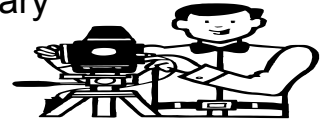


PUTNAM VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICTURES



RE-TAKE DAY Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Irvin Simon Photographers will again be at the Elementary School on Tuesday, November 15th to photograph any student who was not photographed on Picture Day or who is unhappy with their original photograph.



It is important that every student have their picture taken, even if no picture package is purchased. We need every student's picture included in the Yearbook.

Please remember that the original picture packet must be returned to the photographer on re-take day. You may hold on to your class picture, it is yours to keep!

Questions and concerns should be directed to Irvin Simon Photographers Customer Service line at 516-437-4700.

Thank you!

Carolyn DeRubeis
carolynderubeis@hotmail.com
PTA Elementary School Picture Contact

Putnam Valley Elementary School Book Fair
11/14/2011 - 11/18/2011

Revised Schedule for Class Visits

| Schedule | Thursday 11/10 | Monday 11/14 | Tuesday 11/15 | Wednesday 11/16 | Thursday 11/17 | Friday 11/18 |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 8:00 - 9:00 | | Teacher Preview | | | | Walk Ins |
| 9:30-10:10 | | Grogan -3 | Reyes-3 | Rappaport-3 | | Closed by 11 AM |
| 10:05 - 10:45 | | | Beyrer-4 | Crill-4 | Bailey-2 | |
| 10:50- 11:30 | | DiBattista-CS lessons | Burruano -CS lessons | Hernandez-CS lessons | Malone-CS lessons | |
| 11:35-12:05 | | Maddaloni(2-4) | Schurr-Gilmartin-2 | Soprano-2 | Moore-2 | |
| 12:10 - 12:30 | | Hetsko-K | Hess-K | France -K | Mistretta-3 Kruse/B oyd 4 | |
| 12:35 - 1:05 | | Sperling-1 | Hayes -1 | Hebeisen-1 | Kinsley (1-2) | |
| 1:10-1:30 | | Burdett - K | de Mey - K | Brothers | | |
| 1:30 - 1:50 | | | | | Sousa-3 | |
| 1:55-2:35 | | Sperling-4 | Parmly -4 | | Sheehy Phillips-4 | |
| 3:20 - 4:00 | | | | | Open After Dismissal | |
| 6:30 - 9:30 | Set Up | | | | | |

Visit our homepage and Shop online beginning November 10th!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/putnamvalleyelementary>





171 Oscawana Lake Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
<http://www.pvcasd.org>

Jamie Edelman, Principal
Tricia Murray, Ass't. to the Principal
(845) 528-8092
FAX (845) 528-8171

November 3, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Please join us in a school-wide celebration of sharing, caring, and giving. The goal of this project is to create over thirty dinners that will be distributed to members of the community during this holiday season and to teach our students about caring, sharing, and giving. Each dinner will include a variety of holiday foods. Each class will be responsible for a specific food item. If you would like to participate, please send your child in with the food item indicated for his or her class on the attached list. Food collection will begin Monday, November 14th and continue through Friday, November 18th.

Thank you in advance and we wish all of you a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Jamie Edelman
Principal

Tricia Murray
Assistant Principal

Susan O'Connell
School Psychologist

Rosa Amendola
School Psychologist

Caring, Sharing & Giving Project Food List

| If your child's teacher is..... | Please donate this item. |
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| Ms. Bailey | Canned soup |
| Mrs. Beyrer | Stuffing |
| Mrs. Boyd/Mrs. Alcera | Canned vegetables |
| Mr. Brothers | Corn muffin mix |
| Mrs. Burdett | Stuffing |
| Mrs. Burruano | Cookies |
| Mrs. Crill | Gravy |
| Mrs. deMey | Mashed potato mix |
| Mrs. DiBattista | Juice or cider |
| Mrs. France | Canned sweet potatoes or yams |
| Mrs. Grogan | Hot chocolate |
| Mrs. Hayes | Cranberry sauce |
| Mrs. Hebeisen/Mrs. Falloon | Gravy |
| Mrs. Hernandez | Coffee |
| Mrs. Hess | Canned vegetables |
| Mrs. Hetsko/Mrs. Thyrrre | Corn muffin mix |
| Ms. Kinsley | Corn muffin mix |
| Mrs. Maddaloni | Corn muffin mix |
| Ms. Malone | Tea |
| Mrs. Mistretta/Ms. Kruse | Paper or plastic tablecloth OR napkins |
| Mrs. Moore | Canned fruit |
| Ms. Parmly | Juice or cider |
| Mrs. Phillips | Cranberry sauce |
| Mrs. Rappaport | Rice |
| Mrs. Reyes | Mashed potato mix |
| Mrs. Schurr-Gilmartin | Cake mix |
| Ms. Sheehy | Corn muffin mix |
| Mrs. Soprano/Mrs. McCarty | Frosting |
| Mrs. Sousa | Canned sweet potatoes OR yams |
| Mrs. Sperling | Applesauce |
| Mr. Sperling | Canned soup |

