

September School Building Reports

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

1. PVE started off the 2026/2027 School year festive and full of positive energy! We are so excited to have our bear cubs here bringing energy back to our building.
2. A special thank you to all of our custodial and secretarial staff for working so hard this summer to make sure we were ready to start this school year.
3. Over the summer, Cub Academy was held with PVE students and teachers going over to PVI this year. We are proud of all of the hard work and dedication the students and staff put into it. Our students who attended went into this 2026/2027 year more confident in what they learned and ready to learn more!
4. This summer we introduced our Kindergarten Boost program which was designed to help ease the transition to Kindergarten.
5. PVE held our last Dewey Day of the summer on August 19th with a fun carnival theme! A great time was had by all of those who attended.
6. On August 19th, we held our PVE New Student Breakfast over at PVI. It was so wonderful to meet some of our new students and families while enjoying a delicious breakfast.
7. PVE had our Find Your Classroom event on August 24th. The hallways were buzzing with excitement as our students went to see where their class will be for the upcoming year.
8. Kindergarten Orientation was held on August 26th. Our youngest bear cubs and their families were able to meet some of their teachers and staff members as well as shop at the book fair!
9. PVE students were dressed in their best on September 2nd for picture day. We are proud of how well behaved they were during such a busy day.
10. We held our open house on September 2nd. We had quite the large crowd attending this year as we welcomed our 1st and 2nd graders along with their families into our building.
11. PVE Behavior assemblies were held September 2nd and 3rd. Students learned what is expected of them and what the bear paws they receive throughout the year can be used for.
12. The PTO meeting was held on September 9th. We are so excited to see what awesome things the PTO has planned for this year as they help make every year at PVE memorable for our students.
13. The Bus evacuation drills were held on September 9th. A special thank you to our students and staff who helped the drill go seamlessly.
14. On September 11th, PVE Students and staff wore Red, White, and Blue in observance of Patriot Day.
15. This month we are starting a weekly science Wonder Question which is being run by our Science Curriculum Leader, Mrs. Gordon, and our Librarian Mrs. Bustos. The question will be announced as well as posted to Seesaw and to the TVs in our building for students to discuss at school and at home with their families. This is a great way to not only encourage students to research and learn about science, but for families to get involved with their child's learning.
16. We had our first Fire drill of the year on September 21st. We are proud of all of our students, especially those doing the fire drill for the first time for behaving and helping the drill go smoothly.
17. On September 17th, PVE's annual Kindergarten Grandparents Day Celebration "Goodies with Grands" was held. This is one of our and the communities favorite events as grandparents come in and have the kindergarteners sing to them then share a snack together. It is so cute and heartwarming, we absolutely love it.

18. On September 18th we had a very productive Act 80 day here at PVE with our professional and support staff being hard at work all day.
19. PVE had our volunteer orientation on September 23rd. We appreciate the amount of parents and guardians who want to help make PVE the best not only for their child, but for all of our students.
20. Mrs. Bustos brought back the ever popular Books & Bagels again this year! Parents/guardians are invited into the building to have delicious bagels with their child while learning about library resources. We love promoting a love for reading in Pleasant Valley's youngest learners!
 - a. Kindergarten's is being held September 22nd - September 25th
 - b. First Grade's is being held September 29th - October 2nd
 - c. Second Grade's is being held October 6th - October 9th
20. Upcoming Events
 - October 8th - All about 1st and 2nd Grade from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
 - October 9th - Fire Safety/Fire Truck Visits
 - October 13th - PVE Fall Title I meeting 9:00am-11:00am
 - October 14th - Fall Picture retakes
 - October 13th - October 16th - Spirit Week

