



Budget Newsletter

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the Putnam Valley School District:

The Putnam Valley Board of Education has adopted the 2013-2014-school budget. On May 21, the voters will cast their ballots on the budget and two open BOE trustee seats.

Throughout the budgeting process, we've worked with the Superintendent, administrative staff and the Citizen's Advisory Committee and have reviewed significant amounts of information. We are extremely appreciative to all who gave us their input, whether it was at a board meeting, in an e-mail or a phone call.

In April, with the adoption of the NYS budget, we were extremely surprised to find out we would be receiving an additional \$480,000 in state aid. With this unanticipated aid, we are able to restore 2.4 teachers, return money back into the appropriation of reserve for retirement contribution and reduce our projected tax levy increase.

It's important for the community to know that this budget includes significant capital projects. With community approval of the budget, we will be replacing our turf field and re-surfacing of the track, adding a concession stand with bathrooms and completing security upgrades at all three of our buildings.

We believe this budget is fiscally responsible and will continue to help our children grow and become life-long learners, achieve their personal best and become productive citizens in a diverse global society.

Please remember to VOTE on May 21 from 6 AM to 9 PM at Putnam Valley Elementary School.

Sincerely,

The Putnam Valley Board of Education

Valerie Fitzgerald, President

Guy Cohen, Vice President

Joseph Ferraro, Trustee

Jeanine Rufo, Trustee

David Spittal, Trustee



First Grade Art Project *Monet's Bridge*



PVES students celebrate Earth Day.

VOTE

TUESDAY

MAY 21st

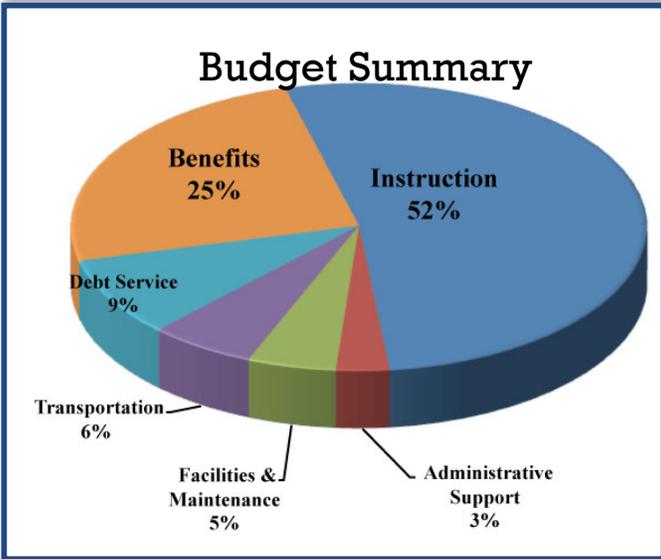
PUTNAM VALLEY

ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL

**171 OSCAWANA
LAKE ROAD**

6 AM - 9 PM



Health & Safety Capital Projects Included in the Budget

- Turf Field Replacement and Resurfacing of Track - \$812,694 due to potential safety hazard
- District-wide Security Upgrades - \$696,776
- Concession Stand - \$263,500 plus \$125,000 from legislative grant

There will be no additional taxpayer impact for the above capital projects, as reserved funds will offset the cost. These capital projects can only be funded if the voters approve the budget.

	2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	Dollar Amount Change	Percentage Change	Proposed 2013-2014 % of Budget
Instructional Services					
School Administration & Curriculum Development	1,778,139	1,738,753	(39,386)	-2.22%	3.6%
Regular School Programs	12,890,224	13,040,734	150,510	1.17%	26.8%
Programs for Students with Disabilities	6,876,959	7,252,268	375,309	5.46%	14.9%
Instructional Media	1,263,088	1,173,737	(89,351)	-7.07%	2.4%
Guidance / Health / Psychological / Pupil Services	1,322,624	1,326,339	3,715	0.28%	2.7%
Clubs & After School Activities	191,873	223,873	32,000	16.68%	0.5%
Interscholastic Athletics	755,303	780,567	25,264	3.34%	1.6%
Total Instructional Services	25,078,210	25,536,271	458,061	1.83%	52.5%
Administrative Support Services	1,663,705	1,658,271	(5,434)	-0.33%	3.4%
Facilities & Maintenance	2,292,740	2,277,825	(14,915)	-0.65%	4.7%
Transportation Services					
District Operated Transportation	1,405,359	1,470,270	64,911	4.62%	3.0%
Contract Transportation	1,218,736	1,266,267	47,531	3.90%	2.6%
Total Transportation Services	2,624,095	2,736,537	112,442	4.28%	5.6%
Interfund Transfers: Debt Service & Special Aid	2,876,434	4,390,801	1,514,367	52.65%	9.0%
Benefits	10,735,733	12,026,021	1,290,288	12.02%	24.7%
Total Expenditures	45,270,917	48,625,726	3,354,809	7.41%	100.0%
Less Non-Tax Revenues	10,361,315	12,771,912	2,410,597	23.27%	
Equals Tax Levy	34,909,602	35,853,814	944,212	2.70%	

Budget Includes

- A tax levy increase **below** the allowable limitation cap
- All existing instructional programs
- Dedicated AIS teachers at 3 schools
- Continued support of the 1:1 laptop program
- \$10 million of unfunded or underfunded mandates
- Maintains extra-curricular activities including sports & clubs.

