

# TIGER TIMES

## Spring at PVMS

Finally spring has made it to Putnam Valley. The grass is green, the trees are blooming. It is so nice to see the arboretum in bloom, except for those with allergies. We are actually in the height of the allergy season. Not fun for allergy sufferers. If you think it is bad here in Putnam Valley, New York, imagine how it would be if you lived in one of the following cities. These are the top cities for the WORST conditions for allergy sufferers:

- Knoxville, Tn.
- Louisville, KY
- Charlotte, NC
- Jackson, MS
- Chattanooga, TN

<http://aafa.org/pdfs/FINAL%20public%20LIST%20Spring%2011.pdf>

We are also dealing with the high cost of gasoline in the area. Moms and Dads everywhere are complaining about the cost to drive their cars. Less and less driving is taking place. In September when we started school, gas prices were \$2.77 a gallon compared to today which is \$4.22. That is a 152% increase. Take the BUS!

<http://pvcsd.org/MS/newspaper/newspaper.php>  
 Advisors: Mrs. Sherwood & Mrs. Sharp



## NEWS FLASH

By Conor Van Riper

Putnam Valley Schools are having two major milestones, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school district and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the High School.

On Saturday, June 18 the school is having a festival at the High School to celebrate these milestones. The district held a t-shirt design competition for all 3 schools; the winners were Sophia Lord, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Satoshi Abe 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Alexandra Gazzola 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There were over 100 entries from students. This school is ahead of all the rest just like the song implies.

For more information, visit the school website:

[iapps.pvcsd.org/PVIWEB/anniversary/](http://iapps.pvcsd.org/PVIWEB/anniversary/)



Finding a great Spring t-shirt: Connor found this t-shirt at the following website: [wordans.us](http://wordans.us)



Erika says "Spring is Here. Enjoy it while it lasts, because SUMMER is coming next."

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Here are the winners for the months of March and April 2011.  
 Congratulations to all our students!

## March

Social Studies	Science	Math	ELA	Other
Jacob Cooperman(5)	Brandon Quezada (6)	Nicholas Ferraro (5)	Jacob Cooperman (5)	Antonia DiFusco (Reading 6)
Jonathan Valle (6)	Brooke Schaber (6)		Danielle Capodieci (5)	Jillian Hartnett (Reading 6)
Tiger Tang (6)			Wyatt Beatini (6)	Zachary Faber-Manning (Health 8)
Jaydie Rivera (8)				Alexander Velichko (8) (Health)
				Zulema Dath (7) (All Content Areas)
				Thomas Dalton (7) (All Content Areas)
				Jacquelyn Gargano (8) (All Content Areas)
				Erin Mah (8) (All content Areas)

## April

Social Studies	Science	Math	ELA	Other
Shawna Jordan (6)	Jessica Denike (5)	Allie Santora (5)	Justin Whitmore (5)	Dan Martinez (5) (Encores)
Thomas Sweeney (6)	Joshuel Velasco (5)	Arban Brucaj (5)	Damian Cosseto (5)	James Caposito (6) (Reading)
Lauren Costello (8)	Julianna Torsiella (6)	Justin Gonzalez (5)	Brianna Martins (6)	Shamus Smyth (7) (Reading)
		Shelby Montague (5)	Shawna Jordan (6)	Alexei Smith (8) (Encores)
		Damian Kennedy (5)	Brittany Case (8)	Peter Schneider (8) (Encores)
				Robyn Torregrosa (8) (Encores)

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



By Erika Seidman

Did you know that the Guidance Office collects old, new, worn, or unworn eyeglasses? Well they do! Mrs.

Sherwood went and donated three pairs of eyeglasses. Mrs. Castrillon takes the unwanted eyeglasses to donate them to the needy. So, if you have pairs of eyeglasses that you don't need, donate but ask your parents first. Teachers, if you have unwanted eyeglasses donate today too! You can help a person see with your eyeglasses. Since the glasses go to the needy you will be helping people see.

Donate Today!!!!



