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## *In the Spotlight / Upcoming events*

By Allison Saffo

Putnam Valley Middle School is going to be very busy for the last months of school. Even though there is only one left, time is very booked. So, to learn what's going on, take a look below.

May 13	5/6 Band Concert	
May 14	7/8 Band Concert	
May 30	Art Show	As the selected band and chorus students perform, you can look at art of other students.
June 6	Grade 5 Latin American Project	
June 12	Spring Olympics	Sponsored by Student Government
June 13	End of the Year Dance	Half Day for Testing
June 16- 23	Finals for all grades	
June 18	Color Day	5-Green 6-Yellow 7-Red 8-Orange
June 24	Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony	The eighth graders will be graduating from the Middle School today
June 24	Grade 8 moving up dance	
June 25	End of the year activities/ trips Last day of school!	*(Go For Activities by Grade)

\* 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Town Park      6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Medieval Times  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade- IMAX/ Barbecue      8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Lake Compounce

***NOTE:: Your exam schedule is posted on your Studywiz Calendar and the Middle School Website pages.***

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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



## Student of the Month

By: Michael Roman

Student of the Month has arrived again; February, March, and April. Students have been working very hard and been on their best behavior because they would like to be nominated by their teachers to have this honor. Well, these are the students who did get this honor.

### Students of the Month for February

Sabrina Schoenfelder	Krista Filingeri	Emily Weise
Nicholas Marro	Hannah Mackay	Amber Dotson
Taylor Beckel	Daniel McCann	Alyssa Gaitan
Eric Grimes	Kerri Seiler	Daniel Greenwood
Amanda Bruno	Eric Iezza	Elviz Belen
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Zack Nolan	Kaitlyn Johnson	Christina Policastro
Jackie Cunningham	Charlie Staffieri	Jaydie Rivera
Devon DeVernieri	Danielle Adams	Kayleigh Hartnett

### Students of the Month for March

Courtney Carlsen	Gentijana Berisha	Dorseyanna Turner
Nick Vazeos	Hayley Rottenkolber	Alyssa Gaitan
Jaquelyn Gargano	Miranda Dotson	Angelo Zegarelli
Shannon Rogers	Samantha Cunningham	Jackie Tomasulo
Shane Fisher	Ryan Moynihan	Victoria DiRubba
Peter Schneider	Gabrielle Yovane	

### Students of the Month for April

Michelle Sawin	Lizzett Hernandez	Eddie Lent
Divya Adukuzhiyil	Thomas Fejes	Alex Velichko
Caitlin Selca	Chris Burgard	Kayla Balzer
Ryan Basso	Ethan Pedersen	Erin Todd
Filip Dzvonik	Rahhim Shillingford	Sara Donnelly
Avery Sauther	Carissa Burgard	Justin Mazzarisi
Samantha Devine	Andriana Vazeos	



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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



## National Junior Honor Society

By: Nick Scolaro

Being nominated into the National Junior Honor Society is indeed an honor. Only 30 out of about 160 students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade got nominated for the National Junior Honor Society this year. This isn't just a school wide program, people from schools across the country are inducting students that deserve to be in the NJHS. The requirements for the NJHS are that you must have at least a 92.5 grade point average all four quarters in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and in the first two quarters of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your behavior must be good and you have to be a respectful person. You must get three recommendation forms filled out; you must write a letter explaining yourself and why you think you deserve to be in the NJHS. Finally, you must fill out these three pages in the packet that is given to you when you are nominated. You must hand in all of the paperwork by April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. If you fail to turn in the complete paperwork by that time you won't be considered for the NJHS.

The final decision was made on April 18<sup>th</sup> whether or not you are a legitimate candidate to be in the National Jr. Honor Society. This all depends on the letter and the charts you have to fill out. For all of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who don't take school seriously, I suggest that you work harder if you want to be nominated for the NJHS. In high school if your grades are good enough and you behave well, you could be inducted into the NHS (National Honor Society). Congratulations to the 30 nominees that worked so hard in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade that took pride in their schoolwork and in their behavior. You truly deserve to be in this amazing society.

### New Members inducted are:

Nina I. Azcue	Saara E. Knapp	Amanda R. San Lucas
Erik W. Bauer	Lauren Joy Landi	Christina L. Sawin
Sam T. Faber-Manning	Laura M. Longhitano	Kimberly A. Schneider
Rachel Fitzgerald	Meghan Malone	Nicholas J. Scolaro
Kimberly Gallo	Antonio Martinez	Shelley J. Sperling
Anthony J. Gentile	Colby Ann Meagle	Alexander E. Spitzer
Emily R. Gifford-Smith	Ryan M. O'Connor	Dana B. Tatnell
Alexandra Givan	Andrew S. Orefice	Jennifer J. Whittaker
Caitlin M. Kelly	Evan Ramos	Jaclyn R. Williamson
Nahm Doug Kim	Samantha Rogers	Christopher Wright



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## STUDENT AWARENESS



# The Blood Drive

By: Bridget Cassidy



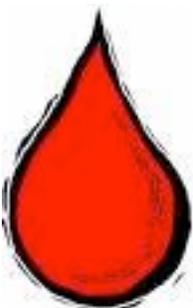
Imagine a place where people were kind enough to give blood to people in need of blood... well there is! PVMS!!

