October 2026

Newsletter





Pleasant Valley

Intermediate School

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DEAR PVI FAMILIES

Happy October, PVI Families! As the beautiful Pocono autumn settles in and the weather cools down, the academic momentum inside our building is heating up. We are now a full month into the school year, and our students have done a remarkable job embracing their schedules, taking responsibility for their learning, and showing us what it means to Be A B.E.A.R. every day.

October is a powerhouse month for deep classroom engagement. With the start-of-year routines learned, our students are diving into more complex, collaborative projects across all subject areas. This is a great time to lean into the resources available to our PVI community. If you haven't yet, we encourage you to explore the PowerSchool Parent Portal to monitor upcoming assignments and check out the District website, which features excellent resources to support reading and math progress at home.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our district's motto: "Excellence in Education, A Community Commitment." Enjoy the beautiful fall weather, and let’s keep this great momentum going!

All the best,

Sabrina Albright
Principal

Lauryn Bencker
Assistant Principal

Counselor's Corner

Throughout the first month of school, we met with each class to introduce ourselves and review the role of a school counselor. During the month of October, each class will be visiting the SEL Lab for their first lesson. All grade levels will be participating in a lesson on Solving Problems. Students will learn about the steps of conflict resolution. Once the lesson is complete, each homeroom will receive a "PeaceWalk" that students can use to solve minor conflicts in the classroom and at recess.

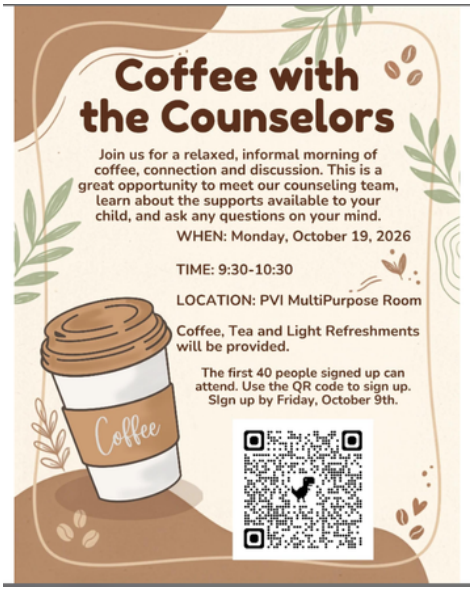
We are currently working on organizing our small groups. Some of the topics we may cover in small groups include: Anxiety, Resiliency (General Coping Strategies and Confidence Building), Social Skills and Divorce. If you think there is a topic your child could work on in a small group setting, please reach out to the appropriate grade level counselor.

Listed below is our contact information. Please reach out with any concerns you may have about your child.

3rd Grade
Ms. Julie Romanisko
romanisko.julie@pvbears.org
570-402-1000 ext. 3013

4th Grade
Mrs. Rachel Below
below.rachel@pvbears.org
570-402-1000 ext. 3015

5th Grade
Ms. Nicole Mahady
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570-402-1000 ext. 3014



October's Caffeteria Menu







A reminder that all PVSD students qualify for free meals under the CEP program. However, we are asking each household to complete one alternate household income form for the new school year. This form will provide data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. Simply click on the link https://forms.gle/LAcpGctCKF6q7fPk6 or go to the food services tab on the website.

NURSE'S NEWS

Under Pennsylvania state law, specific grades are required to submit updated health records:

Dental Examinations are REQUIRED for students entering:

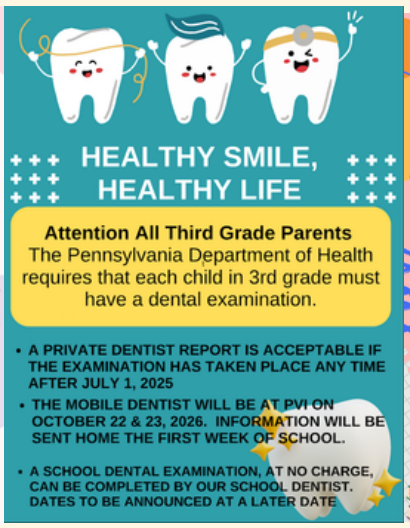
Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, 7 th Grade, and all new students.

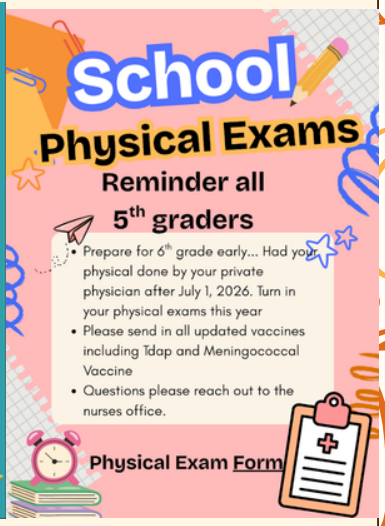
Private dental exams and will be accepted from 1 year before the current school year.

