November School Building Reports

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

1. Although November is a short month as far as school days are concerned, here at PVE we are jam packed with events and activities!
2. The October Students of the Month were: Lincoln Meixsell for Kindergarten, Clara Heckman for 1st grade, and Tricia Angley for 2nd grade. Their kindness to classmates, great attitude and respect to peers and teachers, and love of learning are things to truly be proud of. Great job bear cubs!
3. The October Support Staff Employee of the month was Samantha Jensen. The October Professional Staff Employee of the month was Maegan Kemmerer. They are both incredibly deserving of the recognition as we appreciate them for going above and beyond.
4. We had our fire drill on November 2nd. It was an absolutely beautiful day and our students were on their best behavior.
5. PVE's November Dewey Bus Visits were November 9th through November 13th. Students were each able to choose a book to keep from the Dewey bus. They have been loving this new activity and are so excited to read their books as soon as they choose them!
6. Reward Parties were held on November 16th and November 17th! As part of our School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) initiative, students have been earning "Bear Paws" for demonstrating good behavior. Cash-ins are now underway, and students are thrilled about their upcoming reward parties—which feature LEGO building, movies, crafts and board games, and even a trip along the Nature Walk! Lunch on the stage at the "VIP table" is another popular cash-in option that students are signing up for to show all of their friends that hard work and good behavior pay off. Thank you to our PTO for dedicating their time to help make these parties possible.
7. From November 2nd through November 18th, PVE has been collecting food donations for our yearly food drive! Our Food Drive is to benefit our PVE families in need. All of the food is used to make baskets for those families for Thanksgiving.
8. PVE kicked off our Book Blast on November 3rd with the goal to help fill students' home libraries with great books. Also, 100% of all contributions go toward new books and supplies for our school! Our school did so well fundraising last year and we are hoping to do just as well if not even better this year.
9. On November 10th, PVE's after school tutoring program began. We are so happy to be able to provide academic support to our students who need assistance in ELA or Math.
10. Our Veteran's Day Celebration was on November 11th and was an absolute success. We were honored to invite the Veterans from our community to join us for Breakfast followed by a parade and ceremony. Our students get to meet the brave men and women from all branches of the military as well as see our wall of honor featuring photos of their family members who have served/are serving in the armed forces. We are the land of the free because of the brave so we feel privileged to do this for them.
11. On November 19th, we held our Student of the Month assemblies. We celebrated our bear cubs who go above and beyond, are kind to classmates and teachers, show leadership qualities, and are well rounded students. We also gave a gold coin to 2 students from each class who showed extra effort in ELA to use in our book vending machine to get a free book of their choice. We love to read at PVE!
12. PVE is getting ready to start collecting for Toys for Tots! We look forward to another year of collecting as many toys for the kids in our community as possible. The generosity of our PVE community is truly heartwarming.

13. Thanksgiving recess is from November 23rd through November 30th. This year at PVE we are thankful for our students, their families, our colleagues, our board members, and most of all, our community. We love our Pleasant Valley Community and are beyond thankful to serve it. We hope everyone has a restful Thanksgiving recess and are able to enjoy time with their families and friends.
14. There is no school for students on December 1st as it is an Act 80 day. We look forward to another productive day!
15. Upcoming Events:
    - December 1st - Act 80 Day - No school for students
    - December 2nd - December 11th - Kindergarten Winter Bird Feeder Presentations
    - December 11th - Toys for Tots Parade
    - December 14th - December 18th PTO Holiday Shop
    - December 14th, December 15th and December 18th - Kindergarten Crafts and Carols