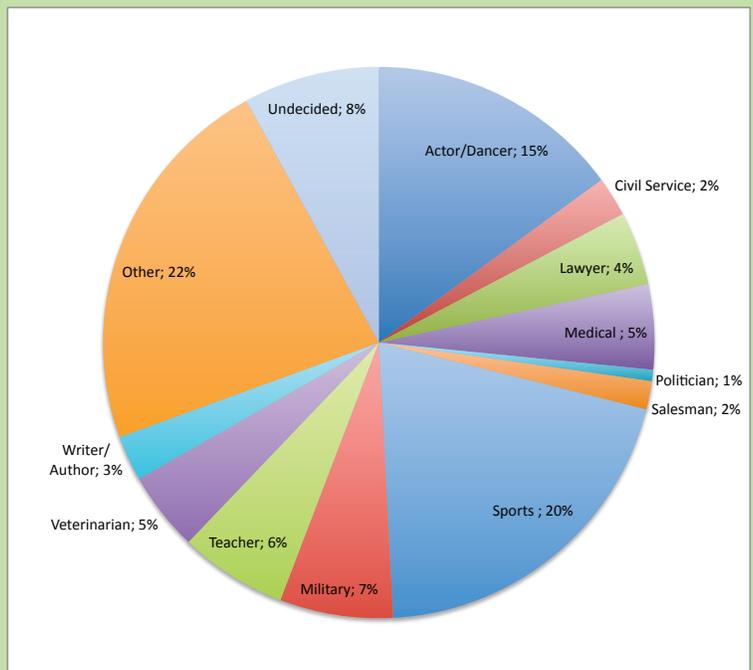
## POLL RESULTS

By Matt Scolaro

Last week, Mrs. Sherwood and I, Matt Scolaro, posted a vote on Studywiz asking students to vote on their future choices of careers. There was a whopping 301 responses and I am happy that so many students voted!

Here are the results in percentage.

The data indicates that 1/5 of the respondents want to be in the sports industry and only 2% want to be a firefighter or a police officer (civil service). Most people selected "Other" jobs. There are millions of jobs in the world, so I wonder what they would be. I selected "undecided" because I don't know what type of job I would like to do at this point.



Good Luck to everyone who wants to achieve his or her dream job.

## SHINE BRIGHT FOR LIFE



### PVMS ALL STARS

By Conor Van Riper

Here at the Middle School we have a program for kids called "All Stars". This is a national program that teaches how to live a drug free future and how to prevent drug use. Mrs. DeVecchio runs the class in our school. It runs for a few months .

Mr. Hanna helps distribute food to our 6th grade "All Stars" for a celebration breakfast.

The students were given a breakfast to celebrate the end of the class. When you get into 6<sup>th</sup>

grade you will take this class too. I hope you have fun!



# The Blood Drive

By David Kahn

The Blood Drive was run on March 9<sup>th</sup> by the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and organized by Mrs. Brothers and the New York Blood Center. The 6th grade had the hardest job at the Blood Drive. They had to recruit people from the front of the school and in the school. They also helped inside by giving blood donors food and refreshments after they gave blood. This Blood Drive was record breaking in terms of how many people and how many pints of blood donated. 174 people participated! Most people donate 1 pint of blood but some people can donate 2 pints of blood if they are able. So, remember that when the next blood drive comes, tell everyone you know to go and participate. All fifth graders from this year should participate in the blood drive next year (in sixth grade)!

# AWARENESS

## Food Allergy Awareness Week

By Danielle Lopez

I interviewed Claire Campos.

What are some things you can tell us about Food Allergy Awareness Week?

C: This year Food Allergy Awareness Week was from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. It is supposed to develop an awareness about food allergies to people who don't know that much about it.



How much money was raised?

C: About \$270 was raised.

What kind of allergies are people not aware of?

C: Some people don't know as much about allergies as others, or what an epi-pen is. An epi-pen is a needle that you carry with you [if you have allergies] in case you eat something that you're allergic to. You inject the needle into your thigh and the medicine inside will go to your blood until you can get to a hospital.

What kind of allergies do you have?

C: Milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, all nuts, fish, any fish or lobster, and sesame seeds. It's funny, when I was little I grew out of some allergies, such as wheat, strawberries, corn and grapes.

What was the congress letter about?

c: The letter was from Ms. Nita Lowey, a local congresswoman, congratulating me on my efforts on raising money and to thank Mr. Hallisey for letting me do this. She also took a guess, on the lollipop guess, but did not win.

Do you know how many kids have allergies in the world?

