PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Pleasant Valley School District Monthly Newsletter | November 2026

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Pleasant Valley Families, Staff, and Community Members,

As we enter the season of gratitude, I am continually inspired by the generosity, resilience, and spirit that define the Pleasant Valley School District. November has been a remarkably busy and heartwarming month across every one of our campuses. From honoring our local veterans with heartfelt tributes and parades to organizing food drives, Toy for Tots collections, and Giving Trees for families in need, our students and staff continue to prove that Pleasant Valley is far more than a school district—it is a caring community that takes care of its own.

Inside our classrooms, the momentum is equally impressive. Whether it is our youngest learners choosing new books from the Dewey Bus, intermediate students exploring STEM at the DaVinci Science Center, middle schoolers staging an original mystery play, or high schoolers gaining hands-on surgical experience with St. Luke's, our educators are creating meaningful opportunities every day.

As we prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 23rd and 24th and head into Thanksgiving Recess, I want to thank our parents, guardians, faculty, support staff, and Board of Education for your unwavering partnership. I wish you and your loved ones a safe, restful, and joyful Thanksgiving holiday.

With Bear Pride,

Dr. James Konrad
Superintendent of Schools
Pleasant Valley School District

Pleasant Valley Elementary School (PVE)

Although November is a shorter month for school days, PVE has been packed with learning, literacy, and community spirit:

- **Honoring Our Heroes:** On November 11th, PVE welcomed local veterans from all military branches for breakfast, a parade, and a ceremony featuring a Wall of Honor showcasing family members who have served.
- **Celebrating Literacy:** Students visited the Dewey Bus from November 9th–13th to select free books to keep, and PVE kicked off its Book Blast on November 3rd to build home libraries and fund new school materials. At the November 19th assembly, two students per class earned gold coins for the book vending machine for extra effort in ELA.
- **Positive Behavior & Giving Back:** Students cashed in earned "Bear Paws" for Reward Parties on November 16th and 17th (featuring LEGOs, movies, nature walks, and VIP stage lunches), thanks to our PTO. PVE also collected donations from November 2nd–18th for Thanksgiving family baskets and is gearing up for the annual Toys for Tots drive.
- **Academic Support:** After-school tutoring in ELA and Math launched on November 10th.

OCTOBER STANDOUTS

Recognition	Honorees
October Students of the Month	Lincoln Meixsell (K), Clara Heckman (1st), and Tricia Angley (2nd)
October Staff of the Month	Maegan Kemmerer (Professional) and Samantha Jensen (Support)

UPCOMING PVE DATES

Date	Event / Schedule
Nov. 23 – Nov. 30	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 1	Act 80 Day (No school for students)
Dec. 2 – Dec. 11	Kindergarten Winter Bird Feeder Presentations
Dec. 11	Toys for Tots Parade
Dec. 14 – Dec. 18	PTO Holiday Shop
Dec. 14, 15, & 18	Kindergarten Crafts and Carols

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School (PVI)

PVI is celebrating strong attendance, character development, and hands-on learning:

- **Attendance Champions:** Grade 4 led the school in October with a 95.35% attendance rate. Top classroom trophy winners were Mrs. Statts (1st), Mrs. Cirba (2nd), and Mrs. Hicks (3rd).
- **Veterans Day & Thanksgiving:** On November 11th, students dressed in red, white, and blue hosted veterans for live music, a skit, a human flag display, and "Lunch for the Brave." On November 18th, PVI administrators and office staff served Thanksgiving lunch to students.
- **STEM & Character Building:** Third-grade classes took hands-on STEM field trips to the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown, while Sensei Anthony led interactive anti-bullying assemblies on November 10th and 16th.
- **PTO Highlights:** Congratulations to our pumpkin decorating champions—Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Lukashewski (3rd), Mrs. Ammerman & Mrs. Wojtkowski (4th), and Mrs. Cirba & Mrs. Cunningham (5th). The PTO will host a Staff Luncheon on November 24th and a Community Dinner on November 25th.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Group	Students Recognized
October Honorees (Celebrated Oct. 29)	Dahlia Kosciuczyk (3rd), Mason Kozero (4th), and Linkin Edison Vazquez (5th)
November Nominees (Breakfast Dec. 4)	**Grade 3:** Brynley Keegan, Aubrey Longenbach, Kelvin Lopez Lucas, Madden Marencik, Avery Skorochod, Braelynn Jones, Savannah Carpenter **Grade 4:** Tenley Eilber, Claire Fetterhoff, Memphis Klingel, Alisa Ljaljic, Dennis Torres **Grade 5:** Savana Harding, Victoria Hess, Alexandra Johnson, Ella Moucha, Morgan Walicki

