



PARP 2012 – March Into Reading



January 19, 2012

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Attached you will find the information for another exciting four week Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program. This program is not about reading abilities or competition, it is about creating a positive reading environment, encouraging reading and developing a true love for reading! Over the next four weeks we would you like to encourage, invite, and remind you of several varieties of reading styles and genres, please try some of the suggestions below:

* Read **TO** your child(ren)

It's important for children to hear fluent reading (even older children who can read independently). Reading to your child encourages children to learn concepts about print, which will assist them in becoming good readers. Talk about the books (What do you think will happen next?), this will assist with comprehension and stress the importance of reading.

* Read **WHAT** your child is reading

This will allow parents to have informal conversations about the books they are reading. Parents can also then help with comprehension and understanding of the book's message.

* Read **WHILE** your child is reading

Teaching by example should not be underestimated. Children learn so much by watching us. By observing, they view reading as an important part of our daily lives (i.e. reading a newspaper, magazine, cookbook, instruction manuals, etc.).

* Have your child read **TO YOU**

Parents have the opportunity to hear how their child reads. If your child is uncomfortable and feels they are not "good readers", this also gives you the opportunity to encourage and promote them. Help them pick a book to ensure their success. If your child insists on reading a book that may be too long or difficult, "share" the book by taking turns reading each page.

* Read a book which has been made into a movie

Read a chapter a night; discuss what's happening in the book. When the book is complete, celebrate by watching the movie. Compare the differences between the book and movie. Did you like the book or movie better and why?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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PVES: Andrea Raetzer at andrea@raetzer.com

Elaine McGinty at ehmcginty@hotmail.com

March Into Reading With Us!
The P.A.R.P. Committee



P.A.R.P. ***(Parents as Reading Partners)***

PRESENTS

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE STORYBOOK CHARACTER FRIDAY



On Friday, January 27th, all students, teachers and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favorite storybook character in celebration of Putnam Valley Elementary School's love of reading.





P.A.R.P.
(Parents as Reading Partners)

PRESENTS

WEAR YOUR **RED, **WHITE** AND
BLUE TO SCHOOL**



ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT
AND CHILL OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK!**





P.A.R.P.
(Parents as Reading Partners)

P R E S E N T S

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

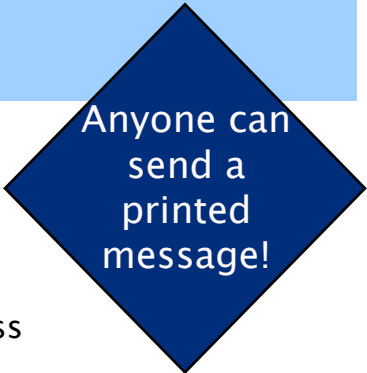
***on Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at
the Performing Arts Center in Putnam
Valley High School***



PVES YEARBOOK Boosters



Yearbook Boosters are a great way to send special messages to your students, teachers and friends...place a message in our yearbook and surprise your favorite PVES student or teacher!



Also a great opportunity to advertise a business! Business ads require a business card or a camera-ready ad copy.

Fill out form below and send to school with payment. Email booster to: PVESYearbook75@aol.com

Please note you will receive an email confirmation once your order is processed. If you do not receive a confirmation email within a week please contact us.

Name of purchaser _____

Teacher _____

Student _____

Grade _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

| Booster | Number | Price | Total |
|--------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Booster Box | | \$12.00 | |
| Business Card Size | | \$25.00 | |
| 1/4 Page | | \$40.00 | |
| 1/2 Page | | \$65.00 | |
| Total | | | |



RE-SCHEDULED



MOVING UP COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, January 31, 2012 7:00 PM

January 31, 2012

Dear Families,

The Fourth Grade Moving Up Committee will have our first meeting on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00pm in the library of the Elementary School.

Fourth Grade and Third Grade parents are needed in many capacities to make this ceremony a success. Here we will gather and plan this event for our graduating fourth graders. Third grade parents, please don't miss this meeting - not only will this prepare you for your child's moving-up ceremony next year, but it will be especially helpful so that current fourth grade parents will be able to enjoy the ceremony on this year's Moving Up Day.

Please call or email us if you have any questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to volunteer, let us know.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 31. Please bring a friend - all are welcome!

Thank you for your participation.

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The Valley Wire



Putnam Valley PTA Newsletter

President's Corner...