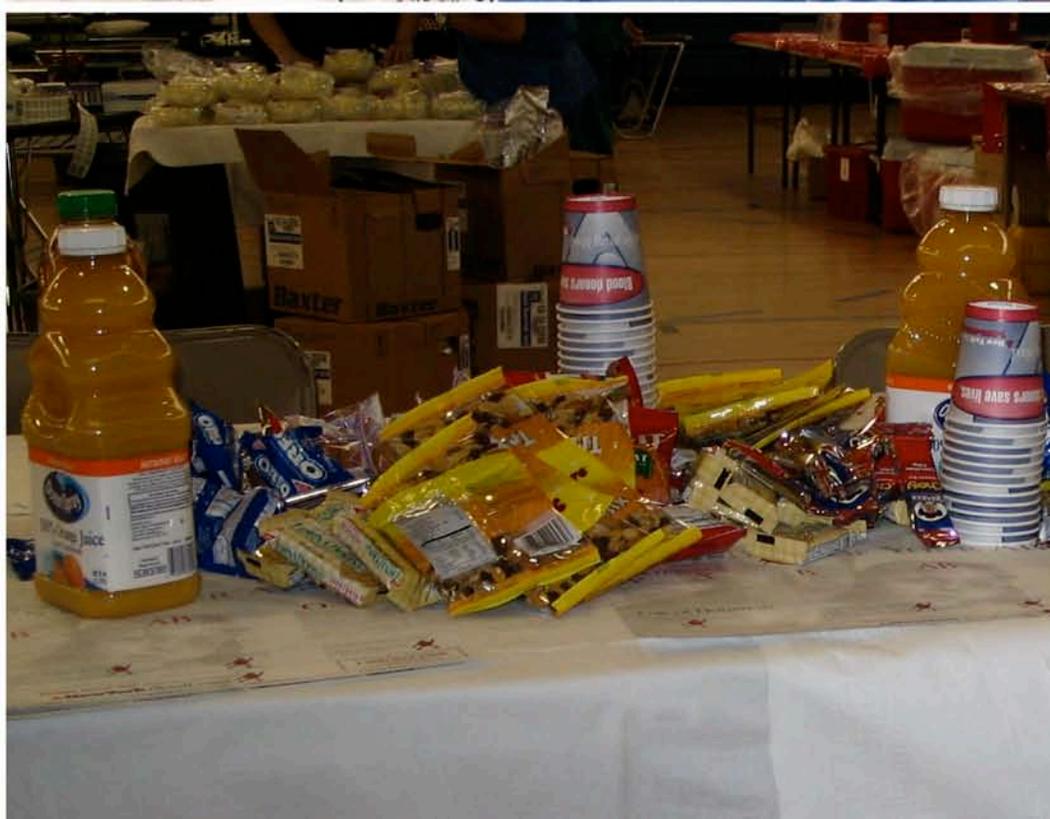
The 6<sup>th</sup> grade sponsored a blood drive on Thursday, May 1st from 2:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. The New York Blood Center came to PVMS to take blood from people. Mrs. Brothers, Mrs. Cohen, and Mr. Carlin were the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers running the blood drive. Mr. Carlin, Mrs. Cohen, and Mrs. Brothers actually gave blood!! There was a costume of a blood drop that a few people went into. One of the people was Sara Zadrina. The next time there is a blood drive encourage your parents, or anyone 16 or older, to go.

The blood you donate saves lives.

### Blood Drive Fun Facts

- ✚ Every pint saves 5 lives
- ✚ 120 pints were collected
- ✚ The 6<sup>th</sup> graders got people to donate by making posters, flyers, and hanging them around the town
- ✚ The 6<sup>th</sup> graders had to ask at least 10 people if they could donate







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## **STUDENT AWARENESS**



# *Kick Butts Day*

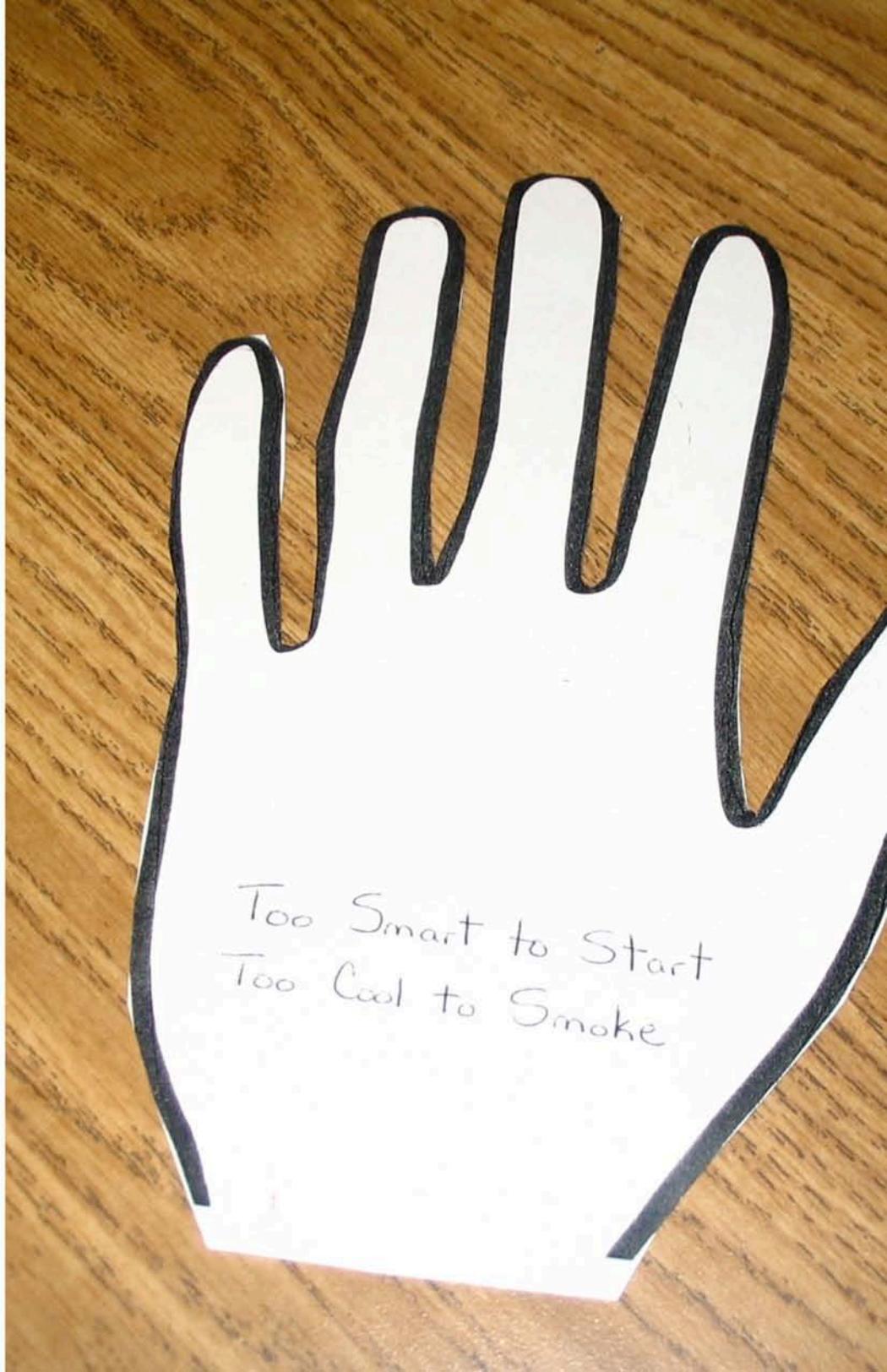
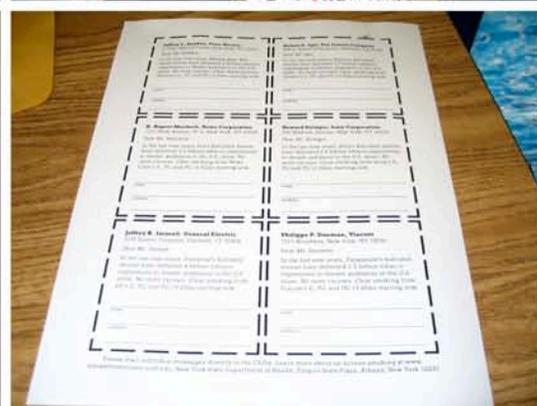
*By* Bridget Cassidy