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

1. Student attendance is a central focus at PVI! Right from the start of the school year, we have closely monitored attendance data, set high expectations, and celebrated student success. Every week during morning announcements, we spotlight each grade's attendance figures from the previous week, and we are excited to showcase these outcomes!
2. Leading the entire school for October, Grade 4 secured first place with an impressive 95.35% attendance rate—let's applaud their fantastic effort!
3. A huge round of applause goes out to our Top 3 classroom attendance champions for October! Recognized during morning announcements for crushing their attendance targets, these classes won ultimate bragging rights along with the privilege of displaying the coveted monthly attendance trophy in their classroom. Congratulations to: 1st Place: Mrs. Statts | 2nd Place: Mrs. Cirba | 3rd Place: Mrs. Hicks.
4. The Bear Den at PVI operates weekly as a core component of our PBIS program! Weekly student access runs Tuesday through Thursday, giving students the opportunity to redeem earned Bear Bucks for exciting incentives that reward positive choices and boost school engagement. This program directly supports our ongoing goal of cultivating an encouraging, positive environment across our school community.
5. We are delighted to recognize our outstanding November Students of the Month! Chosen by their teachers for exemplary character, leadership, kindness, and scholastic achievement, these impressive students truly stand out. Help us celebrate this month's honorees: 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
6. During our grade-level assemblies on November 13th, November 17th, and November 18th, building administrators awarded Student of the Month certificates to one team representative from each grade. Warmest congratulations to all of our nominees on their impressive achievements!
7. A Student of the Month is selected from each grade level. The selected students and two adult family members are invited to join PVI administrators and team teachers at PVI for a celebratory breakfast. The November Grade Level Students of the Month will be honored at this special breakfast event on December 4th.
8. Catch up on all the latest updates with PVI's monthly newsletter! Access it via our website, ClassDojo, or here!

9. The PTO School Store opened on October 16th during student lunch periods and will return on November 13th. Additionally, the PTO sponsored a school-wide pumpkin decorating competition for students, featuring the following contest winners: 3rd Grade Champions: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Lukashewski (Tie); 4th Grade Champions: Mrs. Ammerman and Mrs. Wojtkowski (Tie); 5th Grade Champions: Mrs. Cirba and Mrs. Cunningham (Tie). Upcoming events for November include a Staff Luncheon on November 24th during Parent-Teacher Conferences and a Community Dinner on November 25th. Staff Appreciation efforts will continue; the PTO provides PVI staff with the popular "Heart Cart" each month. The next PTO meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 11th at 4:00 p.m. at PVI. Parents, guardians, and staff members are invited to participate, engage in discussions, and strengthen our school community.
10. Throughout November, our 3rd grade teams participated in enriching, hands-on field trips to the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown. Aligned with district science and STEM standards, this experiential learning opportunity allowed students to engage with interactive exhibits, explore foundational principles of physics and earth sciences, and collaborate through inquiry-based problem-solving. In addition to deepening classroom concepts, our students demonstrated exemplary behavior and proudly represented Pleasant Valley Intermediate School within the broader community.
11. Led by Sensei Anthony and his dedicated team, an impactful anti-bullying assembly took place on November 10th, with a second assembly scheduled for November 16th. Bringing expertise in martial arts and character building, Sensei Anthony focused the presentations on empathy, respect, and active bystander intervention. Interactive demonstrations, real-world scenarios, and open dialogue actively involved students to help them recognize bullying dynamics and take an active role in prevention. These engaging sessions aim to equip students with essential tools and knowledge to stop bullying in all forms, nurturing a safer, more supportive, and inclusive school culture.
12. PVI hosted "Wear Your Favorite Costume Day" on Friday, October 30th. Students and staff participated by dressing up as a wide range of characters, and the office team got into the spirit with a themed group costume as characters from "Toy Story."
13. A celebratory breakfast was held on October 29th for the parents of our October Students of the Month! We proudly recognized Dahlia Kosciuczyk (3rd Grade), Mason Kozero (4th Grade), and Linkin Edison Vazquez (5th Grade) alongside their nominating teachers who joined in honoring their wonderful achievements. We are so PVI proud!
14. On Wednesday, November 11th, PVI honored our nation’s heroes with a school-wide Veterans Day tribute. Students in red, white, and blue welcomed service members and veterans with handmade cards, a student video, live music, and a Wall of Honor display. An assembly featured musical performances, a skit, flag history, and student interviews, followed by a human flag in the bleachers. The celebration ended with students sharing a memorable Lunch for the Brave with their visiting veterans.
15. On Wednesday, November 18th, the PVI administration and office staff will serve Thanksgiving lunch to the students!
16. PVSD has set Parent-Teacher conferences for all grade levels on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. These sessions provide a vital opportunity for parents and guardians to connect with teachers to review student achievement, pinpoint strengths, and address areas for growth. To accommodate diverse family schedules, appointments are available across daytime and evening hours on both dates. Active family involvement is key to supporting student achievement, and we strongly encourage all parents to attend these meaningful sessions.

