

September Reminder

- September 15th, 7 p.m., Back-to-School Night
Kindergarten, Childside, First
and Second Grade. For parents only.
- September 21st, 7 p.m., Back-to-School Night
Third and Fourth Grades.
For parents only.
- September 29th & 30th, **School Closed for
Rosh Hashanah**

PVES MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Ms. Ashley Bennett
Instrumental Music
ablondin@pvcsd.org

Mrs. Madeleine Calhoun
Vocal/General Music
mcalhoun@pvcsd.org

THIRD GRADE CHORUS

All third grade students are invited to participate in our Third Grade Chorus Program. Rehearsals will be held Tuesday mornings at 8:00am. A schedule of rehearsals is attached. Please remember the district does not provide transportation for this before school program. Parents should carpool when possible and arrive at school by 8:00 am. Consistent attendance, punctuality and commitment are essential.

The goal of our district choral groups is to provide our students the opportunity to perform in a large ensemble, learn a varied repertoire of music, and develop skills such as teamwork and music literacy.

If your child would like to be a part of this group please return the attached permission slip by Monday, September 19. Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 20 (students may also bring the permission slip on Tuesday).

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Calhoun

3rd and 4th Graders ONLY

Putnam Valley Elementary School

Physical Education

The Putnam Valley Elementary School, Physical Education Department is again preparing for its Gym Show.

In order for your child to attend the **8:00 A.M.** practice sessions, it is necessary for you to complete and sign the tear-off permission slip below and return it by **Friday, September 23rd**.

“THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE”

- Monday- NO PRACTICE
- Tuesday- Dance
- Wednesday- Gymnastics
- Thursday- Basketball
- Friday- Circus Arts- (Juggling, Devil Sticks and Diablo)

Practice will start Tuesday, September 27th. You must provide transportation for your child to school for **8:00 A.M.** practice. Attendance at all practice sessions is imperative. In case of a delayed opening, practice will be cancelled for that day. **The show is scheduled for November 16th at 7:00PM**

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_____ has my permission to participate in
Student's Name

****Please circle no more than 2 days****

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY practice. I realize that it is my responsibility to make transportation arrangements. I also realize that if my child does not fulfill his/her obligation to attend practice he/she will not be allowed to participate in the final performance

Teacher's Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Smile BIG



Explore New Things

Make Great Friends

Realize Your Strength

Would you like to be a Girl Scout?

A volunteer from your community will call you.

Please return the completed coupon to:

Contact Holly Doslop at (914) 760-2645

And/or return by MAIL TO; 45 School Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL

Email me at:
nonibusdriver@gmail.com



Girl Scouts®

I WANT TO BE PART OF THE GIRL SCOUT FUN!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade in Fall _____ Previously a scout in troop # _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____ Work Phone _____

E-MAIL address: _____

Day of week available: All Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.

Time available: After school Evening Morning

ADULTS can be a partner in Girl Scouting in many ways. Can you help with any of the following?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop leadership (leader, co-leader, asst. leader) | <input type="checkbox"/> Product Sale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping at Troop Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide meeting place for troop | <input type="checkbox"/> Share my career and/or hobby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field trip transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Explore The Wonderful World of

ART

with Regina Gelfer

Take a creative journey through these four-week art sessions.

For grades 1 - 4.

Classes take place after school from 3:30 - 4:30pm

Fee: \$60 per session.

Introduction to Drawing -

Mondays: October 3, Oct. 17th
Oct. 24th and November 7th

In this four week session, children will learn the basics of drawing. Techniques such as shading, perspective, and drawing from life will be explored. We will use different materials such as pencil, charcoal and marker.

Introduction to Cartooning - Wednesdays: October 5th, Oct. 12th Oct. 19th and Oct. 26th

Learn how to write and draw your very own comic strip. Artist/Illustrator Regina Gelfer has had her work published in Archie Comics, Marvel Comics as well as several children's books. Let her introduce your child to the fun and zany world of comics and learn step by step how they're created.