“Let’s Have A Show Of Hands, Who Wants To Be Drug Free?”

Kick Butts Day was held on April 2, 2008. The object of Kicks Butts Day was to raise kid’s awareness about the dangers of smoking and tobacco. The people who organized Kick Butts Day are Maura Maier, Theresa DelVecchio and Mrs. Darreff. Mrs. Darreff works in our school as the health teacher and an athletic coach. Ms. Maier and Ms. DelVecchio reinforce the dangers of tobacco use in special classes that they teach to PVMS students as Prevention Educators from Putnam Family & Community Services.

On Kick Butts Day the organizers asked PVMS students to pledge that they will not smoke by writing their names on paper hands. They put the paper hands on colored paper on the wall. They also had us sign letters to people who own movie theaters and markets that sell and advertise cigarette brands. The letters explained to the owners that they shouldn’t advertise cigarette brands because little kids would see them and wonder what cigarettes are and maybe one day they could become a smoker or would want to be smokers.

I hope that all the kids in the world will be smoke/drug free. If all of them aren’t, the people who do smoke are making a horrible choice.





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# STUDENT AWARENESS

## Fundraiser



# Spring Into

# BOX TOPS

Support our school. Collect Box Tops!

By Zackary Nolan

Do you know the ones on the top of the cereal cartons? The more we collect, the more stuff we can buy for our school. We have had three different box top contests this year, all organized by Mrs. Weise. The first contest was held in November. It was a contest for the class who brought in the most box tops. Mrs. Nadell's fifth grade class won this contest and they were treated to candy, snacks and a movie party. The second contest was a class contest, Mrs. Brother's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class brought in the most box tops so they won the class contest. They were treated with hot chocolate, popcorn and a movie. The third contest, was for two individual winners. The two prizes are awesome!

A \$25 HOLLISTER Gift Card  
AND  
A \$25 **iTunes** Gift Card  
were the prizes to win.



## To Enter

☛ The students collected **BOX TOPS** and put them into a sandwich bag. They wrote their names **CLEARLY!** No sloppy handwriting on the bag. They Dropped it in the **BOX TOPS collection box** outside the main office.

**There Was no limit** on the number of bags they put in the box. The more bags that they put in, helped them in the raffle.

The contest ended April 29<sup>th</sup>. The drawing was held on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

The winners for the spring Box Tops award were

For the Hollister gift card  
Alexandra Kennedy

For the 25\$ iTunes gift card  
Sarah Sperling



# STUDENT AWARENESS

## Student Council



By Erin Mah

Student Council sponsored a Spring Dance, “Spring Fling”.

Spring Fling was on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a great turn out! Close to 200 kids attended!

We were lucky enough to have a really awesome DJ with great tunes. Some of the songs that the DJ played were Kiss, Cotton eyed Joe, Who Let the Dogs out, Girlfriend, Everybody Dance Now, S.O.S., See you Again, *Souldja Boy* and more.

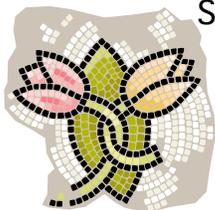
At the end of the dance, right before everyone left, the “party person” made us all do push ups! It was hilarious!

The Student Council really out did themselves on organizing this dance; there were balloons as well as great pizza! Everyone was dancing around like there was no tomorrow.

At first, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders weren’t participating with everyone else because they were “Too cool” but eventually they gave in and had as much fun as the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Since Mrs. Brothers of the Go Green Club was at the recycling bin watching closely to make sure everyone was recycling, tons and tons of bottles and cans were recycled. I bet we made over \$100 just from recycling because so many people bought soda then recycled their cans! I can’t wait for our End of the Year dance on June 13<sup>th</sup>!