17. On behalf of the PVI administration, warm wishes for a safe and joyful Thanksgiving holiday are extended to all Pleasant Valley students, faculty, staff, school directors, administrators, and community members.

Pleasant Valley Middle School

1. Our third monthly fire drill was successfully conducted on November 2nd at the conclusion of the 3rd period, proceeding smoothly and without incident.
2. Marking Period 1 successfully ended on November 4th! Students have done a wonderful job adjusting to the new school year. To review your child's academic progress, please log in to PowerSchool. For those seeking extra support, After School Tutoring (AST) is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting November 10th.
3. After School Tutoring (AST) Parent Guide and Reminders
   - Google Classroom: Join our Google Classroom using code k3nx6kjp.
   - Schedule and Time: Tutoring runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students must stay for the entire session. A snack is provided.
   - Sign-Up Process:
     Fill out the sign-up form for each session your child plans to attend.
     The form closes at 12:30 PM the day before tutoring (or once it reaches 45 students).
     On tutoring days, students should report directly to the cafeteria immediately after dismissal.
   - Activity Bus and Permission Notes:
     If your child is taking the activity bus, please fill out the form in Google Classroom. This request only needs to be filled out once.
   - Bus Routes:
     Bus 1: Stops at Polk Elementary and Mt. Effort Plaza.
     Bus 2: Stops at Chestnuthill Park, St. Peter Church, and West End Food Pantry.
4. Friday the 13th is our annual PTO-sponsored Stall Day fundraiser! Here's how it works: check your couch, car, and piggy banks, and bring in as much loose change as you can find. Once class starts, teachers must completely stall teaching until every last coin is counted. Good Luck!! For students, please remember: coins only and absolutely no tape or multilayered wrapped packages! All funds raised will go directly toward purchasing gifts for families in need within the PV community this holiday season, as well as supporting other upcoming PTO-sponsored events
5. On November 11th Pleasant Valley Middle School had conducted a very successful Veteran's Day Assembly which was planned with the PTO. The assembly was a heartwarming and memorable event for the Middle School. Our honorees and their families enjoyed a dedicated luncheon before the assembly. Students showed their Patriotic spirit by wearing colors according to their grade: Red (6th Grade); White (7th Grade); and Blue (8th Grade). The MS Band played music and the MS Choir sang for the event. Many of the Veterans shared their own personal stories with our students and staff which were very moving and inspiring.
6. To show our support our Student Government (SGA) sold bracelets for $1.00 during lunches with all proceeds will benefit the Valor House. Thank you Veterans!
7. The PVMS SGA is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive from November 6th to November 20th, with all donations going to benefit PVEN! We are collecting essential holiday items, including canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, canned gravy, boxed mashed potatoes, boxes of stuffing, biscuit mix, rice, and macaroni and cheese—please remember, no glass containers! The homeroom that collects the most donations

will win a Pretzel Party, so check your pantries and bring in your items to help families in our community this Thanksgiving!