Introduction to Sculpture - Wednesdays: November 2nd, Nov. 9th Nov. 16th and Nov. 23rd

Get ready to get messy! This four week session explores different sculpting techniques and mediums. Children will get to create with clay, recycled objects and more in the fun and inventive class.

Approved for Distribution:

Dr. Barbara J. [Signature]



The Valley Wire

PV PTA Newsletter



EMAIL: PVPTA@PVCSD.ORG

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President's Corner...

Welcome back to all returning families and a big WELCOME to all new families! I am very excited for the new school year and to be serving as the President of the PTA. I look forward to working with the talented and truly dedicated members of the PTA, teachers, and staff at both the Elementary School and the Middle School.

The PTA consists of parents, teachers, and staff that want to bridge the gap between family life and our children's school life. In keeping with that ideal, the PTA hosts many fun and informative events, including a Back to School Family Picnic, Family Math Night, Family Science Night, Grade Level Events, Arts in Education (AIE) Committee, and Parent Education speakers such as Dr. Anthony Wolf (author of *"Mom, Jason's Breathing on Me!"*: *The Solution to Sibling Bickering* and other parenting books). Dr. Wolf's presentation was a huge success and the overwhelming feedback has been that parents would like to have more such events.

In order for the PTA to be an effective assistance to the school, active participation by parents is essential. Parents often feel they cannot participate in the PTA because they cannot attend all meetings or be on campus during the day. The PTA wants every parent to be able to participate. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We can match your availability and interests to needed tasks. There are endless possibilities in how you can help.

With the new year brings new events and informative workshops to look forward to. Help us make a difference and join the PTA!!

Andrea Raetzer
President of the PTA



The first PTA meeting of the school year will be held on September 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the ES.



PTA Calendar

September

School Opens for Students	9/6
Back to School Picnic ES 5:30 p.m.	9/9
Back to School Night Grades 1, 2 & Childside ES 7:00 p.m.	9/15
Back to School Night MS 7:00 p.m.	9/20
Back to School Night Grades 3 and 4 ES 7:00 p.m.	9/21
PTA Meeting ES 7:30 p.m.	9/26
Rosh Hashanah School Closed	9/29-30

October

ES/MS Picture Day	10/6
PTA Grade 5 Event MS Café 6:30-8:00 p.m.	10/7
Columbus Day School Closed	10/10
Emergency Evacuation Drill Dismissal 15 Minutes Early	10/14
PTA Kindergarten Pizza and Pumpkin Event ES Café 6:30-8:30 p.m.	10/21
PTA Meeting ES 7:30 p.m.	10/26



An Eye On School Administration

Staff Spotlight



Kathy Hill

Hi, I'm Kathy Hill and I am the nurse at PVES. I'm very proud to say that this September will be my 6th school year in the ES. I grew up in Yorktown with my parents, 2 brothers and sister. I had always wanted to be a nurse and after graduating from High School, I applied and was accepted to Westchester Community College's nursing program where I graduated and earned my LPN license. I was able to work full time as an LPN while going back to school and getting my RN license. I love working at PVES, I enjoy getting to know all the students and working with the wonderful staff. I currently live in Cortlandt Manor with my husband, Eric and our daughter Courtney. We are huge Disney fans and when I am not at school we enjoy planning our next Disney World vacation!!

A Note from the PVFT

Welcome Back to School! The Putnam Valley Federation of Teachers would like to welcome all parents and students to the new school year. We hope you all have had a joyful and restful summer, and are eagerly looking forward to the school year ahead. Over the summer, many of our teachers have been involved in professional development workshops, graduate courses, summer conferences, and curriculum development. For educators, summer is a time for rest and renewal, but also a time when we gather new instructional tools, plan for the year ahead, and stay current on new technologies and teaching strategies. This year we will all be faced with many challenges as we are still feeling the weight of a struggling economy. The PVFT will do its part to work with the district and community to get through these tough times while maintaining the highest quality education for our students. Working together will be paramount and we look forward to open and honest communication with the PTA/PTSA executive board as we move throughout the year.