See next page for pictures of the fun!







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## Community Events



## Visits PVMS

By Meghan Malone

Recently, the PVMS IBM campers (Leanna Wright-Mark, Brittini Campinini, Kim Schneider, Jennifer Merna, Jennifer Whittaker, Stephanie Pasquale, and myself) and the IBM mentors went to the Elementary School to talk about engineering to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We also created two different projects for each grade. These projects demonstrated some things that are relevant to what engineers do.

One project, called the “Straw Tower”, was presented to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. The students had to build a tower out of plastic straws that could hold up a golf ball. They worked together in teams to solve the activity. The second project, called “Balloon Rocket”, was presented to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The students had to create an aircraft out of a balloon, a small cup, paperclips, and tape that could fly up a string. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders also worked in groups.

Although some of the tasks were difficult, the students eventually got it and succeeded. It was a fun time for the kids and another option for their future was opened.

If you're a 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl going into eighth grade interested in math, science, and technology, you could have a chance to go to IBM E.X.I.T.E. Camp this summer! It's a free, fun, camp where girls can explore technology and engineering for one week. You get to do fun activities like the diet-pepsi/mentos trick. The bus picks you up in the morning at the middle school for a full day of camp, and drops you off at around 5:00 pm. And you don't even have to pack a lunch because it's provided! But before you become eligible, you have to be recommended by one of your math or science teachers, so work hard! Then, once you are eligible, you have to fill out an application that tells the camp why you should go. Filling out the form is worth it. Don't be fooled, this is not some “science-geek” camp. This camp is fun and exciting.... And hey, you might just learn something.

### SIXTH GRADE VISITORS

By Allison Saffo

On March 28th, IBM engineers came in and talked with the sixth grade students. They talked about their jobs, what engineering is like and they even did the lemon battery project with them! Plus they encouraged some girls about getting into engineering and explaining that its not just a career for guys. The three engineers that came in did a Power Point Presentation talking about themselves, engineering, what types of engineers there are, what's inside a battery and so on. At end they gave us all color changing cups, a pencil and a brochure about engineering with websites on the back. This annual presentation is very much enjoyed by the sixth graders and the teachers, too.



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## Community Events



# PVMS Technology Fair

By Nick Scolaro



Pictures by Vincent Torsiello, Alex Orefice

On May 1<sup>st</sup> Putnam Valley Middle School held a technology fair from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. If you didn't get a chance to make it you missed out on some cool demonstrations. The fair was open to parents, all community members, students, and family.

Our parents and community members learned how to use Photoshop, how to blog, how to make a podcast, how to make a PowerPoint presentation and how to use the SmartBoard and Studywiz. My dad went with me and he was amazed at the technology we had in our school

In another room, Ms. Yurus and Mrs. Daur showed you how to use i-Movie with a camera and Comic Life. Mrs. Bradfield demonstrated how to use the SmartBoard. In this demonstration, my dad learned that parents could go onto Studywiz and check if their kid has homework or not.

The SmartBoard, to me, is the best piece of technology in the school besides the laptops. The Technology Fair was not only fun, I actually learned a lot about i-Movie and Comic Life. For those who went, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.



## *New York State School Music Association*

# NYSSMA

By Emily Azcue



NYSSMA stands for New York State School Music Association. NYSSMA is a music festival in which students sing or play a musical instrument for a judge. Students are able to choose a “classical piece” and they have to practice hard to learn the song. Along with playing or singing a song students have to play/sing scales and do some sight-reading. NYSSMA is held in a large school and students go to separate classrooms to play for a judge.

If you want to be a part of NYSSMA you have to sign a form and send in a check depending on the amount of money needed. Unfortunately, it is too late to send in the forms and money but if you would like to try it next year ask Miss. DeNitto or Mrs. Craane.

The judges grade students on how well they play, how well they know their music and how well they know their scales and sight-reading. NYSSMA is completely optional and has different levels of difficulties. As the levels get higher the music becomes harder. NYSSMA gives students an idea of how they are doing in music. If they get higher scores that means they are practicing and they know their music. If they get lower grade, that means maybe they should practice harder.

This year NYSSMA was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Each participant was assigned a date and time to arrive for their performance. Congratulations to those of you who participated in this event. If you would like to do it next year be sure to talk to your music/band teacher.



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## Student Activities



By Connor Malone  
& Devon DiVernieri

The official Spelling Bee started on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the finals were held on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The home base teachers gave out the spelling bee study sheets. Most people were perplexed by the words on the sheets. A friend quotes "THIS IS SO HARD TO SPELL!" We personally were looking forward to the spelling bee. Students who competed in the Spelling Bee had to spell a word off the list. If they spelled the word right they moved on to the next round, if they spelled it wrong they were out of the competition. The students to make it to the Semifinal Spelling Bee which was held in the school cafeteria on May 21<sup>st</sup> were:

**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Sarah Scocozza, Erin Todd, Joquan Smart and Adrian Silva

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** Kieth Knoeppel, Jackie Tomasulo, Elise Alexander, Madie Albu, Sabrina Riccardi and Andrulisa Jones

**7<sup>th</sup> grade:** Brittany Downz, Alexandra Kennedy, Eric Macher, Michaela Macquinon, Audrey Malek and Jessica Viveros

**8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Xiomara Santos, Mike Monaghan, Dana Tatnell, Suneil Vaswani, Julianne Willis and Nick Scolaro

The final competition was held on May 29<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria. The finalists for each grade were:

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Joquan Smart, Adrian Silva and Sarah Scocozza

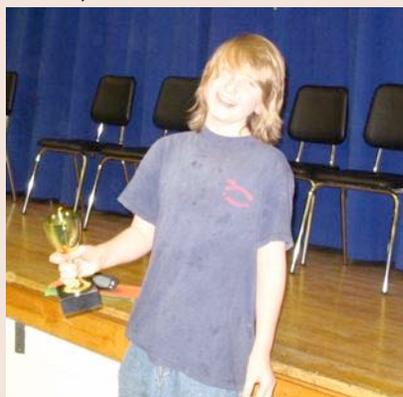
6<sup>th</sup> grade: Kieth Knoeppel, Madie Albu and Andrulisa Jones

7<sup>th</sup> grade: Audrey Malek, Jessica Viveros and Michaela Macquinon

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Dana Tatnell, Julianne Willis, Suneil Vaswani and Nick Scolaro

And the winner .....

who spelled the word



*Keith Knoeppel*

*auricle* correctly.