If you found 10 cents on the floor would you throw it out?
Of course not! You would save it.
So why not save those Box Tops?



An **EASY** way to **earn money** for our school.
Find Box Tops logos on so many different
products.

CLIP

SAVE

SEND IN



Contest Time!

For the months of October,
through June,
clip, save, and send in those Box
Tops.

The top three classes with the
most turned in Box Tops will be
announced each month.

Prize given to the class that
collects the most Box Tops by the
end of January and again in June.

Money raised through the Box Tops for Education Program will go to support and offset the cost of grade level activities.

Did you know:

- ⇒ Box Tops money was used to support the purchase of the **Climbing Wall in the gym**
- ⇒ Box Tops money helped the fourth grade pay for the **Animal Presenter at TOEC**
- ⇒ Box Tops money was used by the second grade to purchase **New Incubators** for their chicks.

WHO can help? => Parents, Grandparents, Neighbors, Friends.. ask them all!!!

Log on to www.boxtops4education.com to see other ways to earn Box Tops credit for our school.

Questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Melissa Keeler mkeeler@pvcسد.org or Dawn Federico dfederico@pvcسد.org



The PV PTA invites all 1st Graders and their families to

Pajamas and Pancakes Night

Date: Friday, November 18, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Location: Putnam Valley ES Café

Admission: \$10 Per Family



Don't forget to wear your pajamas!

Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and spend time with your classmates and their families. You'll work on a fun pillowcase craft, hear stories and eat pancakes too!

To RSVP, please send this form in an envelope to school with your child no later than Friday, November 11th and address it to PV PTA 1st Grade Pajamas and Pancakes Night. Please include cash or check for \$10 made out to PV PTA. Please indicate your child's name/teacher on check.

Child's name: _____ Teacher: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of children: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (checks payable to PV PTA)



Admission will include pancakes, drinks, and art supplies to decorate a pillow case.
You must supply your own pillow case!



If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Schiffer at (914) 760-4129.

RSVP by Friday, November 11, 2011!



Putnam Valley
Elementary and Middle School PTA



Please join us for a discussion on
PARP (Parents As Reading Partners)

Discussion will include ways in which we, as parents, can encourage our children to read and how to reinforce the necessity and importance of good reading and communication skills



This meeting will be presented by Shannon Millicker and Cheryl Kahn, who have chaired the PARP Committees in the Elementary and Middle Schools in recent years.

Tuesday, November 22, 2011
Elementary School Music Room
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

All are welcome.

Babysitting available
If you need babysitting, please call 845-661-3267 by Friday, November 19th. Babysitting provided for school aged children only.

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President's Corner...

Social Media + Unsupervised Children = Risks of Bullying, Denied College Admissions and Declined Job Opportunities



I am amazed by all of our technological advances that allow us to keep in touch, especially social media websites. I can use my PC or Android/iPhone to post to my Facebook page happy family reunion photos or a news article I find interesting. We all know that there are now so many advantageous uses for social media websites that have emerged-so many that it's hard to keep track of it all! For all of these benefits, there are also potential risks. Some of the most worrisome risks that our children face include bullying, denial to a college and loss of job opportunities. Can we trust that our children and their friends can safely navigate such sites without worry? For the reasons addressed below, I think that it is time for Putnam Valley parents to begin discussing this important issue in order to protect our children both now and in the future.

Recent news coverage has made us aware of the potentially life changing effects that bullying through social media sites can have on our children. A May 2011 Consumer Reports survey revealed that 5 million online US households experienced abuse on Facebook in 2010, to include virus infections and identity theft. The survey also revealed that up to 7.5 million kids under the age of 13, and 5 million under the age of 10, used Facebook last year. Of those, 1 million children were bullied on Facebook. Bullying via social media sites is a real and growing problem that we can address by educating ourselves. For example, did you know that if you are not linked to your child's Facebook account (their "friend"), then you cannot view postings or report bullying behavior of others?