Happy Retirement, Mrs. Greenstein!

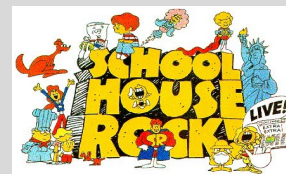
Jill Greenstein has been a respected school psychologist for almost 40 years. She began working in PVCSD in 1978, has worked in all 3 PVCSD school buildings, and has provided support to countless students and families in our community. She is passionate about how children learn and how to increase educational success. Her continued training led her to receiving her Diplomate with the American Board of School Neuropsychology in 2003. In her retirement, Jill will have more time to be with her granddaughter, Kayla. Jill enjoys a variety of interests such as tap dancing, mah jongg, tennis, quilting, photography, reading, rooting for the Yankees and baking. She volunteers through her synagogue and the Blood Bank. She plans on traveling with her husband Joel throughout the United States and beyond.

Best wishes to Mrs. Greenstein!



ES School Play

This year the Elementary School 3rd and 4th grade play will be **School House Rock Live! Jr.** Auditions will be on Wednesday, September 14th and Monday, September 19th. Keep a eye for more information in the weekly distribution. We look forward to another fabulous performance!



Helping Your PTA

Coming Soon!

Our New PTA website!



Get involved and keep informed!

We would love to hear from you this year! If you have anything that you feel is newsworthy for an upcoming publication, please share it with us via email at:

carolynderubeis@hotmail.com or
maggieschiffer@optonline.net.

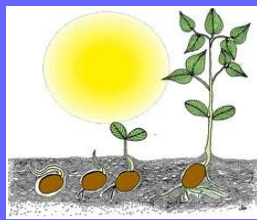
Carolyn DeRubeis and Margaret Schiffer
PTA Newsletter Co-Chairs

The PVPTA would like to welcome

★ **Andrea Raetzer** ★

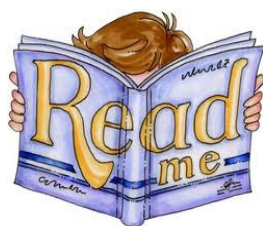
to her new role of PTA President! We look forward to a successful 'PTA' year!

Teachers plant seeds of knowledge that grow forever!



2011-2012 PVPTA Executive Board

Andrea Raetzer	President
Jeanine Garofalo Margaret Schiffer	VP ES
Mary Lyons Shannon Millicker	VP MS
Liz Mello	Treasurer
Elaine McGinty	Corresponding Secy.
Jessica Francis	Recording Secy.
Barbara Parnly	ES Teacher Liaison
Cheryl Kahn	MS Teacher Liaison
Stacey Tompkins Maria Zadrina	Past Co-Presidents
Jeannie Denike Dana Lopez	Committee Chairs



Good Luck to all of our children at the ES, MS and HS during this 2011-2012 School Year!



Donna Sillery checks off a student's name on the Summer Reading Challenge chart.

Elementary School Summer Reading Challenge is a Success!

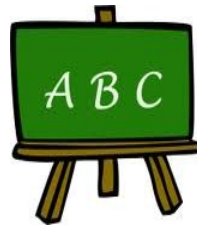
Over 120 Elementary School students participated in the first Summer Reading Challenge which was introduced to help maintain the level of reading achieved during the school year. If a student read for 30 minutes each day and completed the reading log, he/she received a small prize each Thursday during the summer. Students who participated all summer will be acknowledged at a school-wide assembly.

Tracking PTA Activities

Join the PTA

It's the start of another great school year and time to JOIN THE PTA! A membership form was sent home via email. Keep informed, have a voice, show support!

Our children need you!!



Welcome Back!



The PTA welcomed teachers and staff back to school with these beautiful chocolate pops. Thanks to Margaret Schiffer for hand-making the artful treats!

And the award goes to...

Thank



You!

In June, the annual PTA ABCD (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) Award was presented to Trish Beatini and Maria Roman for all of their hard work and outstanding dedication as the Co-Chairs of Grade Level Events at the Elementary School. Their families were on hand to watch them receive the PTA's prestigious award! Thank you Trish and Maria for all you have done!