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## Student Activities



By Allison Saffo

The Putnam Valley Middle School has opened up a new program for middle school students this year. This program is **PARP**, which stands for **P**arents **A**s **R**eadings **P**artners. PARP started at the Putnam Valley Elementary School, this program has been passed on to the middle school along with the fun new name! Luckily, this program has also been a big success.

PARP kicked off with an Ice Cream Social on March 14, where kids and parents came to the party, ate ice cream and danced! PARP ran for a total of five weeks. Here's how it worked: during the week you read with your parents and they sign a slip. On that Friday you hand in your slip. Every two weeks you win prize. On week five, all of the slips go into a box and one person gets picked to win an i-Pod. Also, during every week there is a spirit-type day. Like a book swap, crazy sock day and other things, too. Plus, prizes every week for participants.

Thanks to Mrs. Kahn, this program was a big success. Mrs. Kahn is the AIS reading teacher and the ELA Lab teacher. She was the one who started it all. There was no mandatory book to read with your parents but Mrs. Kahn was selling a book, The Indian in the Cupboard. She was selling that book for two reasons. One reason was to have a book for kids and parents to read and two was that on April 29 they showed the movie at the Putnam Valley High School PAC as a PARP Movie Night. There were door prizes and the movie was free. Plus, there was a raffle later on.

So, that wraps up this article and hopefully you have realized how fun PARP can be! It was a fun time and hopefully more people will participate next year. And believe me... you won't be sorry!



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## **Student Activities**



# **The Sound of Music**

By Erin Mah

Let's all take some time and give a big round of applause to everyone who was involved with our PVMS musical; *The Sound of Music*. They were amazing! Bravo.

This amazing event happened on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The scenery was spectacular. Bridget Cassidy, one of the prop people, told us that if an actor or actress needed something that you didn't have ready you would have to run to the other side of the stage and get it in a matter of 10 seconds before the curtain opened for the next scene!

If you weren't at the Friday night performance then you missed out! It was so funny; the audience was falling out of their seats. Joe Mignone, a.k.a. the Captain, came on to the wedding scene with a baby doll. Everyone had to stall because some of the children weren't dressed yet, so Stephanie Pasquale, a.k.a. Louisa, said that she locked them in their room! Oh my gosh, you had to have been there. I can't wait for the next musical.





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## **Student Activities**



# 5th Grade Biography Book Reports

By Zackary Nolan and Michael Roman

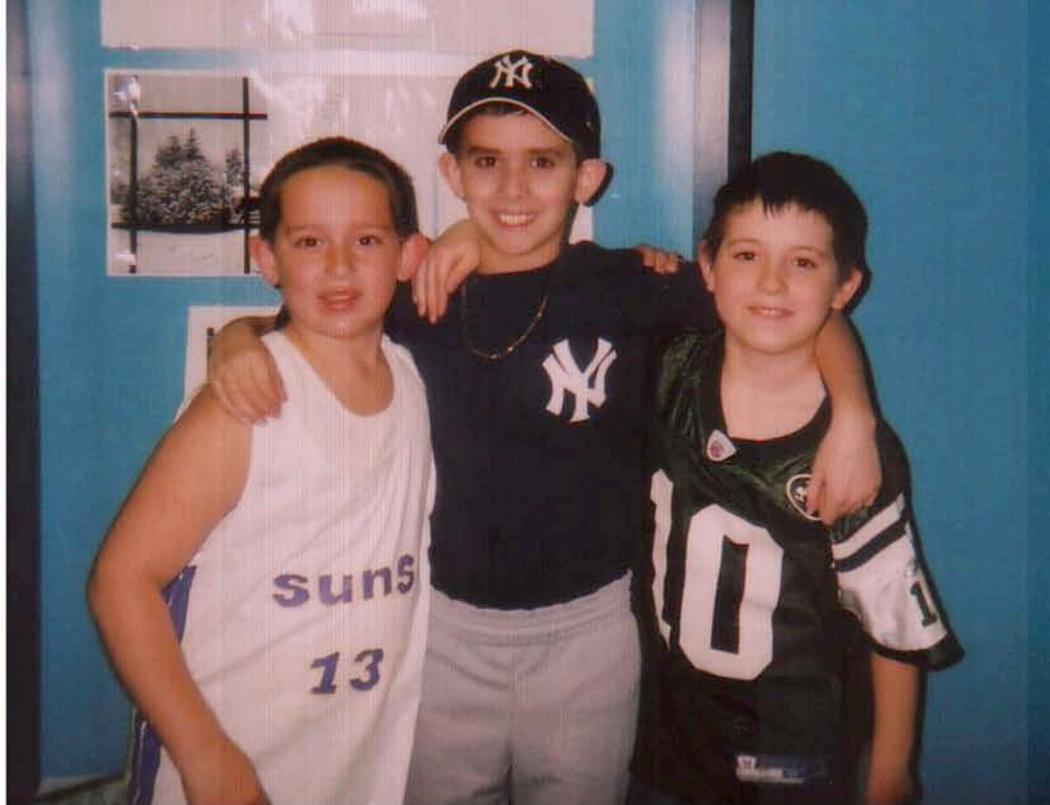
Some of the fifth grade classes just finished Biography Book Reports. The cool thing about these reports is that they are not the same old boring reports you do in any other grade. In this book report you get to dress up as the famous person of your choosing.