8. What an unforgettable night! On Friday, November 6th, our 7th and 8th graders danced the night away at the Autumn After Dark dance! A massive shout out and heartfelt thank-you to our incredible PTO for putting together such a spectacular event—the decorations, energy, and setup were top-notch! Students had an absolute blast creating fun memories with friends. Thank you to everyone who helped make this high-energy night a huge success for our middle schoolers!
9. The David's cookie fundraiser concluded on November 6th and successfully raised $10,600 to help the PTO bring back field trips! A huge thank you to everyone who bought and sold boxes to help make this goal a reality!
10. Happy School Psychologist Week (11/9-11/13) to our amazing school psychologist, Ms. Muto! We are so grateful for the wonderful connections you foster with our students and staff every day. Thank you for your tireless dedication and for all that you do to support our school community!
11. Congrats to the PVBN Scavenger Hunt winners for this week! 6th Grade-Sophia B, 7th Grade-Riley C, and 8th Grade-Drew H. They were given 25 Rise Bucks from Mr. Rodriguez!
12. Detectives, drama, and pure dedication! Over the summer, our brilliantly creative PVMS Drama Club cooked up their very own original play: "Clue-Less Case: The Tale of the Missing Assistant Principal"! Our talented student stars poured their hearts, souls, and endless energy into bringing this hilarious mystery to life. They completely wowed audiences during three fantastic showtimes on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th! A massive round of applause and huge congratulations to the incredible PVMS Drama Club for a spectacular production!
13. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at PVM on November 23rd and November 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please note that evening hours are available depending on teacher availability.
    To give our teachers sufficient time to prepare, conference sign-ups close 24-hours before your scheduled date; therefore, the deadline to register for a Monday, November 23rd conference is Friday, November 20th, while registration for a Tuesday, November 24th conference closes on Monday, November 23rd at 2:30 p.m. The link to sign up is available in the weekly messenger sent on November 1st.
14. PVMS is thrilled to partner with Kalahari for the exciting Riptide Readers Challenge! Students can dive into a great book and earn free water park passes simply by logging at least 10 hours of reading. Grab a reading log from Ms. Scott in the Middle School Library to jump-start the fun today. Be sure to turn in completed reading logs by January 4th, 2027!
15. The PVMS Library and Mrs. Palmieri's Lit Lab classes are excited to introduce a new "Book Talk" series! Members gather to share insights and discuss their favorite recent reads.
16. Our incredible Life Skills class brought the culinary magic once again, and it was nothing short of phenomenal! On November 18th, they spent all day baking up a storm—filling the halls with mouthwatering aromas of freshly baked apple cake, cupcakes, muffins, and cookies. To top off their spectacular feast, they prepared a grand Thanksgiving dinner before break, roasting 6 delicious turkeys and serving up all the classic fixings, from creamy mashed potatoes and mac and cheese to cornbread pudding. They proudly served over 100 grateful staff members!
17. Team Reward Day is being held on November 19th. To celebrate our stellar students who consistently rocked positive behavior, we wrapped up the day with a special one-hour RISE Rewards schedule packed with high-energy fun. The energy was sky-high

as overjoyed students cashed in their hard-earned RISE bucks for a lineup of unforgettable activities! Highlights included the messy, hilarious chance to pie a teacher right in the face and an epic student vs. teacher kickball showdown. To top it all off, participating teachers wobbled onto the field wearing legendary inflatable turkey costumes, making it a wildly hilarious day our middle schoolers will not soon forget!

18. Spread the holiday joy! Our annual Giving Tree for Families in Need is back, and we would love for our staff to get involved! Starting November 20th, stop by to pick up an ornament (or a set with matching numbers on the back if you would like to sponsor an entire family). Please return all gifts unwrapped with the ornament attached to the Guidance Office by December 14th. Thank you for helping make the season brighter for our local families!
19. PTO Information:
    The next PTO meeting will be:
    Date: Thursday, December 10th
    Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
    Location: Middle School Main Office Conference Room
20. What's Happening Next:

- November 20th - Early Dismissal 10:40 a.m.
- November 23rd and November 24th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 25th through December 1st - School Closed - Thanksgiving Recess
- December 2nd - Classes Resume