According to a recent Kaplan survey more than 80% of college admissions officers consider social media presence when recruiting students. A recent Microsoft survey found that approximately 70% of job recruiters and hiring managers have rejected job applicants based on inappropriate messages or comments and pictures posted to Facebook. Gaining college admission or obtaining a job offer will already be difficult enough for our children. They will have to worry about whether their grades, test scores and extracurricular activities are enough – they should not have to worry about being qualified only to have an opportunity lost due to an inappropriate posting to their Facebook account.

Remember that postings to social media are permanent and can haunt our children for years. Also, Facebook and other social media sites continually make changes to account terms and conditions, which can lead to a misunderstanding when it comes to account security and how it really functions. In fact, I can recall several instances where a friend posted a questionable comment or picture to my account-I felt helpless when I could not erase it! To make this matter more serious Facebook postings have been ruled admissible in several courts of law, including The New York State Supreme Court.

In an effort to bring this conversation to the forefront I want to hear from parents. It is the PTA's hope to bring a social media site expert to Putnam Valley to educate children and families on Facebook. As always I welcome your comments. Please feel free to contact me at andrea@raetzer.com or through the Putnam Valley PTA.

Andrea Raetzer
PTA President



PTA Open Chair Positions

MS Book Fair

PARP

(Parents as Reading Partners)

PV Reads

If you are interested in chairing any of these committees, please contact Jeannie Denike at:

JbDenike@aol.com.



PTA Calendar

November 2011

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| Daylight Saving Time Ends | 11/6 |
| Election Day School Open | 11/8 |
| Board of Education Meeting HS Caf  7:00pm | 11/10 |
| Veteran's Day, School Closed | 11/11 |
| PTA ES Book Fair 9:00am-2:30pm | 11/14-18 |
| School Picture Retakes | 11/15 |
| Board of Education Meeting HS Caf  7:00pm | 11/17 |
| PTA 1st Grade Event ES Caf  7:00-8:00 pm | 11/18 |
| PTA Meeting ES 7:30pm | 11/22 |
| Thanksgiving Recess | 11/23-25 |
| PTA MS Book Fair 7:30am-2:30pm | 11/28-12/2 |

December 2011

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| Board of Education Meeting HS Caf  7:00pm | 12/8 |
| PV Reads Holiday Community Read ES Caf  11am-2pm | 12/10 |
| Report Cards Mailed | 12/12 |
| MS Band Concert Grades 5&6, HS PAC, 7:00pm | 12/13 |
| MS Band Concert Grades 7&8, HS PAC, 7:00pm | 12/14 |
| ES Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences 12:15 pm Dismissal for ES | 12/15 |
| ES parent/Teacher Conferences ES Closed for Students | 12/16 |
| MS Chorus Concert HS PAC, 7:00pm | 12/20 |
| Holiday Recess School Closed | 12/26-30 |

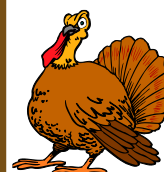


Staff Spotlight



Scott and Deb Sperling

We are Scott and Deb Sperling, and we have been teaching at PVES for 25 years. Deb is originally from the Peekskill area (Continental Village) and she is one of 11 children. Scott grew up in Mahopac. Deb attended Russell Sage College in Troy, and Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry. Scott attended Western Connecticut State University. We met in college when we were both working as teacher aides in a residential school for children with special needs in Pleasantville. We were married in 1988. We both received our Masters Degree in Curriculum from Western Connecticut State University. We have 3 children who attend the Putnam Valley schools. Shelley is a senior, Sarah is a junior, and Steven is in 8th grade at the Middle School. In the summer months, we love to travel in our family camper, and we have spent time in every state except Hawaii. Our favorite adventure was exploring Alaska in the summer of 2009, where we hiked on glaciers, toured Denali National Park, and observed Grizzly Bears in the wild. We are big fans of garage sales and flea markets, and you can find us at the Stormville Flea Market selling antiques and collectibles.



**Happy Thanksgiving
to all!**

PTA Annual Fundraiser

There will be no catalog fundraiser this year. Instead the PTA is requesting monetary donations from the families we serve. Directly donating to the PTA yields 100% funding towards PTA programs. Catalog fundraisers only yield 50% funding to PTA programs. Also, it's 100% tax deductible to you!