First we read a book about a famous person you might admire. During our reading we took notes on the person's life and special events. We also used a few other backup references to help find more information. Some examples of famous people are ... Michael Jordan, Emmitt Smith, Louis Armstrong, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Lawrence of Arabia, Babe Ruth and Clara Barton.

After the fifth grader's wonderful performances, the i-Team took time out of their second period classes to come down to the fifth grade classes to film their performances. They were very helpful.

Some of the students did extra work by making posters, timelines and poems (etc.). You can see some of our extra credit work in the hallway outside Mrs. Bowe's classroom. We believe we did great!!! Bravo 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, BRAVO!

See next page for some pictures. Can you guess who we were?





## Student Editorial

# Global Warming

By Christina George and Devon DiVernieri



If you're wondering and are interested in global warming you may want to read this article. The main idea of global warming is just like a green house, and by that I mean the earth is just like a green house. Green house walls keep heat inside the green house. The ozone keeps heat in but also protects us from the heat. With all of the man-made pollutants in the air the earth gets hotter.

Pollutants are pretty much the cause of global warming. The cutting down of trees and such all tie in. The gas from cars and fires all go up and float into the air. At this time they are carbon dioxide and other gases. These gases trap in heat.

This is a threat to all animals, including humans. This could affect the food chain. Cows could die, then we won't have a portion of our variety of meals. Speaking of animals, polar bears are now threatened by global warming. It is estimated that greater than 20,000 polar bears are living and breathing right now. The icecaps are melting, meaning the polar bears will have to swim farther to get from icecap to icecap.

Global warming is also a threat to humans. If the earth gets too hot we can get sunburn, which can lead to skin cancer, and generally we can just die out. The earth can burn up and that's the end of that.

On the positive side we can help all this by recycling. Hopefully the new president will also try to do something, but whoever wins the election will still need some help. Transportation is a big thing so we can walk to the store around the corner. Anything can help, just do your best.



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## Student Editorial



# A REVIEW

Review for the Laura Ingalls Wilder Play by the Really Tough Critic,  
Sofia France.

On Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> I went to see a play on Laura Ingalls Wilder at the Tarrytown Music Hall. I thought the play was pretty good, but I would have liked it more if it had focused on one big event in her life instead of small excerpts of her life. For instance, I would have liked it if they had elaborated on the trips from state to state that the Ingalls' made, describing the journeys. Instead, the actors burst into song as they acted out the hardships of their travels. Though I do believe the actress who played Mary will have a good career in acting because of her ability to change personalities so easily. In the beginning of the play she had to become Mary, a 'goody-goody-two-shoes' and then she had to be Nellie Owens, an obnoxious loud-mouthed snob and then back to a 'goody-goody-two-shoes' Mary.

Even though I enjoyed the play very much I felt it was a bit melodramatic. It wasn't believable enough. I would have preferred to learn about Laura Ingalls in a more realistic way. One thing in the play that really caught my attention was Nelly's last name, in the play her name was Nelly Owens but when I watched the TV show her name was Nelly Olsen; Olsen not Owens. I personally believe the play information. But I urge you as my reader of *The Tiger Times* to do further research. Anyway, I believed the play. In closing I would give this play, on a scale of one to five, I would give it an even four stars.





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## Student Editorial



# Laura Ingalls Wilder

## Play Reviews

By Allison Saffo

On April 7, the fifth graders went to see the *Laura Ingalls Wilder* play. The day after they had to write a review on it. Here are some reviews that were chosen. Enjoy!

I thought that the *Laura Ingalls Wilder* play really showed how life was back in the day, and how they kept moving along. I thought it was really neat how the other characters froze for two or three minute while Laura was talking. Also, how they used props from the house to change the setting to things like the general store and the wagon they rode in. I also liked the message it sent: "Anyone can do anything when you put your mind to it". They showed this when she described everything to her sister. At first she didn't believe that she could do it, but when she put her mind to it, she did it. I recommend this play to all ages, boy or girl, who wants to learn what life was like back then.

~By Taylor Beckel



The *Laura Ingalls Wilder* play is a great play for all ages. It has an entertaining light-hearted plotline that takes place on the wide-open prairie. Wonderfully sung and acted. Bravo! I recommend this play to everyone. It teaches history while putting on a fun and exciting show.

-By Zachary Faber Manning

Reporters tell us that the infamous students in Mrs. Bowe's and Mrs. Gallelo' s classes went to the *Little House on the Prairie* play at the Tarrytown Music Hall. Here's a review from student Erin Mah: "I thought the play was good but more of a musical than a play. In my opinion this helped. It made the so-called "play" move much more smoothly. The acting was world class! You could tell that the actors were definitely professionals. They never hesitated and as surprisingly as it sounds they only had ten days to practice this outstanding performance. I thought the creative use of all the props was done well ..... creative! They had a lot of different scenes, but never once did they close the curtain! I would highly recommend this to youngsters that want to fill their minds with history and fun!" Well, that's the inside scoop.

~Erin Mah



I personally thought the play was wonderful. I would give it four and a half stars. I would say they could have been more detailed in what happened at the first place they lived. On the other hand the acting was brilliant, and absolutely terrific! The songs were great and so was the singing. Everything fit perfectly. There was never a time where I was confused or didn't understand something. I would definitely recommend this play to anyone!

