

THE PV PRIDE ~ October 2026 | Superintendent's

WELCOME TO PLEASANT VALLEY!

Our classrooms, stages, and athletic fields are filled with extraordinary energy this month."

From spirit week and reading initiatives to hands-on STEM and community charity drives, our students continue to excel in and out of the classroom.

Thank you for supporting our Bears!

— Dr. James R. Konrad, Superintendent of Schools

Pleasant Valley Elementary (PVE)

PVE had a busy and successful October filled with community support and autumn fun!

- **Events & Literacy:** PVE hosted a successful PTO Fall Fest, a 1st & 2nd Grade Curriculum Night, and Fire Safety visits featuring real fire trucks. Students also launched monthly **Dewey Book Bus** visits to select free books to keep!
- **Safety & Support:** The school physician provided free student physicals, and staff/students successfully completed both a fire drill and a *Run, Hide, Fight* safety drill.
- **Giving Back:** PVE is currently collecting donations for **Operation: Touch of Home** (supporting overseas troops) and gathering winter wear for homeless veterans.
- **Spirit & Fall Fun:** Students celebrated Spirit Week with a Pep Rally and honored Students of the Month. Fall celebrations cap off the month on October 30th, featuring office staff dressed as zoo animals!
- **Upcoming Dates: Nov 3:** Book Blast Begins | **Nov 11:** Veteran's Day Celebration & Parade Planning

Pleasant Valley Intermediate (PVI)

PVI is focused on attendance, PBIS positive behavior, and interactive learning!

- **Attendance Champions:** Grade 4 led September with a **96.36% attendance rate**. Top classrooms: 1st Place (Mrs. Ammermann), 2nd Place (Mrs. Smith), and 3rd Place (Mr. Hawk).
- **Culture & Activities:** PVI officially opened the **Bear Den** rewards store, hosted Weller Health Center presentations, brought in the Mobile Ag Lab for 5th graders, and observed Custodial Worker's Day, Unity Day, and William Penn Day.
- **Students of the Month:** Congratulations to our October awardees across grades 3–5! Honorees will be celebrated at a special breakfast on October 29th.
- **PTO & Community:** The PTO hosted a successful Fall Fest and Jammy Jam Dance, while continuing monthly "Heart Cart" treats for staff.
- **Safety & Key Dates:** A *Run, Hide, Fight* drill was held on Oct 19. **Oct 30:** Wear Your Favorite Costume Day | **Nov 4:** End of First Marking Period.

Pleasant Valley Middle School (PVMS)

VMS had an exciting month packed with fundraising success, student recognition, and fun activities!

- **Fundraising & Awards:** PVMS was the **#1 district fundraiser** at the Fall Fest, raising over \$4,700! Top student fundraisers included Coralette Halamar (1st Place - VIP Parking), Drew Heckman-Morris (2nd Place - Movie Night), and Julia Saffer (3rd Place - Breakfast Cart).
- **Recognitions & Culture:** Congratulations to **Marc Fleming**, Kinsley's ShopRite Amazing Teacher of the Month, and shoutout to Diversity Club Ambassador "Bone-ita".
- **Activities & Reading Challenges:** Hosted the annual Bonfire and Dunk Tank, launched the Kalahari Riptide Readers Challenge (10 hrs reading = free water park passes), and began the Life Skills NextTrex Recycling Challenge to collect plastic bags for campus benches.
- **PBIS & Students of the Month:** Introduced new Golden Ticket awards leading up to Team Reward Day on Oct 30. October Students of the Month: Madison Figueroa (6th), Neil Patel (7th), and Camryn Scheffner (8th).
- **Upcoming Dates:** **Oct 30:** Team Reward Day & Luncheon | **Nov 4:** End of MP1 | **Nov 11:** Veterans Day Assembly | **Nov 12:** PTO Meeting (4 PM)

Pleasant Valley High School (PVHS)

VHS showcased high energy, national pride, and strong school community throughout October!

- **Major Awards & Recognition:** PVHS received a **\$25,000 T-Mobile Spirit Award**, and the PV Marching Band earned **2nd Place**, **Best Colorguard**, and **Best Band Director** at Central Bucks South!
- **Homecoming 2026:** Celebrated with Spirit Week, Senior Sunrise, and the crowning of Homecoming King **Gavin Tonkay** and Queen **Lila Berger** (Runners-up: Isaac Klein & Rylan Knapp).
- **Culture & Events:** Introduced the PBIS **ROAR** reward program, hosted a Community Night to tour building renovations, held Safe2Say/Run-Hide-Fight safety trainings, and observed Custodian Appreciation, Childhood Cancer (Gold), and Breast Cancer (Pink Out) awareness.
- **Upcoming Dates:** **Oct 27:** End of MP1 | **Oct 31:** NHS Trunk or Treat | **Nov 2:** Free Dental Screenings

Pleasant Valley Bears Academy (PVBA)

PVBA continues to flourish across all grade levels!

- **7th & 8th Grade Pilot Program:** Instruction led by PVSD teachers is proving highly successful in fostering student connection and comfort in a cyber-school environment.
- **Dedicated Support Staff:** Guidance Counselor Ms. L continues senior meetings and career artifact work, while Mr. Birnbaum and Mr. Kresge offer constant online instruction and learning support.
- **PVBA Flex Space:** Serves as a vital hub for professional development, team meetings, presentations, and guest speakers.
- **Community Connection:** Families stay informed every Friday via the *Weekly Growl* newsletter and participated in recent school picture sessions with Christmas City Studios.