

# It's Elementary

A Putnam Valley Elementary School Newsletter  
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## A Note to Parents from Jamie Edelman

Every child at PVES gets a homework assignment each night. At the very least it is to read for a minimum of half an hour but other times it could include assignments from the other curriculum areas. Completing these homework assignments is an important way for the school to partner with the home in the education of our children.

Teachers expect students to complete their work at home without a tremendous amount of parental support and if a child is unable to complete an assignment independently, the teacher should be notified. Homework should be a positive experience and should help children to develop good habits. If parents make homework important so will their children. There are a variety of ways to show that homework, school and a good education are valued.

### • *Set a regular homework time*

It is important to select a time that works well for your child and family life. For one child immediately following school is a good time where as another child might do better after dinner. Consistency is important so stick with the time you and your child choose.

### • *Pick a Place*

Designate an area that is well lit, has supplies nearby and is fairly quiet. Many children are successful on their bed or floor, sitting at the kitchen table or at a desk in their room.

### • *Remove Distractions*

During homework time turn off the radio and television. Keep the environment as free of distractions as possible to maximize the focus on the homework assignments.

### • *Show an Interest*

Ask questions. Find out what was discussed in class that day. Offer to review assignments after they have been completed. Be nearby and available if there are any questions.

The best results occur when the home and school work together. Homework is one way we can join forces to help our children develop good habits, positive attitudes and independence about school and learning.



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## Happenings

### Jump-a-thon

Every year the students at PVES participate in the jump-a-thon that is sponsored by the American Heart Association. This year our school raised \$12,000. Mr. Kimball and Mrs. Aurigemma had set a goal of \$12,000 and since we reached it they are going to dye their hair blue. The children have done a great job and are very excited about what they have accomplished. We will continue to collect donations until March 20, 2009. Thank you for your continued support on such a worthy cause.

### Box Tops for Education

Please continue to cut and collect BoxTops for Education. Each box top is worth 10 cents to the school district. When you have collected a bunch bring them in to your child's classroom. Go to the BoxTops for Education website -[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for more information and a product list.

### Toys to School

Many students have been bringing various toys to school to play during indoor recess. We have seen ipods, hand held video games, etc. Please be aware that the school is not responsible for lost or broken toys. In fact, we encourage all items like this to be kept at home.

### Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Just a gentle reminder of some ways to ensure safety while on our campus.

- Children should be dropped off along the whole sidewalk. They can safely walk on the sidewalk into the building.
- Children should only exit vehicles from the passenger side. The driver side is very dangerous since there are cars traveling in the opposite direction.
- All vehicles should proceed around the traffic circle in order to maintain a steady flow. Avoid making u-turns.
- Since our driveway has only one lane in each direction, avoid passing other vehicles.

### PVES Calendar of Events for March/April

March 13	Report Cards Mailed
March 13	PTA Science Night
March 19	Board of Education Meeting PVHS, 7:00 p.m.
March 20	Grade 3 - Pizza & Cranium Night
March 31	School Closed for Students Superintendent's Conference Day
April 6 - 10	Spring Recess - School Closed
April 23 Day	Superintendent's Conference 12:15 Dismissal for students only AM Kindergarten attends