C: About 3 million children have allergies in the world.

Who won the lollipop guess?

C: Four people tied, all guessing 1000 lollipops! But in the end, Brandon Ivezaj won the lollipops with a toothbrush and more supplies to clean your teeth with.



Is there anything else you want to add?

C: There was 1,041 Dum-Dum lollipops in the jar. Congratulations to all who tried!



# HOOPS FOR HEART

By Brittany Case

On April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> 'Hoops for Heart' took place right here in our school. Reporter Brittany Case asked Mrs. Parchen, one of our fantastic gym teachers, a few questions about 'Hoops for Heart'.

**“What is ‘Hoops for Heart’?”**

“Hoops for Heart’ is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association for research for people with heart disease.”

**“How much money on average did you collect each year?”**

“Around \$2,000.”

**“How many students participate each year?”**

Every student participates (over 600 students,) but only about 50 students bring in money.”

**“Do the students receive any prizes/gifts?”**

“The students have a choice for what they want depending on how much money they raised.”

Students also have a choice to not get any prizes, therefore giving more money to the American Heart Association. Just think, if every student in the school brought in just \$5.00, we could raise over \$3,000! Maybe NEXT YEAR!



## STORYTIME IS STILL FUN

By Erika Seidman

PARP,(Parents as Reading Partners), is a reading activity that is great for all ages. You have a chance to spend time and read with your parent(s), guardians, and even grandparents and siblings. For fun you can read with your pet! I had the chance to read with my mother and father and Indiana, my dog. I have not had that opportunity in a long time. It was nice.

The goals for PARP are to read “25 Books for the Year” with read with your parents . For the 5th graders, in Mrs. Byrnes’ and Mrs. Gallello’s classes, we received a chance to take 2 photos of ourselves and our parent(s) reading together. The pictures were developed and placed on the READ poster outside of Mrs. Byrnes’s room. You may take the opportunity to look at the pictures on your way to my class!

## Random Facts

By Conor Van Riper & Owen Gifford-Smith

Hotdogs last twenty years in landfills.

Some ants explode when attacked.

It would take 3 years of constant pedaling on a bike to reach the moon.

4,000-year-old noodles were discovered in China . I wonder who ordered them.

There are more plastic flamingos in the U. S. than real ones.

A pet goldfish lived to be 43 years old.

# BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

By **Matthew Scolaro**

“Safe Kids” is an organization that allows 7<sup>th</sup> graders to help teach 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders how to be safe in multiple ways. I was actually a “Safe Kid” this year! Our job is to go to the Elementary School and teach kids the “Buddy System”, “Check First”, and “No-Go-Tell”. The “Buddy System” is the

rule in which you should take a buddy along when going to any place alone or without parental supervision. “Check First” is the rule that you should check with a parent before you go anywhere to prevent kidnapping. “No-Go-Tell” is the system that you should use when someone is touching you in a place or in a way that may make you feel uncomfortable. Separate

groups of “Safe Kids” taught separate topics. My group did the “Buddy System” and “Check First”. Hopefully the kids have learned a lot and will use these rules in a situation.



**NO  
GO  
TELL**





## A Wave of Talent for the Tsunami

By Erika Seidman

On Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Danielle Lopez, with the help of the PVMS Student Government and advisor, Mr. Hanna, organized a Talent Show. The purpose of the Talent show was to show off PVMS student talent and to raise money to help Japan recover from the earthquake and tsunami.

Thanks to the people who donated. They collected \$1000. The organizers of the show were a little concerned because on the day of the show, they had only sold 25 tickets but by the time the show got started, they had to add more seats at the last minute!

I hope you enjoyed the show. It was a great success! Congratulations to all!



# ART Corner

By Conor Van Riper

In the school's art room each grade is doing a different project. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is doing texture and fantasy creatures, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is doing value and shading, 7<sup>th</sup> grade is doing pen and ink and 8<sup>th</sup> is doing collage and design. Each of the grades also used different mediums. Here are some of the art works.



## *Hip Hip Hooray to our HONORS!*

48 of our Putnam Valley Middle School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Congratulations.

This is a national organization for middle school students grades 6-8. To become a member of NJHS you have to demonstrate "excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character." In addition you have to have a minimum of 92.5 for all of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It is a hard project and it goes on your resume and helps to get into good colleges. You can be in the NHS in high school too.