Cost Saving Reductions

- Technology network support
- Clerical staff
- 2 teaching aides
- .4 Physical Education Teacher
- .2 Spanish Teacher
- 5 yr. maintenance projects
- 5 assistant coaches

Did you know?

- Of the 5,700 registered voters in Putnam Valley, only an average of 1,300 come out each year to vote in the Budget Vote and School Board Election.
- In 2005 the school budget passed by **ONE** vote.
- Our custodians and groundskeepers maintain over 76 acres of land and over 247,000 square feet of building space.
- If the budget fails, capital projects (turf, track, security upgrades) are prohibited.
- Our high school and middle school buildings are heated and cooled by a geothermal system. Heating oil is only purchased for our elementary school.
- The **Citizens' Advisory Committee** meets monthly and includes parents, staff, and community members.
- PVCSD received a \$125,000 grant for the construction of a concession stand with bathrooms next to the turf.
- You can vote by absentee ballot if work or travel will have you out of Putnam Valley on May 21. Visit www.pvcsd.org
- ES Character Education Committee hosts Earth Day Celebration to beautify the school.

PV Cares

- Blood Drive** collects 181 pints of blood. Middle School teacher, Karen Brothers, is credited with starting, in 1996, with what the NY Blood Center now calls the **Little Doctors Program®**. (An article was featured in the Feb. 20 issue of *Time for Kids*.) Each year, Mrs. Brothers & the 6th grade team work with their students to organize a blood drive and initiate widespread education.



Pictured: Sixth grade students, Jenna Staten and Meagan Borchick, give hugs to our Blood Drop, Justine Fritz.

- Middle School **Student Government** and **PVFT** (Putnam Valley Federation of Teachers) partnered in the collection and donation of 422 lbs. of food for the Westchester Food Bank.
- High School **Make-A-Difference Club** is organizing an annual Relay for Life team. Last year they raised \$7,000. The relay will take place on June 1 this year.
- As part of *No Name Calling Week* at PVMS, HS **SADD Club** members (Students Against Destructive Decisions) spent a full day educating & empowering MS students against bullying.
- HS Students host Senior Citizen Dinner Theatre for 200+

Achievements

- 40 hours of **community service** is a graduation requirement. Two seniors have accumulated over 1,000 hours; four others have accumulated over 500 hours
- PVCSD received the NAMM award for the 6th year in a row. The NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education initiative recognizes and celebrates school communities for their support and commitment to their music education programs
- Two HS **Destination Imagination** teams head to Tennessee for the National Competition. D.I. is a creative problem-solving program where students are encouraged to use a variety of ideas to answer challenges



- 37 students were inducted into the **National Honor Society**
- 51 students were inducted into the **National Junior Honor Society**
- The **Class of 2013** continues to gain acceptance into numerous competitive schools: Cornell, Binghamton, Georgetown, Fordham, Quinnipiac, Geneseo, Bryant, Vassar and many others.
- All eligible fall/winter teams are **Scholar Athlete Teams**
- A record 124 students participated in **NYS School Music Association Festival** this April

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To join or donate to the PV Make-A-Difference Club's Relay for Life Putnam

Valley Tigers Team, please log on to <http://www.relayforlife.org> and enter TEAM name: Putnam Valley Tigers. More info can be found under notices on the HS page www.pvcasd.org

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Dr. Barbara Nuzzi, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ronnie Stowell, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance

LINKS:

- [Athletics](#)
- [Arts](#)
- [PTA](#)
- [PVEF](#)



Are you registered to vote?

If you've voted in a school or public election in the last four years, you are registered to vote.
Not sure - Call the District Clerk at (845) 528-8143 x1367. Applications for absentee ballots are also available on the website www.pvcasd.org.



MS Students using technology in the classroom

HS Spring Musical *Phantom of the Opera* cast and crew celebrate three sold-out shows



How to get more information:

Website – www.pvcasd.org

- [Monthly Calendar](#)
 - [Inside PV Videos](#)
 - [Live Stream of BOE Meetings](#)
- Questions? Comments?

Please email us at: web@pvcasd.org

Save the Dates:

- May 7 – Voter Registration HS 4 PM-8 PM
- May 14 – Voter Registration HS 4 PM-8 PM
- May 16 – Voter Registration ES 3 PM-7 PM
- May 21 – Absentee ballots due back by 5 PM
- May 21 – Budget Vote & Board Election 6 AM – 9 PM