PARP- A Fun Way To Encourage Parents and Children To Read Together

In the coming weeks the parents of Putnam Valley Elementary and Middle School will hear all about the PARP activities being announced in school. The PTA wants to make these programs fun and easy to understand. I would like to take a few minutes to explain what PARP is and how it benefits your children.

PARP (Parents As Reading Partners), was developed by the late State Senator James Donovan, Chairman of the State Senate Education Committee in 1978. The New York State PTA was asked to assume the program in 1987. PARP is a voluntary effort between the School Staff, Administrators, and PTA to encourage parents and students to read together.

PARP asks that parents read with their children 15 minutes every day, and your choice of reading materials can vary from books to magazines to the back of a cereal box. The School and PTA takes these efforts one step further and incorporates fun activities in and out of school in hopes of encouraging parent participation.

Please keep a look out for our informational packet on the PARP activities beginning Jan 23 and ending Feb 17. Fun drawings, prizes and a popcorn filled movie night at the PAC will be a few of the exciting events to look forward to.

As always please feel free to contact the PTA if you have any questions or concerns.

Andrea Ruetzer
Putnam Valley ES and MS PTA President



PTA Calendar

January 2012

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| Holiday Recess: | 1/2 |
| MLK Day: (School Closed) | 1/16 |
| PTA 2nd Grade Event: ES Cafe, 6:30 p.m. | 1/20 |
| PTA Meeting: MS Cafe, 7:30 p.m. | 1/25 |

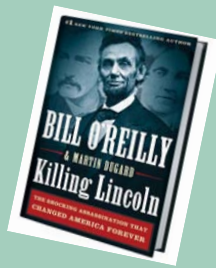
February 2012

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| PTA Parent Book Club: HS Library, 7:00 p.m. | 2/3 |
| Winter Recess: | 2/20-24 |
| PTA Meeting: MS Cafe, 7:30 p.m. | 2/28 |



Book Club

The PTA PV Reads invites you to our Parent Book Club on Friday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the HS library. Reading choice: Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. Questions? Contact Dana Lopez at DRose97@aol.com.



Reading choices for the remainder of the school year are:
The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht (March 9)
The Alchemist: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott (April 13)
The Descendants by Kuai Hemmings (May 4)
TBD (June 1)



PVFT Cleans Up

On October 21st, members of the PVFT including President Gerry Carlin, Vice President Ryan Odell, Secretary Mick Coleman and Treasurer Joanne Brynes cleaned Peekskill Hollow Road in front of the High School/Middle School campus.



Thank you to the 2nd graders and their families, the PV staff, and the BOE members who came to the 2nd Grade Pancakes and Pajamas night on January 20!

Arts in Ed

Happy 2012 from the Arts In Education team! Both the Elementary School and Middle School have busy schedules planned. In January, there will be a Songwriting Program for the 8th grade Chorus students. Also, James Howe, the author of *The Misfits*, will be coming in for the 7th graders on January 25th. Then on February 14th, *The Magic Of Chemistry* will be presented to the 5th graders (rescheduled due to that crazy October storm). On March 12th, the 6th graders will learn about the heroes, gods, and monsters of Greek mythology at their Chariot Of The Sun assembly. At the Elementary School, author visits are being planned for students in Grades 1-4. Plus, 3rd graders will see a March 14th performance of *History Alive-American Tall Tales* by Patrick Garner of Theatreworks, USA, and 4th graders will have the opportunity write their own Moving-Up Song with musicians Sarah Knapp and Steve Alper on March 19th. And last but not least, the AIE-sponsored musical, *Schoolhouse Rock*, will be performed on the evenings of March 16th and 17th. Break a leg, 3rd and 4th Graders! More to come in the spring...If you'd like more information about our committee and/or our programs, please email MelodieWolford: theatrimel@cs.com or SuzanneDropkin: Dropkin@yahoo.com. We're always looking for fresh ideas and new members!





Reminders



Aloha Fun Fair

Friday, May 18, 2012

First committee meeting will be held soon and we would love to see you there! For more info on how to volunteer, contact Melissa Perelson at muffydorsey@yahoo.com.

MS Yearbook

Booster Ad Deadline is **January 30, 2012.**

Questions should be directed to Miss Cavalli at SCavalli@pvcasd.org.

Got News?

We would love to hear from you! If you have anything newsworthy that you would like to see in an upcoming PTA Newsletter, please share it with us via email at: carolynderubeis@hotmail.com or maggieschiffer@optonline.net.