Please see the next page for a list of the new inductees.



# NJHS INDUCTEES

Divya J. Adukuzhiyil

Yasmine N. Annabi

Carly Rose Bartelini

Julia Bauer

Taylor Beckel

Amanda Bruno

Bridget Cassidy

Lauren Costello

Jessica Crotty

Amanda D'Addona

Nicole D'Addona

Jacob deMey

Sydney DeToma

Sara P. Donnelly

Zachary Faber-Manning

Sofia France

Brendan Galeano

Christina George

Eric Grimes

Kayleigh Hartnett

Lizzett Hernandez

Holly Jones

Matthew J. Liscia

Danielle Lopez

Hannah Mackay

Erin Mah

Morgan McNamara

Ryan Mello

William Messinger

Joseph P. Nolan III

Eve C. O'Brien

Shannon J. Poulouse

Eva Rabson

Deanna Rivas

Jaydie Rivera

Shannon Rogers

Michael Roman

Sarah Scocozza

Caitlin Selca

Adrian Silva

Alexei Smith

Nicole Swansen

Erin Todd

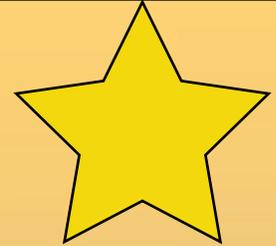
Veronica Toone

Robyn Torregrosa

Quinn Torres

Alexander Velichko

Jessica Wagner



# The Lent Season

By Nicholas Brugnoli

Lent is a Christian holiday. Lent lasts for 40 days, which leads up to Easter Sunday. (It's really 46 days until Easter, but the six Sundays before Easter aren't counted on the Christian calendar for Lent, because those Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus). During those 40 days, you have to give up something you like to do or eat. (It can't be meat, because you have to give that up anyway on Fridays). Mardi Gras, (also referred to as Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday), is the day before Lent officially begins. It is a day that you can celebrate and eat or do anything you want before you have to give it up for Lent. The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday. It is a day where you go to your church and the priest will put an ash cross on your forehead. The cross symbolizes that you are ready to be a good person and sacrifice things in your life. When Easter comes along, the Lent season officially ends. On Easter, most Christians celebrate with a big feast with their families. There is also the Easter Bunny, but we'll save that story for another day. ☒

Sources: <http://www.stpaulskingsville.org/lent.htm>  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lent>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mardi\\_Gras](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mardi_Gras)

## Thanks Newspaper Know-Hows!

A shout out comes from Mrs. Mahoney, one of our 5th grade teachers, to some of our newspaper

A shout out  
from one  
of our  
teachers

# Origami

By Owen Gifford-Smith

Origami, the Japanese art of folding paper, is an activity used since paper was invented. There are thousands of types of Origami shapes including the paper crane. The paper crane is famous



throughout the world. Most people think that Japan or China invented the paper crane but most people are wrong. Someone in Great Britain actually invented the paper crane.

Link and sources: [www.origami-instructions.com](http://www.origami-instructions.com)

kids.... During our club one Tuesday, she came into our meeting and looked around for a good moment to ask a question. "How do I create a hyperlink in my iWeb" she asked. There was no lack of helpers in the club that day. Tyrique Scantlebury, Nick Brugnoli both helped her out in a jiffy. Mrs. Mahoney couldn't believe how fast the two could help her! Great job to you both!

# AWARENESS

## *Paper Paper “on” the Air*

By Owen Gifford Smith

Ever heard of Studywiz?

Ever heard of Studywiz? Well you're going to, because teachers are already starting using Studywiz to communicate messages to students and other teachers. To save paper,



PVMS teachers are sending notes via email and Studywiz. Studywiz is a program where students can send in finished assignments and receive directions. The

process is already in motion. We used half the amount of paper in 2010/2011 than we used in 2009/2010. With programs like Studywiz and email, we are moving slowly but surely to a paperless society. Say goodbye to paper handouts and hello to Studywiz.