-Carly Bartelini



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## Student Biographies



### Laura Ingalls Wilder

By Gina Valentino

Laura Elizabeth Ingalls was born on February 7, 1867, in a log house in Wisconsin. Laura's childhood was spent traveling to Indian Territory in Kansas and to grasshopper country in Minnesota, and then Dakota Territory where she met and married Almonzo Wilder. Her daughter Rose grew up listening to stories of those pioneer days. She always asked her mother to write them down so other children could read them as well. In the 1930's and 40's Laura recorded memories from days long ago in a children's series known as "The Little House On The Prairie" books. (At [LauraIngallsWilder.com](http://LauraIngallsWilder.com))

On April 7<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to see the Laura Ingalls Wilder musical. The main characters were Ma, Pa, Mary and Laura. The show was full of musical songs. The show was very interesting and well done. It showed Pa, making a house and a general store. Ma, Pa, Mary and Laura would ride in a boxcar and sing. In the middle of the show Mary goes blind, so Laura helped Mary by telling her what she sees and describing what she sees. Then at the end of the show Laura turns 16 and since everybody thinks she should be a teacher, she goes to college and learns how to be a teacher. I think that, since we didn't get to see how she taught, I think she must have been a very great teacher.

### Derek Jeter

By Eric Iezza

Derek Jeter is a baseball player that plays for the team called the NY Yankees. Baseball is a sport where you must hit a ball and run to bases, there are three bases plus home plate. When you get to home base you earn a run for the team. If you are not batting then you are out in the field and you've got to try to get the batter out. The way to do that is by tagging him with the ball or passing it to the base that he is running to. If he steps on the base then he is out. Also, you can catch the ball when it is hit in the air but, if it touches the ground then that person that was batting is not out. Now back to Derek Jeter, he is a player for the New York Yankees. He is number two for the team. "I have been playing baseball for as long as I remember," Derek Jeter says.

Derek Jeter has hit numerous home runs and he is a great player. He has hit about 195 home runs to date. He was drafted to the Yankees in 1992. Derek Jeter's full name is Derek Sanderson Jeter. He was born on June 26, 1974 in Pequannock Township, New Jersey. Derek Jeter plays the position called shortstop. Shortstop is a position where you have to be in charge of the whole infield, for example he tells them to move in and other stuff like that. Jeter is an eight-time all-star shortstop. He is also currently the captain of the New York Yankees. Jeter is a great player, has a great life and he will probably be one of those baseball players that their name lives forever like Babe Ruth. Good luck with the rest of your career Jeter and I hope you and your team play a good season.



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## **Student Activities**



# 5th Grade Potato Experiment - For Mother's Day?

By Ethan Pedersen

Mrs. Gallelo's 5<sup>th</sup> grade science class has been growing potatoes! We have been keeping a journal. Some rotted. We even named our potatoes. We put toothpicks through the middle of the potatoes so they would hang in the water to grow roots. They started to grow roots and then turn green. After that we planted the potato in soil.

We did this to watch the plant cycle and to use the scientific method. The potatoes sprouted into a plant.



We now have plants! Yes, green leaves growing! We wrapped them up and gave them to our mom's on Mother's Day.

Happy Mother's Day MOM!



# POLL RESULTS



## Which Video Game Console

### Captures Your Attention

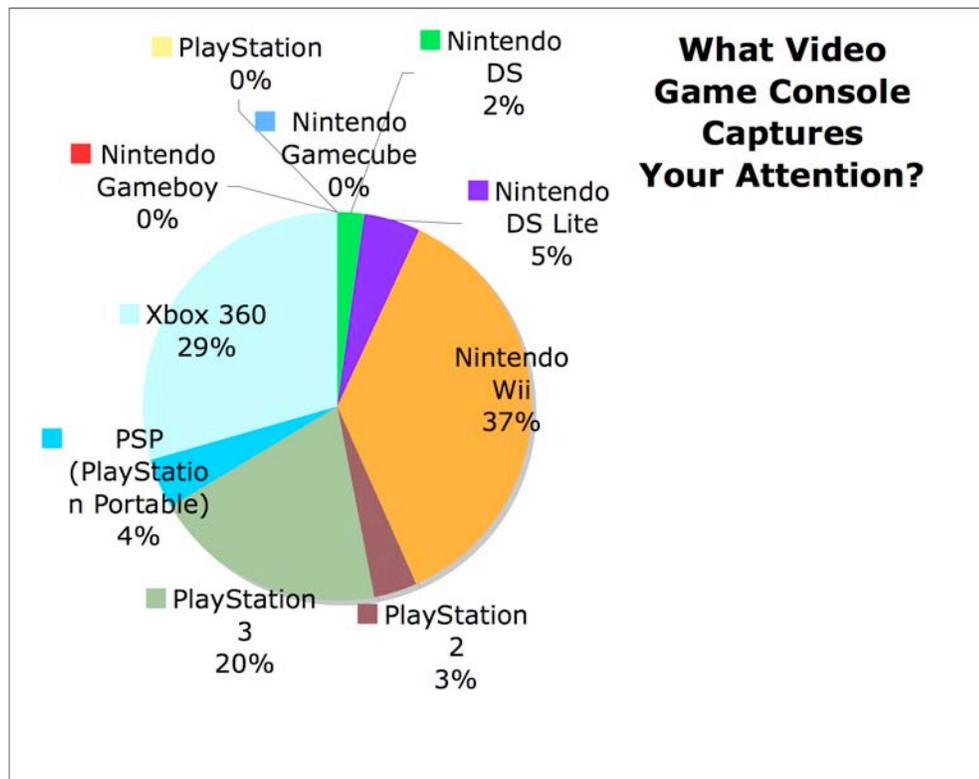
By Christina George  
And Michael Roman

#### Video Game Poll Results

We made an electronic poll on Studywiz. The poll was designed to find out which video game console the students at PVMS prefer the most.

We were surprised to see the results. 143 kids voted and the *Wii* won with 52 votes! A lot of people voted.

Studywiz is an online educational site that PVMS uses to help with lessons, Assignments, and tests. We used Studywiz to create and distribute this poll. Studywiz counts the results we then created a chart using Excel.