The short school supply list for the Elementary School was due to a very generous donation of school supplies purchased for the students by the Elementary School. Items already purchased included: binders, folders, colored pencils, writing paper, glue, scissors, rulers, markers, and crayons. Thank you, Mrs. Edelman!



SAVE THE DATE!!

October 21, 2011
Kindergarten Pizza
and Pumpkin Party!

6:30 p.m. ES Café



Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Department
 265 Oscawana Lk. Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579
 Phone: 845-526-3292, Fax 845-526-3179
www.pvpr.com for program info

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION FORM
****(SIGN-UP DEADLINE 10/21/11)****

Participant's Last Name _____ First _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Height _____ Sex _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Primary E-mail Address _____

League (Circle one):

Run-N-Gun (grades 10-12) \$50; **Super Senior** (grades 7-9) \$95; **Senior** (grades 5-6) \$95;
Junior (grades 3-4) \$95; **Hot Shots** (grades 1-2) \$70; **Pee-Wees** (ages 4-5) \$70;
Girls Only (grades 1-3) \$70; **Girls Only** (grades 4-6) \$95

Jersey Size (Circle One): Adult – S M L XL XXL; Youth – S M L

Is there a certain **ONE** night your child CANNOT practice? If "Yes", what night(s) _____

I would like to volunteer as: Head Coach _____; Assistant Coach _____; Referee _____; Team Parent _____

Name _____ Phone _____

I, hereby give my permission for my child to participate in the town sponsored Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Basketball Program. I certify that he/she is physically fit and that I will not hold PVPR or its agencies and/or representatives liable for any accidents and/or injuries incurred during the course of the season. I give my personal consent to have my child transported to any emergency facility if injury is sustained. I also consent to any treatment, surgery, diagnostic procedure or the administration of anesthesia that may be deemed necessary based on the medical judgment of the attending physician. I understand that I will be responsible for payment of all such treatment. I understand that my conduct, the conduct of the participant and that of all family members and guests may affect the status of the participant. PVPR will not tolerate abusive language, alcohol, or misconduct at any of its functions. Failure to follow the rules and regulations as well as the Parent's Pledge will result in the suspension and possible expulsion of the participant from the PVPR Basketball League.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



**MAKE CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: PVPR
 FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY**
Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____
 Amount Paid: \$ _____
Specify League: _____
 2nd-Sibling Fees 20% discount: _____

Come Fly with us

Soar with Confidence,
Discipline, Focus,
and Respect.

PVES TaeKwonDo



This year's program will consist of learning the basic blocks, kicks and punches of the martial art in a safe fun atmosphere. By learning these techniques we will not only be enhancing the student's physical abilities but also their confidence, self-control, focusing skills, self-defense and the "Yes I can attitude".

Board breaking and special games will also be a part of the program to help teach the martial art and stimulate the children's physical and mental

*10 Classes beginning Monday Oct. 17th

*Place: PVES (Old Gym)

* Time: 8:00am - 9:00am

*Price: \$130.00

*Contact Info. 845-628-7760 / 914-715-0308

**Chung Ma's
Taekwondo**

Chungmas01@aol.com

Putnam Valley Park and Rec.

Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Name of Participant: _____
 Parent/Guardian Name: _____
 Address: _____ *Email: Importent
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Contact #'s: _____

Program Name	Day	Time	Fee	Age	Grade	Shirt Size

By my signature I have read and also understand the Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation Registration and Policies Statement.
 I assume all risks of personal injury involving these activities. Acting for myself or son/daughter, I do hereby release the Town of Putnam Valley, the Parks and Recreation Commission, its staff and special instructors of all liabilities including claim and suits of law or equity, for any injuries which result directly or indirectly by reason of participation in the above activities.

I am aware that the Town of Putnam Valley does not provide Accident Insurance

Signature* _____ Date _____

*must be signed by parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age

Fee:	
Receipt #:	
Date:	
Received by:	
cash	check charge