## *April is for Autism*

By Matthew Scolaro

If you do not know already, April was “Autism Awareness Month”. Autism is a mental disorder that causes social difficulty and trouble speaking. Teachers wore tiny loop ribbons with puzzle pieces. The pieces represent the cure for autism since there is no cure. This shows that people have hope for a cure. Our principal, Mr. Hallisey, has been announcing autism facts every day throughout the month of April. Here are some to refresh your memory:

1. Autism affects one in every 150 children born today in the U.S.
2. No blood test can detect autism. It is based on behavior.
3. Autism is more common in children than cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined.
4. Children who are born underweight or premature may have a higher risk for autism.

Autism is a serious disease, so do not make jokes about it, as most autism jokes are severely hurtful and the pain from the joke can come down on a person like a ton of bricks. Needless to say, we can donate money for a cause and maybe we can find the cure for this disease.

# Minecraft: The Virtual Game of the Century

**By Tyrique Scantlebury**

Minecraft. A sandbox construction survival computer game where you can do anything from making simple beds and furnaces to mine cart tracks and roller coasters to mansions and castles. By day you dig for wood and minerals like iron and diamond and by night you fight zombies and creepers that attack your houses and barriers you built to protect yourself. When you describe Minecraft, think "Virtual Lego." I personally think Minecraft is really cool because you can craft anything that comes to mind. Though, sadly, since so many people were playing it during class and since it drains so much battery power (about 10-20% every 20 minutes or less of play) Minecraft was put to a stop. Also at the beginning of the school year, we made a laptop commitment not to put software from home onto the school laptops, which is how most students got Minecraft in the first place. Though Minecraft was fun while it lasted it was shut down and thus the game and the server used to play it were completely rendered useless. Though some students carried the Minecraft trend on and put the game on a flash drive and placed the game on their home computers. Minecraft is something most students will definitely remember about the 2010-2011 school year.



## State Tests

By, Nick Brugnoli

Yup, it's that time of the year again! ... STATE TESTS! ☹️ \*Shudders at the thought of it.\* Anyway, the New York State Testing Program is a program that tests students from grades one to twelve. It is designed for the state to see how well students understand the Math and English that they are taught, and how well the teachers teach them. (Eighth-graders also have state tests for other subjects, but that's a whole other story). Anyway, the New York State Math and English tests are divided into two parts. The first part for the Math and English tests are all multiple-choice questions. There are usually about 40 questions for each part one test. The second part of the math test requires you to show your work and explain how you got your answers. The second part of the English test has you write some short answers, an essay, and only a few multiple-choice questions. For the part two tests, there are usually about 10-20 questions. The state tests don't count as part of your grade. They help determine if you'll need extra help the next year, if your right-on target, or if you're exceeding past the target.

# FUN After School

By Tyrique Scantlebury

Our school's after school program, Children Center, is the place for kids to go when parents are busy and aren't home when their child gets home from school. The Children Center is a fun place for kids. There, you can use the computers, play in the gym, do homework, eat snacks, go outside, and more. The Children Center follows a strict schedule. First is announcements, then you go outside for 30 minutes, and then you wash your hands and eat snacks, then we go to either the gym or upstairs to play the Nintendo Wii, use the computers, or just talk to friends. In the gym we play games like Dodge Ball, Kickball, Baseball (softball), and more. The Children Center also offers trips to cool places like an aquarium, Fun Central, movies and an amusement park during half days, Spring Break, or summer. The Children Center also offers camp during the summer. The Children Center is a great place for kids 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade to interact. Starting next year, there is a possibility that 8th graders can go to Children Center too!

# EARTH DAY

By Matthew Scolaro

Earth Day is held on April 22 every year since 1970. On April 20, 1970, a man named Gaylord Nelson created the Earth Day festivity to inspire people to respect the Earth and its ever-changing environments. Then, a man named Denis Hayes spread this around and organized events in 141 nations. In 2009, it was also named National Mother Earth Day. Earth Day is now celebrated globally. Over 500,000,000 people commemorate this day. There are many Earth Day festivals on this day. One is the Tuscon Earth Day Celebration. People make banners on the protected species of their choice and show them at the parade. Like this parade, there are many more parades around the world.



[infoplease.com/spot/mlkjrday1.html](http://infoplease.com/spot/mlkjrday1.html)

# Tennis Club

By Matthew Scolaro

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Recently after school, there has been a Tennis Club for all people who, like me, love to play or people who want to learn how to play this sport.

