏆 **Excellence in Education:** A huge congratulations to Mrs. Sponsler for winning the IU Excellence in Education Award.
  - 📖 **Academic Showcase:** Our recent showcase was a massive success with over 1,200 people in attendance.
  - 🍷 **Schwa Day:** On April 7th, second graders wore pajamas and drank lemonade to learn about the unstressed "schwa" sound.
  - 🌍 **Caring for Earth:** Students celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd with activities focused on preserving our planet.
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### 🏫 Pleasant Valley Intermediate (PVI)

- 📊 **Attendance Stars:** Grade 3 led the building with a 93.87% attendance rate for March. Ms. Secara's fifth-grade class won the Quarter 3 trophy with a 96.14% average.
  - 🎁 **Reward Incentive:** Students who remain referral-free from April 17th to May 22nd will earn the chance to launch water balloons at building administrators.
  - 🎨 **Field Day Design:** Congratulations to 4th-grader Madison Lanusse for winning the Field Day T-shirt design contest.
  - 📚 **Academic Honors:** A total of 493 students were recognized for their academic success during the 3rd marking period.
  - 🧮 **Math Masters:** Ten 5th-grade students represented PVI at the Regional 24 Challenge® Math Tournament in Easton.
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### 🏫 Pleasant Valley Middle School (PVMS)

- 🎉 **Spirit Week:** Students enjoyed a high-energy Spirit Week featuring themes like "Bookends Twin Day" and "Genre Day".
- 🏆 **Sixth Sense Superstars:** Our competition team secured an impressive 5th place finish out of 8 teams at the regional event.
- 🖥️ **STEM Innovation:** Students are using Raspberry Pi devices and laser cutters to learn Python coding and build reaction games.

- 🍰 **Certs & Desserts:** 375 students were honored for making the Honor Roll or Distinguished Honor Roll this quarter.
- 📣 **PSSA Kick-Off:** A school-wide pep rally featured a "Teachers vs. Students" showdown in academic challenges.

## 🏫 Pleasant Valley High School (PVHS)

- **Medical Training:** AP Biology and Anatomy students participated in a live human cadaver knee surgery guided by St. Luke's surgeons.
- 🎓 **Scholarship Success:** Chelsea Henry, Natalie Hayes, and Rylan Kresge were each awarded \$30,000 via the CE Singer Scholarship.
- 📁 **FBLA State Winners:** Four students placed in the Top 5 at the FBLA State competition, including Avery Cogan (Digital Video) and Valerie Rohena (Healthcare Admin).
- 🏆 **Outstanding Scientist:** Maricatherine Garr was named an Outstanding Science Teacher by the Sigma Xi Chapter at ESU.
- 🏢 **College & Career Fair:** The April 10th fair was a "phenomenal success," providing students with direct access to future opportunities.
- 🐾 **Coins for Critters:** The Gifted Seminar and SGA are currently raising funds for the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

## 🏫 Pleasant Valley Bears Academy (PVBA)

- **Celebrating Success:** We are preparing for the Student of the Semester Breakfast in May to recognize our honorees.
- 🎓 **Senior Support:** The PVBA team is working closely with seniors to finalize graduation requirements and meet upcoming deadlines.

## 📅 Upcoming District Events

Date	Event	Location
April 28-29	📊 Math PSSA Testing	District-Wide
May 1-3	🎭 PVMS Spring Musical: <i>Pure Imagination</i>	PVMS
May 2	📖 Free Community Book Fair	PVHS
May 5	🏫 PVE Ready, Set, Learn (5:30 p.m.)	PVE
May 8	🎡 PTO Spring Carnival	PVE
May 8	🌟 8th Grade Semi-Formal	PVMS
May 16	🎉 PVHS Senior Prom	Penn's Peak
May 29	🎓 PVHS Commencement	PVHS