Pleasant Valley Middle School (PVMS)

From theatrical debuts to community service, PVMS students had an unforgettable month:

- **Veterans Day & Community Service:** PVMS and the PTO hosted a moving Veterans Day luncheon and assembly featuring the MS Band and Choir, with students wearing red (6th), white (7th), and blue (8th). SGA sold bracelets to benefit Valor House and ran a Thanksgiving Food Drive for PVEN through November 20th. The annual Giving Tree starts November 20th—unwrapped gifts with ornaments are due to Guidance by December 14th.
- **Arts, Dances & Fundraisers:** The PVMS Drama Club wowed audiences on November 13th and 14th with their original play, "Clue-Less Case: The Tale of the Missing Assistant Principal." Seventh and eighth graders enjoyed the PTO's Autumn After Dark dance on November 6th, and the David's Cookie fundraiser raised $10,600 to bring back field trips.
- **Culinary Magic & RISE Rewards:** On November 18th, the Life Skills class baked treats and roasted six turkeys to serve a full Thanksgiving feast to over 100 staff members. On November 19th, students cashed in RISE Bucks to pie teachers and play kickball against staff dressed in inflatable turkey costumes. Congratulations also to PVBN Scavenger Hunt winners Sophia B. (6th), Riley C. (7th), and Drew H. (8th).
- **Academics & Reading:** Marking Period 1 ended November 4th, and After-School Tutoring (Tuesdays/Thursdays, 2:30–4:30 p.m.; Google Classroom code k3nx6kjp) began November 10th. Students can also join Mrs. Palmieri's new "Book Talk" series or log 10 reading hours by January 4th, 2027, for free Kalahari water park passes.
- **Special Shout-Out:** Thank you to School Psychologist Ms. Muto during School Psychologist Week (Nov. 9–13)!

UPCOMING PVMS DATES

Date	Event / Schedule
Nov. 20	Early Dismissal (10:40 a.m.)
Nov. 23 – Nov. 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; sign-ups close 24 hours prior)
Nov. 25 – Dec. 1	Thanksgiving Recess (Classes resume Dec. 2)
Dec. 10	PTO Meeting (4:00 p.m., Main Office Conference Room)

Pleasant Valley High School (PVHS)

PVHS students excelled in the arts, athletics, academics, and service:

- **Marching Band & Debate Triumphs:** The PVHS Marching Band won 1st place at Perkiomen Valley with a historic score of 82.1 (Oct. 24) and took 2nd place overall at Souderton (Oct. 31), winning Best Music, Best Visual, and Best Director for Mr. DeVivo. Meanwhile, the Debate Team clinched a tiebreaker victory to finish 9-7 and advance to playoffs at Nazareth on December 1st.
- **Hands-On Medical Science:** On November 4th, St. Luke's physicians Dr. Hercules and Dr. Tenpenny led AP Biology and Honors Anatomy students through a real human leg cadaver dissection, allowing students in surgical attire to practice diagnostic ultrasounds and surgical incisions.
- **Honoring Veterans & Giving Back:** PVHS displayed military branch flags outside the main entrance and ran a building-wide slideshow honoring military family members. The Leo Club's November 10th Powder Puff game raised funds and toys for Toys for Tots, and the annual Volleyball Tournament (Nov. 18–20) benefits the Courtyard Garden.
- **Campus Life & Recognition:** Lockers returned on October 30th alongside themed Halloween staff costumes and Cupcake Wars in baking classes. After-school tutoring began November 10th (Tuesdays/Thursdays), and students can redeem ROAR awards at lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Special thanks to our Life Skills students for managing daily loaner Chromebooks!
- **On Stage:** Catch the PVHS Drama Club's comedic whodunit, "This Murder Was Staged," on November 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

OCTOBER STANDOUTS

Recognition	Honorees
October Students of the Month	Ella Rufo (9th), Peyton McGuire (10th), Anur Ljaljic (11th), and Alexander Sandt (12th)
October Staff of the Month	Carley Hartzell (Professional) and Chauna Hamilton (Support)

Pleasant Valley Bears Academy (PVBA)

As Quarter 1 concludes, PVBA continues to foster connection and student success:

- **7th & 8th Grade Pilot Success:** Students and staff report a positive experience with the PVBA pilot program, where instruction from PVSD teachers helps cyber learners build strong relationships and thrive.
- **Student Support & Engagement:** PVBA remains committed to the Act 47 "Eyes on Students" initiative, utilizes the PVBA Flex Space for presentations and guest speakers, and encourages families to support the PVMS and PVHS fall plays.
- **Stay Connected:** Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held November 23rd and 24th. Families can stay up to date every Friday by 3:00 p.m. via The Weekly Growl.