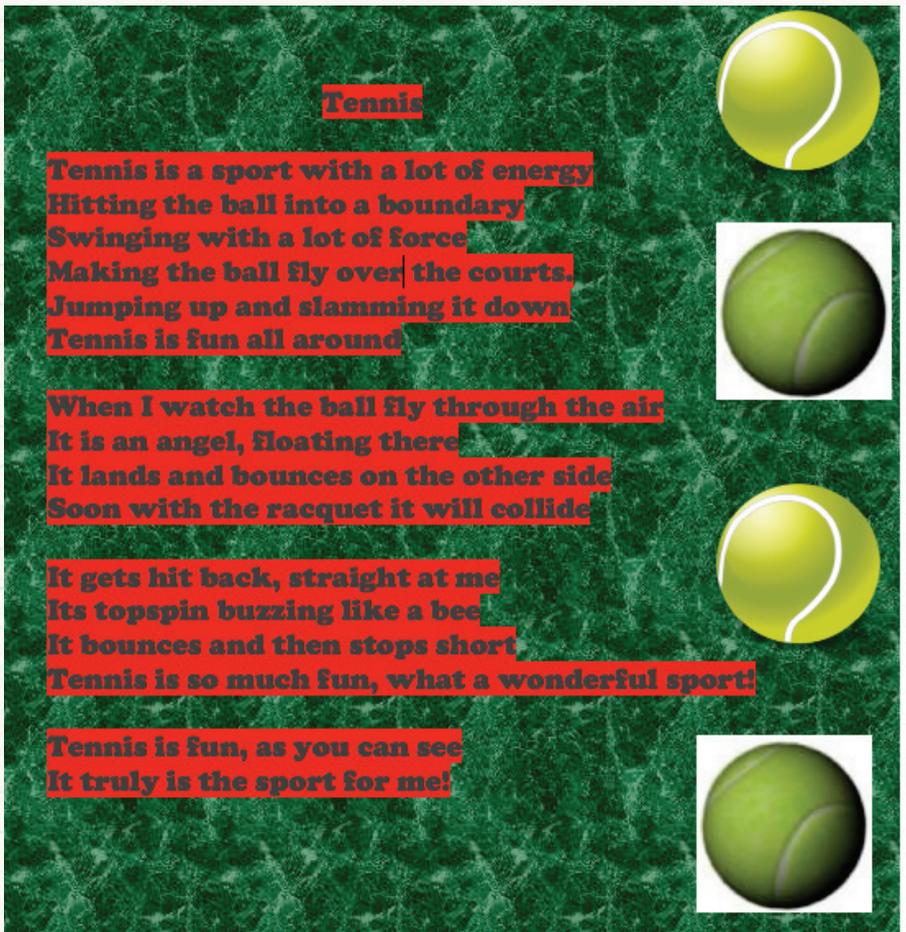
Tennis is a sport that originated in the UK in the 1900's and is still popular today with the French

Open, the Australian Open, and the U.S. Open. At this tennis "camp", we learn the basics of tennis. We learn the two ground strokes, the forehand and the backhand. We learn the volley as well as the slice, which is a good tactic to use against a tough opponent. We also learn the boundaries and how the game is played. All this is mixed in with drills and games that are very fun and are also a learning experience. Some games, like King Of The Court and Jail have us practice our tennis knowledge on other players. Everyone is friendly there and is willing to help you if you have problems with anything. I am in the camp with our fellow journalist, Tyrique! We both enjoy

this sport very much. Anyone who wants to learn a fun and easy sport can come to the camp. I am almost positive you will have a fun experience at this camp.

Source: [infoplease.com/spot/mlkjrday1.html](http://infoplease.com/spot/mlkjrday1.html)

Joining Tennis Club inspired Matt to write a poem. We hope you enjoy!