- ★ All money raised goes to programs provided by the PTA like Family Math Night, Parents as Reading Partners and Book Clubs.
- ★ Checks should be made payable to: PVPTA. All donations are tax deductible. Donations exceeding \$75 will receive a receipt from the PTA for your tax purposes. The PVPTA is an IRS 501c organization.
- ★ Envelopes can be addressed to "PVPTA-Fundraising" and returned to the main office at the Elementary or Middle School.
- ★ You can also mail your donation to the PTA at: PVPTA, 171 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579.

Email us at PVPTA@pvcasd.org if you have any questions.

On Saturday, September 10th, several members of the PVFT (Putnam Valley Federation of Teachers) participated in the annual Vassar Brothers Medical Center Tri-Dualathlon in Dutchess County, NY. The event raised money for Neonatal intensive care unit at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Left to right in photo...supporting at the race were Brian Kuczma, (HS Science Teacher and race volunteer) and Ryan Odell (HS Music Teacher & PVFT Vice President). Racers included Tad Ignatz (MS/HS Science Teacher), Kurt Worell (MS/HS Health Teacher), and Gerry Carlin (MS Teacher & PVFT President). The teacher athletes all did a fantastic job, had a great time, and supported a fine cause!



Volunteer of the Month

Thank you, **Desiree Narciso**, PTA Membership Chairperson since 2005! For the past 6 years (and counting), Desiree has seamlessly managed the membership for both the ES and MS. Thank you, Desiree, for all your dedication and hard work!



Childside Stuffed Animal Sleepover



As part of our Science Units, Organizing our World and Properties of Objects, the Childside children were invited to bring in their favorite stuffed animal from home. During the week, the animals were part of our Language Arts, Science and Math lessons. We studied their properties and compared and contrasted them. We wrote letters and read to them and even brought them to the cafeteria on the last day for a celebration lunch. On Thursday morning, we were all surprised to see that our animals had "partied" without us! Our very organized rooms were in total disarray! The students quickly realized that an organized world makes it much easier to live, learn and work in a safe way. We all pitched in to reorganize our classrooms! It was a wonderful, fun way to learn about these important science concepts!

The Book Fair is coming!

The ES Book Fair will be held on 11/14 to 11/18, 9:00am-2:30pm. The Middle School Book Fair will be held on 11/28 to 12/2, 7:30am-2:30pm.

Volunteers are needed to help. Any amount of time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated. Please email Stephanie (ES Book Fair) at Michaelsteph@msn.com or Denise (MS Book Fair) at dvm112@aol.com. Visit: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/putnamvalleymiddleschool>.



Save the Date!

The 5th annual Putnam Valley PTA Holiday Reads is scheduled for December 10th from 11-2 pm in the PVES Cafeteria. Anyone interested in helping out at this fun and festive event can contact

Shannon Millicker at:
Shan72@optonline.net.



The PV PTA is now on Facebook! Don't forget to look for us there!



Arts in Education Update

This year, the AIE Committees for both the ES and MS have joined forces and are working together to make a difference in the lives of students by booking lots of great new arts programming for both schools. On October 4th, storyteller Jonathan Kruk performed his "Finger Fables" for the Kindergarten classes. Next, the ES was treated to a visit on October 5th by furry, blue motivational mascot "YoJo". YoJo and his friend Phil talked about how to "Treat Your Body Right" by getting proper amounts of sleep, nutrition, and exercise. YoJo's visit was facilitated by the Character Education Committee and the Health Office to coincide with the ES Health Walk. The first assembly of the year at the MS will be Lisa Lou's "The Magic of Chemistry" on November 2nd for 5th graders. If you'd like more information about our committee and/or our programs, please email Melodie Wolford: theatrime1cs.com or Suzanne Dropkin: Dropkin@yahoo.com. We're always looking for fresh ideas and new members!



Coat Drive



Tenth graders Amelia Spittal, Eva Shorto, Kelly Sepa, and Emily Azcue are organizing a coat, hat, and glove drive for Oakeside School in Peekskill. The girls organized the coat drive after getting such great feedback on their prior project: 100 backpacks in 100 days. Teachers from Oakeside and PS 236/173 in the Bronx had explained to the girls that many of their students do not have the supplies they need at home to work on their school work. So the girls, with help from their parents, decided to fill 100 backpacks with generous donations of notebooks, pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, rulers and other much needed school supplies for the two schools. If you would like to donate to their coat drive, they are looking for new or gently used children's coats sizes 6-12 as well as hats and gloves. Email the girls at: coatsandbackpacks@gmail.com with any questions. Great work, ladies!