Pleasant Valley High School

1. The PSAT was administered on Monday, October 26. The exam was free for all 11th-grade students and was also offered to 10th graders.
2. Huge congratulations to our Pleasant Valley Marching Band on a massive first-place victory at the Perkiomen Valley competition on October 24! Our talented students took the top spot with an incredible score of 82.1—one of the highest mid-October scores in PV history.
3. Lockers are back! After a hiatus due to construction, students were once again given a locker assignment. These were assigned on Friday Oct 30.
4. Halloween fun happened this year on Oct 30 when students and staff dressed up in costumes. Each department had a theme and it was fun seeing the staff dress up in such creative costumes!
5. The October students of the month are Ella Rufo, grade 9; Peyton McGuire, grade 10; Anur Ljaljic, grade 11; Alexander Sandt, grade 12.
6. The October staff of the month is Carley Hartzell and the support staff of the month is Chauna Hamilton.
7. The technology department wants to give a shout out to our very helpful Life Skills students for helping to administer loaner Chromebook each morning: Greyson Harkcom, Katie Leap, Elaina Jacobs, Tanner Wright, Malorie Gnassi, Cassius Negron, Kodey Lange, Isaiah Jean, Matt Miller, and Emitt Heyer.
8. We held our November fire drill on November 2nd. It was very successful, as students did a wonderful job.
9. Our baking classes have wrapped up their annual Cupcake Wars! Students collaborated in teams to design incredible themed displays. Our staff voted for their favorite.
10. Our marching band had an outstanding weekend at Souderton High School on October 31st, putting on their strongest performance of the entire season! We are excited to share that the band secured 2nd place overall, along with specialty awards for Best

Music and Best Visual. To top off a fantastic showing, Mr. DeVivo was once again named Best Director!

11. On November 4th, St. Luke's held a Cadaver Dissection for our AP Biology and Honors Anatomy classes, where they demonstrated various knee, leg and ankle surgeries using a real human leg. The program started with Dr. Hercules demonstrating diagnostic techniques, including ultrasound, for common leg injuries and then students worked with Dr. Tenpenny to view the tissues, muscles and bones of the leg as they assisted him with performing various surgeries while wearing surgical attire. Students were excited to perform surgery, where they made incisions, used retractors, saw the insides of the leg and learned if they have the mental toughness to work in the medical field. They were also excited to learn about the various professions that they could pursue in the related medical fields.
12. Some wonderful news: Our Debate Team won their final regular season match via a tiebreaker. The match score was 2-2 and the total points were 88.5-84. The team finished the season with a record of 9-7. The team will attend playoffs at Nazareth on December 1st.
13. The Leo Club sponsored the annual Powder Puff game on November 10th. The cost of participation was $10 or a new toy. All proceeds went to Toys for Tots.
14. In honor of Veterans Day, PVHS recognized and celebrated our colleagues and their family members who have served in the United States military, and were included in our school wide slideshow which ran throughout the building monitors the whole week of Veteran's Day.
15. Veteran's Day flags representing all of the military branches were placed outside the main entrance honoring all those who served.
16. After school tutoring began on November 10th, and runs every Tuesday and Thursday.
17. Students may begin redeeming their ROAR awards in the cafeteria on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during lunch. The students are very excited for the whole program and enjoy getting recognized for their positive behavior.
18. Upcoming events:
    - November 18th through November 20th - Annual Volleyball Tournament to benefit the high school's Courtyard Garden.
    - November 20th, November 21st and November 22nd - PVHS Drama Club presents *This Murder was Staged, a comedic evening* of "Who done it?"

Pleasant Valley Bears Academy

1. As the 1st Quarter period comes to an end, feedback from both students and staff on the PVBA pilot program for our 7th- and 8th-grade students has been nothing short of a good experience. Featuring instruction from our own PVSD teachers, this initiative has shown to play a crucial role in building strong relationships and providing a supportive, reassuring learning atmosphere that helps students thrive while adapting to a cyber-school environment.
2. PVBA educators, students, and families are continuing to be fully committed to the Act 47 "Eyes on Students" initiative.
3. Our PVBA families have been encouraged to come out this month to support the upcoming plays at both PVMS and PVHS this month.
4. PVBA staff are fully prepared to host parent-teacher conferences on November 23rd and 24th, offering a dedicated opportunity to discuss student academic progress, set personalized growth goals, and strengthen home-school collaboration before heading into a restful Thanksgiving Break.

5. The PVBA Flex Space within PVBA remains a central hub for professional development, team meetings, classroom presentations, and appearances by guest speakers.
6. PVBA families continue to receive the Weekly Growl every Friday by 3:00 p.m., so they stay informed about all school-related activities and updates.