**Tennis**

**Tennis is a sport with a lot of energy**  
**Hitting the ball into a boundary**  
**Swinging with a lot of force**  
**Making the ball fly over the courts.**  
**Jumping up and slamming it down**  
**Tennis is fun all around**

**When I watch the ball fly through the air**  
**It is an angel, floating there**  
**It lands and bounces on the other side**  
**Soon with the racquet it will collide**

**It gets hit back, straight at me**  
**Its topspin buzzing like a bee**  
**It bounces and then stops short**  
**Tennis is so much fun, what a wonderful sport!**

**Tennis is fun, as you can see**  
**It truly is the sport for me!**



## Canada Facts

By Erika Seidman

Did you know that there are 10 provinces and 3 territories in Canada? Mrs. Byrnes, and Mrs. Gallelo taught the class about the lower provinces of Canada. Then, after we learned about Canada they told us to make a poster about our given province and present it to the class. My group did Alberta and we loved it. We learned so much from the posters and looking up pictures. I would love to present it again. If you go to the wall where Mrs. Byrnes has her stuff, you will see our classes projects and learn some facts about CANADA!

# DIAMOND AND DECADE: TIME TRAVEL ADVENTURE

By Nicholas Brugnoli

Let's go back in time to Putnam Valley in 1935... \*ZAP! ... TIME WARP!\* ... Well, it seems we have successfully time-traveled to Putnam Valley in the year 1935. (Let's not be confused with the year 1955). ☒\*Insert "Back to the Future" reference here.\* ... Anyway ... Putnam Valley was a lot different in the year 1935 than it is in present time 2011. ... Hey, look up the road! It seems that a lot of construction workers are leaving... and they're taking all of their stuff... Let's see what they built ... (Sorry, we don't have the budget to put in the phrase, "A couple of minutes later..."). Anyway, I walked up the road and saw that there was a big building... Hmm, it looks like a school... possibly an elementary school... Wait! I just realized something! ... That is the Putnam Valley Elementary School ... And I just remembered that the year 1935 was the year the Putnam Valley Elementary was built ... Hey! I just realized something else! ... all of those construction workers must've been leaving because today must've been the exact day that the Elementary School was built ... Well, I think I've had enough time travel for one day... I'm going to go back to present time; 2011 ... \*ZAP! ... TIME WARP!\* ... Now I'm back in the year 2011 ... Wait ... That's odd ... There appears to be a newspaper on the ground and it says that it's the year 2001 ... And some construction workers are driving away from a building that looks pretty new ... and next to it is an older looking building... Wait! I just realized something! ... The new-looking building that the construction-workers were driving-away from is the Putnam Valley High School ... And the construction workers were leaving because today must be the exact day that the Putnam Valley High School was built ... And the older-looking building next to the High School is the Putnam Valley Middle School ... And I just remembered that the Putnam Valley Middle School was built sometime after the Putnam Valley Elementary School was built, and sometime before the Putnam Valley High School was built ... I also just Now let's see if I can go back to the year 2011 this time ... Well, let's give it a try ... \*ZAP! ... TIME WARP!\* ... Oh look ... There's a newspaper on the ground and it says it's from 2011 ... Yay! I have successfully traveled back to present time; 2011. Now, I'd better go to "Newspaper Club" and write about the Diamond, (75) and Decade (10) Anniversary celebration. The reason is that this year in 2011, the Putnam Valley Central School District is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the Putnam Valley High School, itself, is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. But if you want to read more about that, see "Diamond and Decade: Anniversary Celebration."

# DIAMOND AND DECADE: ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Nicholas Brugnoli

\*Pant, pant\* ... sorry ... I just got back from time traveling, and I had to run up the stairs so I wouldn't be late for Newspaper Club. (If you want to see more about this, see "Diamond and Decade: Time Travel Adventure"). Anyway, let's just get back to the article ... this year in 2011, our school district is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup>, or "Diamond" Anniversary. This is because the Putnam Valley Elementary School was built in the year 1935, which was 75 years ago. Our school district is also celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup>, or "Decade" Anniversary of the Putnam Valley High School. This is because the Putnam Valley High School was built in the year 2001, which was 10 years ago. Our school district calls this event, "The Diamond and Decade Anniversary Celebration." There are many things going on because of the "Anniversary Celebration." One big thing that is happening is, "The Action Challenge." This is where students in the Putnam Valley Central School District can make a two-three minute long movie about why they love PVMS, PVES, PVHS. (You only make a movie about the school you're in, so middle-schoolers can only talk about why they love PVMS). You can make the movie by yourself, or with a group of friends. Your movie should be as creative as possible. After you finish filming and editing your movie, you can go to the PVCSD website. When you get there, there will be a place where you can submit your movie. In 1<sup>st</sup>-period math honors class, our teacher, Mrs. Conlin, had us all participate in the "Action Challenge." It was a fun project to work on, and she even gave us class time to work on our projects. (Mrs. Conlin, if you are reading this, please give me a 100 on this project). ☒ Anyway, another big event in the "Diamond and Decade Anniversary Celebration" is the "5K Family Run for Fun." The "5K Family Run for Fun is a 5k run, (obviousness), which is being held on Saturday, June 18, 2011. It is a run from the Elementary School to the High School. You can bring your family and friends to this event, and there will be food and drinks. You can donate money to sponsor this special event. If you donate, your name will appear in the "75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Book." There are many fun and exciting events planned for the "Diamond and Decade Anniversary Celebration" I would recommend people to participate in this awesome celebration of our school district ... Now that I finished this article, I think I'll go forward in time to see what grade Mrs. Conlin gave me for my "Action Challenge" movie.