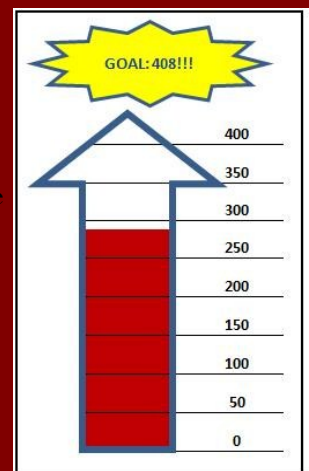
PTA Membership as of October 2011

2011/2012 Members to Date = 281. Goal= 408

2011/2012 Teachers/Staff Members to Date=67 (about 50%). Teacher/Staff Goal=100%

We also receive awards from the National PTA for high Male and Outside Membership! To date we have 72 male members (our goal is 100) and 5 outside members (our goal is 25). And remember that membership includes exclusive benefits such as discounts with Hertz, Metlife, Office Max, T-Mobile, and Sharp!

Not a member yet? Membership forms can be found at www.pvcsd.org by clicking on the "Parent Resources" tab, then the "PTA" tab. Any questions? Contact Desiree Narciso, PTA Membership Chair at desnarciso@optonline.net.



Putnam Valley Recreation

Youth Chess Classes

When: Experienced Players, Thursdays
 Nov 17th – Jan 5th
 Less Experienced, Wednesdays
 Nov 16th – Dec 21st
 Least Experienced, Tuesdays
 Nov 15th – Dec 20th

Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Where: Putnam Valley Elementary School

Who: Boys & Girls, Grades 3 & 4

Cost: \$30 – 6 weeks

Instructor: Chess Master & Author, Stephan Gerzadowicz (Mr. G.)

Mr. G is endorsed by the U.S. Chess Federation and is considered by them to be one of the six most distinguished scholastic chess instructors in the United States. He has taught over 1000 children in 6 states in the last 10 years.

Registration: Sign up at PVPR or mail in registration form to:
 Putnam Valley Recreation, 265 Oscawana Lake Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Name _____ If under 18 yrs old: _____

Address _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Contact #'s _____

| Program Name | Day/Time | Fee | Age | Grade | Shirt size |
|--------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|------------|
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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 or daughter, I do hereby release the Town of Putnam, 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

PSST: DID YOU KNOW? CHESS MAKES KIDS SMART!

Studies show that kids who participate in at least one chess class do better in academics.
(But don't tell the kids, they like it because Mr. G. makes it fun!)
For more information call: 845-526-3292





**4th Annual
Putnam Valley Town Holiday Gathering**

**Please Join Us
on
Friday, December 2, 2011
at 7:00pm
in the
Putnam Valley Town Park
Pavilion Area**

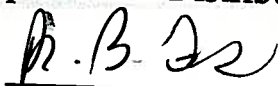
**To Celebrate
The Holiday Season
With Our Friends, Family, Neighbors and Community!**

**All are encouraged to bring a
Non-perishable food donation,
Which will be donated to the PV Food Pantry!**

~ Toys for Tots Drop Box Available ~

**For more information
or if you have questions,
please contact Sherry Howard
at the Parks & Rec Department
845-526-3292**

Approved for Distribution:



Dr. Barbara Fuchs, Supt.



FOR 3RD & 4TH GRADERS

10 WEEK SESSION ON TUESDAYS BEGINNING DECEMBER 6TH

3:30 - 4:30 IN ART ROOM

\$100 FOR 10 SESSIONS

SCRAPBOOK & ALL SUPPLIES ARE INCLUDED

YOUR CHILD JUST NEEDS TO BRING IN THE PHOTOS FOR EACH CLASS!

DATES & THEMES:

- 12/6 - BACK IN THE DAY
- 12/13 - MOM & ME
- 12/20 - DEAREST DADDY
- 1/3 - MY SPECIAL PEOPLE
- 1/10 - BEST BIRTHDAYS EVER
- 1/17 - VACATION TIME
- 1/24 - WINTER WONDERLAND
- 1/31 - SPRINGTIME BLOOMS
- 2/7 - SUMMER SUN
- 2/14 - FALL FUN

INSTRUCTOR:

SERAFINA MARTORANO

Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Registration Form

Name: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Email: **MUST**
SUPPLY! _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell /
WorkPhone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

| Program Name | Day /Time | Fee | age/ grade |
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