 Compliance Deadline for 1 st -11 th Grade Students: December 31, 2026

 Compliance Deadline for New Students: 60 days from start date







Please keep you child home until they are:

24 hours FEVER FREE without fever reducing medications

24 hours VOMITING FREE

24 hours DIARRHEA FREE

PLEASE ENSURE A COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHING IS KEPT IN YOUR STUDENT'S BACKPACK TO ACCOMMODATE POTENTIAL BATHROOM OR OUTDOOR INCIDENTS.

BE A BEAR

What We Learned

BE A BEAR

PVI	B BE RESPONSIBLE	E ENGAGE EVERYWHERE	A ACT SAFELY	R RESPECT YOURSELF & OTHERS
THINGS TO THINK ABOUT: **WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?** **WHAT DOES THIS SOUND LIKE?** **WHAT DOES THIS FEEL LIKE?**	• Be prepared for class • Follow directions • Follow school rules • Keep materials organized • Use equipment and materials as intended	• Participate in class • Pay attention to instruction • Work cooperatively with others • Ask questions when you do not understand • Greet people in the halls	• Walk in the halls • Keep hands and feet to yourself • Notify an adult if there is a spill or unsafe situation • Stay in your seat on the bus	• Use kind words • Be a good listener • Use positive self-talk • Think before you act/speak • Use good table manners • Take turns and share • Solve problems peacefully



Reminders

Attendance

- Ensuring that students attend school regularly is crucial for their academic success. Research shows that missing 18 days of school, which is about 10% of the school year, can negatively impact a student's academic performance.

-If your child is absent, please make sure to submit absence notes or excuses to the school **within 3 days.** You can send all excuse notes to **pviattendance@pvbears.org**

-In the event of your child being picked up early or changes in dismissal, please use the following email address: **pviparentpickup@pvbears.org**

-For more detailed infromation, you can visit **https://pvbears.org**

CHORUS and BAND



Welcome to a new year at PVI.

Any PVI 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students may join chorus.

4th and 5th grade students may be in band and chorus.

Chorus students will have rehearsal during Bear Block.

Please fill out the form if interested in chorus or band (click for link)

Student Arrival and Dismissal

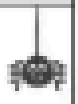
- Student arrival begins at 8:45 AM, with instruction beginning promptly at 8:55 AM.

-Dismissal begins at 3:25 PM for parent pickup students and 3:30 PM for students taking the bus.

💻ACTION REQUIRED: STUDENT EMERGENCY & POWERSCHOOL FORMS💻

Please complete the Student Emergency Form sent in the summer mailing, as well as the Annual Contact Update Form in PowerSchool. To ensure accurate records, please make sure the information on both the paper and online forms matches. Thank you for your help in keeping our student records up to date!

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 World Smile Day 	3 -PTO Bear County Fall Fest 12-3 & Trunk or Treat 3:30-5 @PVHS
4	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting 6:00	9 PTO 3rd Grade Dance 6-8 PM	10
11 Spirit Week 	12 Columbus Day Act 80 No School	13	14 -LifeSkills Field Trip -PTO meeting @PVI 4PM	15 District BonFire	16 -PTO School Store -District Pep Rally &Bucket Game	17
18  National Bus Safety Week	19 -COFFEE W/ COUNSELORS	20 -DaVinci Night -3rd grade assembly	21 -PVI Fall picture retake -4th grade assembly	22 -Mobile Dentist -5th grade assembly -Board Meeting 7 PM	23 Mobile Dentist	24 William Penn Day 
25	26	27	28 3rd grade teams F & G fieldtrip	29	30 Dress Up Day	31  Happy Halloween

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PVI FALL CELEBRATION
October 30

PVI FALL
School-Wide Celebration

ATTENTION PVI FAMILIES

PVI will be participating in a school-wide **fall celebration on Friday, October 30th**. Students will be permitted to wear their costumes to school. Students may engage in organized classroom activities, depending on the team and grade level. *If you prefer that your child **NOT** participate in these activities, please send a note to your child's teacher by **Friday, October 23rd**.*

Our **parents/guardians must help us maintain the Halloween/Fall celebration**, which honors the traditions of the season, with themes that are suitable for an elementary school. We kindly ask that parents **follow the guidelines below** when sending costumes to school.