# POLL RESULTS



## What is your Favorite Sport?

By Gina Valentino

### Poll Results

I polled the middle school students to find out what is their favorite sport.

For this poll, we used a form that was handed to each home base. Students could respond if they chose. The home base teacher collected the completed polls. Later I collected them.

368 people responded. Here are the results:

Basketball	78 votes
Baseball	94 votes
Soccer	77 votes
Lacrosse	78 votes
Football	41 votes

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All together there were 368 votes

Baseball Wins!!!!



## **EXTRA EXTRA**



# Baby Blurb!

Babies, babies, babies! By Meghan Malone

The middle school has been blessed with 3 new babies during this school year!

Mrs. Poust, Mrs. Dreesen, Mrs. Keeler have all recently had babies  
Mrs. Poust's new baby boy, named Brian John Poust weighed at 8lbs 9oz.

Mrs. Keeler's baby girl, Isabella Stephanie Keeler, was born on August 31, 2007.

Mrs. Dreesen had her baby boy, Alec, on January 30<sup>th</sup>.



Congratulations to all!



**Dear students there is an upcoming school dance called The Last Dance. The dance is open to the 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have their own end of the year moving up dance held on June 24<sup>th</sup>.**

By Gina Valentino



# EXTRA EXTRA



A Public Service Announcement

By Christina George





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# Games and Puzzles



By: Nick Scolaro

## Summer Vacation Word Search

M W Z G L G R N R Z V E B N W C M  
G R Y S T N Y H G N S V E O U D H  
O A L L X I F A M I L Y A U L S T  
K C D W E L I D X E C A C C J N U  
T S E S V E C S Y V G A H Z C R I  
O Y T A L V E I W N E Z G H S N X  
J Q Y F N A L S D J Z F E J O X Y  
V M A I S R A A U E E A B I J N F  
G J C Y V T P W R T T T T X F K G  
J F P C N T A C I E K A H Y C Q S  
P W P G T A L B P E C E Q P B J Z  
D N A S H X C F R A N Z K V J L R  
I I K J S V F F V O A M D G E P C  
O B A V T Q V B J D T O H T Y N M  
W V Q E V U C W D D O L U I Q D V  
V N R E O S I M V K V P U Q Y A Q  
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BEACH  
OCEAN  
TAN

FAMILY  
SAND  
TRAVELING

HEAT  
SUN  
VACATION



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# Games and Puzzles



By: Eric Iezza

## Memorial Day

M V W R T A J C Y M S L V U F  
E A S N O M C V E O N M N N W  
M U S A A N A I L M A S E I Z  
O F E X L N O D R R E Q L T Q  
R E F S I U I H Z E Y T N E W  
I S N A R E T E V A M U A D W  
A H O O R T A E D Y K A Y R N  
L G I S K M A I R F O R C E Y  
R N N W W D L P R O T E C T P  
D I U J A O Z N B R G L J A P  
Y P C J H R Z X B C E K R Q M  
Z L G K O Z F A R M Y A D X T  
R E Y R O M E M R P D U N P A  
J H F J I T H N U E R Y Q Q Z  
W O A Q N B L X K R B V S V O

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NAVY  
SALUTE  
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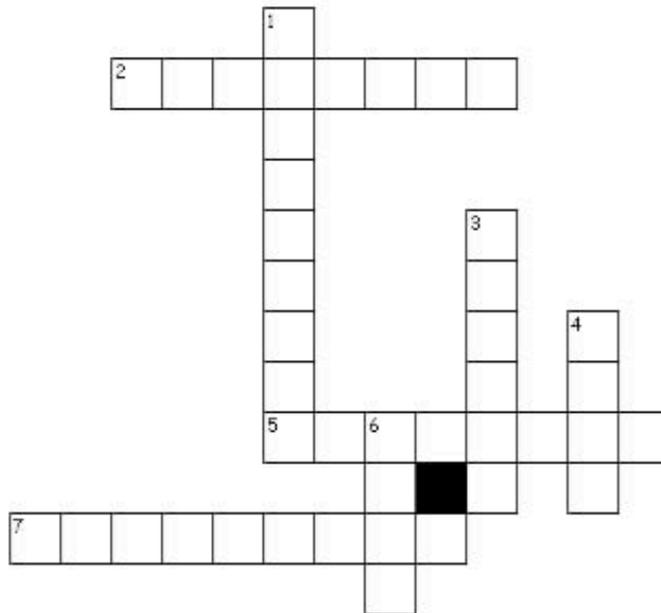


# Games and Puzzles



By: Ethan Pedersen

## Sports Criss Cross



**Across**

- 2. sport made by native Americans
- 5. between offense and defense
- 7. 6 point football score

**Down**

- 1. homer with bases loaded
- 3. protects the goal
- 4. 4 fouls at bat
- 6. a tackle in football

*7 of 7 words were placed into the puzzle.*

Created by [Puzzlemaker](http://Puzzlemaker) at [DiscoveryEducation.com](http://DiscoveryEducation.com)





## Locker Ladder<sup>®</sup> Organizers now available !

- The lockers at PVMS are 9 inches wide by 70 inches long with one shelf on top of the locker making it difficult for students to organize their books.
- Locker Ladders are designed to fit these narrow spaces and provide a 3-tiered shelf to help students separate and organize their books and school materials.
- This system makes it easier for students to switch books in between classes.
- The PVMS is able to purchase these locker ladders direct from the manufacturer at a cost of \$15.50 and want to pass the saving onto you -(Retail value \$28.95, \$25.95 + shipping on the Internet).
- If you would like to buy a Locker Ladder simply fill out the form at the bottom and return it to the main office with a check made payable to Putnam Valley Middle School.

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Locker Ladder Order Form: Detach and return to PVMS

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Homebase Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.50 Total \_\_\_\_\_