# BOGO

By David Kahn

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- The Scholastic Book Fair was organized by Mrs. Matthews. She is a PTA member and a mother of a student at PVMS. The Book Fair was held during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> - 2011. All grades, 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, attended the Book Fair. This Book Fair was different from others. Some of our past Scholastic Book Fairs were half price sales, but this one in particular, was a buy-one-get-one-free, (BOGO). For example, if a book's original price is \$14.99 and another book is \$13.99, then the \$13.99 book is free! So you are only paying \$14.99 for both books. This year the selection of books was great; most kids in each grade bought a book. Some popular books that were bought at the sale were, *The Clockwork Three* written by Matthew J. Kirby, *Smile* written by Raina Telgemeier, and *Choose Your Own Adventure* book #2, *Journey Under The Sea* written by R. A. Montgomery. So if you haven't heard of any of these, then next time a book fair comes along you should check them out.

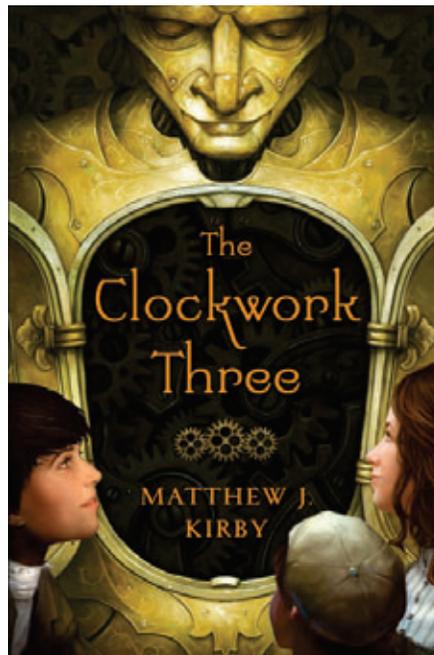
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# COLOR DAY

By Nicholas Brugnoli

Ahh ... yes, Color Day, the most competitive school event. Color Day is held every school year. Each grade level gets its own hallway to decorate with their assigned color. (Each grade should think of a theme to decorate their hallway). Whichever grade is the most creative and cleans up the best wins. Also, the students wear clothes with their color and paint their face and hair. However, all paint and make-up must be applied at home. This year, Color Day was held on Friday, May 27, 2011. Grade five's color was yellow. Grade six's color was red. GRADE SEVEN'S COLOR WAS GREEN! Grade eight's color was green. Grade five and six's assigned hallways were on the second floor. Grade seven and eight's hallways were on the first floor. Each grade level had to decorate their hallway any time from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. You're not allowed to decorate any time before or after that 20-minute time period. When the hallways were finished, they looked awesome.



Grade five's hallway theme was "Spongebob." Grade six's hallway theme was the red knight, (because he was their knight when they went to Medieval Times this year, and he won). GRADE SEVEN'S HALLWAY THEME WAS ABOUT THE A.S.P.C.A., which is about helping animals. Grade eight's

theme was "young money." At the end of the day, our principal, Mr. Hallisey, announced that the eighth grade won for Color Day. Color Day was a very fun event, and I can't wait for next year.



Aubrey Cummins and Kelsey McCann go GREEN for the 8th grade team!



Antonia Hoyos and Kristen Sepa are RED all over for the 6th grade.



Mr. Hallisey waiting for a pass. Someone kick the ball to Mr. Hallisey!