COSTUME GUIDELINES

- Costumes should **reflect elementary themes**, cartoons, etc. & avoid any violent or bloody themes.
- **No weapons** should be reflected in the costumes or used as accessories (no type of swords, guns, knives, light sabers etc.)
- If your child **colors his/her hair**, this *must be done at home*.
- Students should **wear their costumes to school.** Students *will not be able to change* into their costumes at school.
- Please **avoid using cosmetics or "make-up"** as they *tend to wear, run, and get on objects and/or clothing*.
- Students are **not permitted to wear masks**.
- Please also **avoid inflatable costumes**.
- Costumes should **not be disruptive to the educational process,** and accessories or certain aspects of costumes *may have to be turned off/removed during lessons if needed.*

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a happy and safe fall celebration.

Sabrina Albright
PVI Principal

Lauryn C. Bencker
PVI Assistant Principal



PV High School Open House
October 9th

PTO PAGE

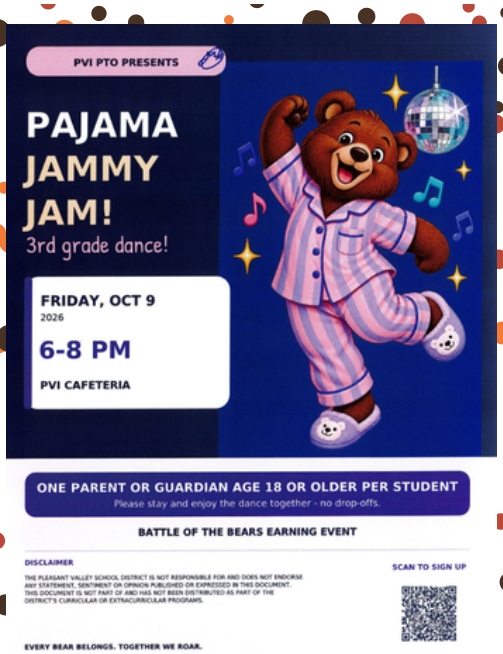


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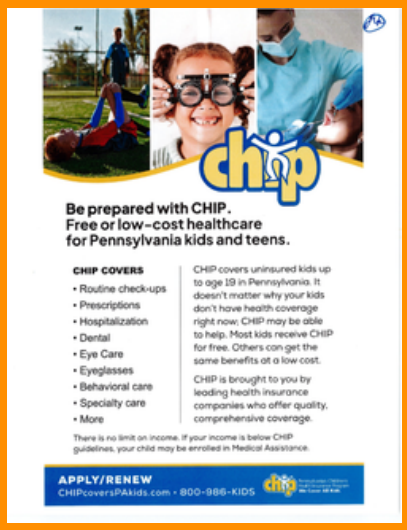
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	🎃 October Bear Challenge
Happy Fall, Bears! We can't wait to make memories with you this month. Join us for all the fun October activities!				1	2	3 🐾 Bear County Fall Fest 12-3 & 👻 Trunk or Treat 3:30-5 @PVHS	**🐻 Battle of the Bears Earn points this month by participating in:** 🐾 Bear Walk 🎃 Classroom Pumpkin Decorating 💃 3rd Grade Dance 🐻 Spirit week Every event is another chance to help your class earn the Battle of the Bears Cup! 🏆
4	5	6	7	8	9 💃 3rd grade dance 6-8 Pm	10	
11	12 Act 80 Columbus Day No school	13	14 🏫 PTO Meeting 4:00 PM • PVI Spirit Week	15	16 📚 School Store Bucket Game	17	
18	19 🎃 Classroom Pumpkin Decoration Contest	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30 🎃 Pumpkin Contest Judging ❤️ Heart Cart	31 Halloween	







COMMUNITY PAGE







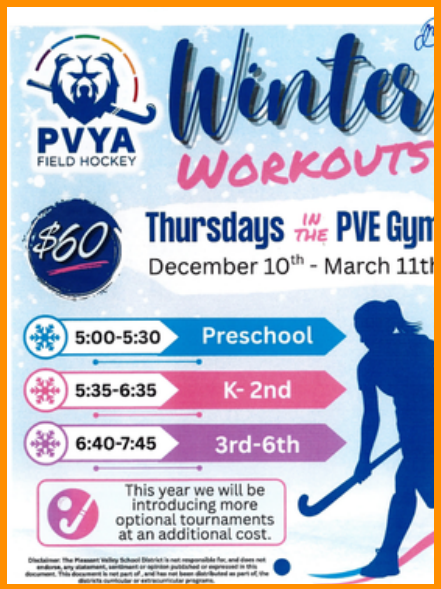












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