Keep up to date with all of the PTA happenings!



Let It SNOW

Staff Spotlight Michael Koenig



I'm Michael Koenig and I am the Supervisor of Transportation for the Putnam Valley Central School District. This is my 16th year with the District and 9th year as Supervisor. I was born in Queens, NY and moved to Putnam Valley when I was 4 years old. I attended Putnam Valley schools K-9 and then I attended Lakeland High School (there was no Putnam Valley High School) graduating in 1989. When I'm not working, I volunteer with the Putnam Valley Fire Department serving as Deputy Chief. In 2005 and 2006 I also worked as a dive master teaching scuba diving. This November I married my wonderful wife Kristine who I'm looking forward to starting a family with. Growing up if you would have asked me what I wanted to do for a career, this would have been farthest from it. But now I come to work and I cannot be any happier. I am working with the greatest group of people. Every time things get a little tough in the office, I'll drive an elementary bus run. When I'm done, I will remember why I love my job!

Scholastic Success

The ES and MS Book Fairs which took place on November 14-18, and November 28-December 2 respectively were a huge success! Thank you to all our parent volunteers, especially Stephanie Carravone and Denise Matthews who coordinated this popular event. Great work, ladies!!



PV Holiday Reads

The PV Holiday Reads committee would like to thank the following people for making the event on December 10 such a huge success:

- The Volpe and Stockinger Family who donated the Santa and Mrs. Claus costumes.
- Dale and Chrissy Phillips for being our Santa and Mrs. this year.
- Ms. Kraus and the many MS band students for providing the music.
- Mrs. McCormack and the many ES students for turning the cafeteria into a winter wonderland.
- To all the parent volunteers.
- To all the teacher, BOE, and administrator volunteers who read, face painted and made necklaces with the students.

And congrats to Tyler Fisher who guessed the amount of candies in the jar. Tyler won his own candy jar and a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble!

PVFT Bowl

The Putnam Valley Federation of Teachers held its annual Bowling Outing event at Jefferson Valley Lanes on Saturday, November 19th. This fundraising event will help provide scholarship grants to two high school graduating seniors at Putnam Valley High School. Teachers and staff from all three PV schools participated in this fundraiser by bowling or donating monetary gifts and prizes. Local businesses also provided prizes to be raffled off to increase funds. The event was a huge success thanks to those who participated in the bowling and donating.





What do you really know about Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, Chatroulette, Omegle & IM'ing? Do you know what's on your child's pages or their friends' pages? Do you know with whom they are communicating in chat rooms? Learn the truth, and the laws, about networking sites and how to protect your children from sexual predators, identity theft, cyber bullying, sexting and cyber threats.

**PUTNAM VALLEY
ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTA**



presents

Internet/Social Network Awareness Program

with

Thomas Grimes of NY Finest Speakers
as seen on "The Today Show"

Monday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center, PV High School

*Twenty year veteran law enforcement officer Thomas Grimes of NY Finest Speakers offers an energetic and dynamic program that educates parents about the safe use of the Internet by children. His presentation focuses on tough issues surrounding online social networks. He will cover topics including **predators, identity theft, cyber bullying and the repercussions of incriminating and embarrassing text messages, photos and videos appearing online.***

*The evening program, which is recommended for **parents and guardians only**, is free and open to the public, courtesy of PV PTA. Mr. Grimes is scheduled to speak with PV Middle School (6th-8th Grade) students during the day.*



Putnam Valley Little League



Walk in Registration 11 A.M -2:00 P.M.:

Saturday, January 28th @PV High School (Gym Hallway)

Saturday, February 4th @PV Elementary School (New Gym Hallway)

Saturday, February 11th @PV High School (Gym Hallway)

Online Registration <http://pvnylitleleague.org>

Registration Questions ?? Email Pvnylitleleague@gmail.com

Note:
Player's
age based
on April
30th, 2012

Leagues

Tee-Ball (Ages 4-5)

Coach Pitch (Ages 5-6)

AA Division-Bantams (Ages 7-8)

AAA Division- Minors (Ages 9-10)

Majors Division (Ages 11-12)

Seniors Division (Ages 13-15)



District 33 Little League

**We apply a
20% sibling
discount**

Softball

Minors Softball (Grades 1-3)

Majors Softball (Grades 4-6)