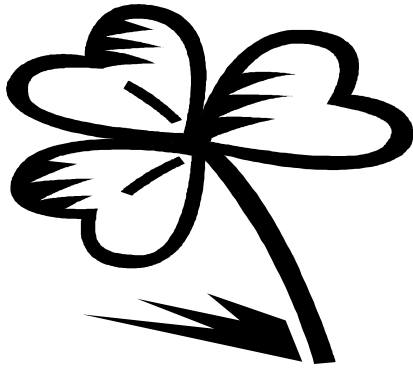




P.A.R.P.
Parents As Reading Partners



Monday, March 17th
Is St. Patrick's Day



P.A.R.P. - A-
PALOOZA
2008
"READING
ROCKS"

P.A.R.P.

Would like to invite everyone
to show their
school spirit by wearing
GREEN
to school on Monday.



Remember: The P.A.R.P. Bake Sale is Monday



The PVES Technology Tinies



By
Mrs. Rose
ES Computer Teacher

Special Edition!!!



Spotlight on.....*BrainPop*

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce that the Elementary School now has a subscription to the online resource, BrainPop, BrainPop Jr., and BrainPop en Espanol. If you are the parent of a middle schooler, you are already familiar with the program.

BrainPop is a resource that helps support our curriculum and instruction here in the Putnam Valley Schools. It can be used in school by teachers and students and at home by students and parents. This program consists of many movies, lessons, activities and games, etc. on subjects being taught from K to Gr. 12. In addition, BrainPOP movies are aligned to the standards of all 50 U.S. states, and were developed according to the national standards including:

National Science Education Standards (NSES)

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

To access BrainPop:

- Go to: www.brainpop.com
- Type in the username: **putnam**
- Type in the password: **valley**
- On this page, you will also find links to BrainPop Jr. and BrainPop en Espanol



Putnam Valley Elementary and Middle School PTA

Please join us for our March PTA Meeting



Wednesday, March 19, 2008 – 7:30 PM
****Middle School Cafeteria****

- 7:15 PM Hospitality
- 7:30 PM General Meeting - ES & MS Updates
- 8:00 PM Please join **Dr. Fine**, Middle School Assistant Principal, for a discussion on **Character Education**. Come find out about:
- Student choices related to success in and out of school.
 - The 5th grade program called "Get Set", which examines various character education components, positive behavior strategies, and mediation techniques.
 - Question and Answer period to follow.

This presentation is for parents of Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All are welcome!

Babysitting

If you need babysitting, please call: (845) 661-3267 with the number and ages of children by Monday, March 17th. Babysitting provided for school aged children only.



**P.A.R.P.-A-PALOOZA
2008
Reading Rocks!**

March 13, 2008

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

It's never too late to start reading... join PARP-A-PALOOZA's Reading Rocks...participation slips are located on the district website (www.pvcasd.org/elem).

To assist the children with a better understanding of Reading Rocks and our school spirit days, below are a few blurbs from the eras that might spark their interest in learning more. Hopefully it will bring back some great memories for you, or at least give you a good laugh remembering your "big hair days!"

50's - Back when Truman and Eisenhower were Presidents, if you were a kid in the 50's you might have been playing with Mr. Potato Head while you were listening to Elvis on the radio or on Vinyl. You were saying things like "Big Daddy " & "Like Can You Dig It!" Girls were wearing poodle skirts and saddle shoes while playing with a hula-hoop. Boys were sporting DA haircuts and playing Frisbee.

60's - "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU-ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY" is what John F. Kennedy said on Jan 20, 1961. If you lived in the early 60's, you may have had a bouffant hairdo. Later in the 60's, it was all about PEACE & LOVE AND FEELING GROOVY. Tie Dye clothes, afros and long hair were in. Rock n' Roll was still topping the charts with music from the Beach Boys, Jimmy Hendricks, and the British Invasion of the Beatles. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream that people would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

70's - If you grew up in the 70's, you may remember taking care of your pet rock, wearing a mood ring, or having shaggy hair with "wings." You were doing the YMCA dance with The Village People or The Hustle. We listened to Disco on 8 track tapes. Star Wars just came out in the movies and everyone was "GETTING DOWN." This may have been the grooviest decade yet. CAN YOU DIG IT?

80's - Don't worry, BE HAPPY we've reached the 80's. Ronald Reagan and our current President, George W. Bush's dad, George H. W. Bush, were the Presidents. Who didn't have a cassette tape of Bruce Springsteen, Michael Jackson or Madonna? Boys and girls were shaking their big hair to heavy metal or break dancin' on a cardboard box to Herbie Hancock or Grandmaster Flash. Girls were also caught chillin' at the video arcade sporting fingerless gloves. PSYCHE!!!

90's - WASSUUPP!!! Bill Clinton was President. Kids were playing with TOMAGATCHI's and Beanie Babies. There were many types of music to listen to: the grunge bands -Nirvana and Pearl Jam, and there was also Techno and Hip Hop. The Boy Bands era, CD'S, and reality TV gained popularity. You can also thank the 90's for the SUV.

We hope that you've enjoyed this recap of the eras. For additional reading resources, check out the following:



- Barnes and Noble will be hosting “Meet Clifford” on Saturday, March 15th at noon in the Cortlandt Town Center, don’t forget your cameras!
- Putnam Valley Free Library now has e-books for e-kids Tumblebooks online. Check it out at ww.putnamvalleylibrary.org – click on the children’s & teens event tab.

REMINDER: The PARP Bake Sale is scheduled for Monday, March 17th from 9:00 AM-2:45 PM. All donations are welcome and can be dropped off in the main office that morning. Don’t forget to wear your GREEN!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon Millicker at 845-526-4089, shan72@optonline.net.

ENJOY!
The P.A.R.P. Committee



Putnam Valley PTA presents:

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ON THE INTERNET



7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

*****Middle School –Room 213*****

Deputy Rich Mansfield from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department will present and discuss with parents:

- * Popular web sites that kids are using (Myspace, Facebook)
- * How parents can block web sites
- * How parents can check the internet history of their children
- * Cyber Bullying
- * And much more

Please bring all your questions.

DON'T MISS IT!

This presentation is designed for parents/guardians of Elementary and Middle School students only- no students please.

Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation

Preschool – FREE

4th Grade

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Rescheduled

NOW March 22 -

***BUT...** Due to the Conditions of the field this event may be postponed until April. Check the www.PVSunset.com or call 845-526-3292.*

1pm prompt
Come and participate in our
Egg Hunt and find special
PRIZE EGGS.

Prizes have been donated by the
Putnam Valley Lions Club

For additional Information please call 845-526-3292