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

1. We extend a warm welcome back to our returning PTO board members! Their support was key to launching the school year with several successful events, and our staff truly appreciated the breakfast provided by the PVI PTO.
2. Families were invited to PVI on Monday, August 24th, for the "Find Your Classroom/Meet the Principal" event. We had a wonderful turnout and sincerely thank everyone who attended.
3. Students across all grade levels attended Welcome Back assemblies on September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Mrs. Albright and Mrs. Bencker led these sessions to review expectations for the school year and reintroduce "Be a Bear," our school-wide positive behavior system.
4. Fall Picture Day for PVI students took place on Tuesday, September 1st, with retakes and makeup sessions planned for October 21st.
5. On Tuesday, September 8th, PVI welcomed families to an Open House from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The evening provided parents and guardians an opportunity to learn about classroom curricula from teachers. Special Area faculty (covering Art, Health, Music, Physical Education, and Technology) met with visitors in the library. Interactive sessions were hosted throughout the event: school counselors led 30-minute presentations in the SEL Lab, while ELA and Math presentations ran every half hour in the cafeteria. Building administrators and nursing staff were also on hand to connect with attendees, and families had the chance to visit a Scholastic Book Fair. Warm appreciation goes to Mrs. Deb Butchoski and Mrs. Robin Woyke for their hard work in coordinating this successful event.
6. NWEA assessments were administered between September 9th and September 15th.
7. Upon student arrival on Wednesday, September 9th, bus evacuation drills were carried out across all buses. This activity offered an ideal opportunity to reinforce essential bus safety practices. We sincerely thank our staff members for their assistance in facilitating a successful drill.
8. PTO - PVE hosted the first PVI PTO meeting for the 2026-2027 school year at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 9th. All parents, guardians, and staff members were warmly invited to attend, and PVI extends its heartfelt appreciation to all members and volunteers for their continued dedication. To mark the start of the school year, PTO volunteers greeted returning students with popsicles during lunch on September 11th,

providing a wonderful refreshing treat. Additionally, the PTO hosted a Welcome Back Bash for all PVI families on Friday, September 11th, complete with games, face painting, and concessions. The PTO School Store will open on Friday, September 25th for students to shop during lunches.

9. On September 11th, our school community gathered to honor Patriot Day. In memory of the lives lost and the brave actions taken on September 11, 2001, students and staff observed a moment of silence while dressed in red, white, and blue, uniting everyone in a shared spirit of reflection.
10. On September 15th, PVI celebrated International Dot Day, an event inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' children's book *The Dot*. Students and staff joined in the spirit of creativity, courage, and collaboration by wearing a variety of dotted attire—from patterned shirts, pants, and spotted socks to handmade dots and stickers. The day originated from the story of a student who discovered her creative potential after placing a single dot on a blank page. Serving as a reminder to embrace unique self-expression and put forth one's best effort, Dot Day encouraged the entire school community to support one another and leave their own positive mark.
11. Executive ordered holidays: PVI recognized and acknowledged Constitution Day on Thursday, September 17th. We will be observing Francis Willard Day, on Monday, September 28.
12. On September 17th, fifth-grade students at PVI completed training for Safe2Say Something. Developed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office, this safety initiative equips students to identify warning signs of potential danger—particularly online—and report them to trusted adults or anonymously via the Safe2Say Something hotline, app, or website. The initiative focuses on early intervention and violence prevention to protect students before a crisis occurs.
13. Homeroom teachers delivered school-wide PBIS instruction during September. PVI's PBIS initiative will launch the Bear Den in early October, offering students a wide selection of rewards on the Bear Den menu. Students may redeem their Bear Bucks for various incentives, such as walks along the nature trail or lunch with a teacher.
14. All parents and guardians are cordially invited to attend a Volunteer Orientation at PVI on Friday, September 25th. During this meeting, building administrators will outline available school support roles, explain volunteer expectations, and guide families through the onboarding process. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participating family members!
15. Upcoming October Evening Events
 - 10/20/26 - DaVinci Science Night – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - 10/23/26 - PVI Third Grade Dance – 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Middle School

1. We kicked off the new year on a high note! We welcomed our new registrants with a special breakfast, helped our incoming 6th graders explore the building and meet the principal during orientation, and gave returning 7th and 8th graders time to locate their new classrooms. Thanks to an incredible turnout, our hallways were buzzing with excitement and positive energy for the year ahead.
2. On September 1st, our students really showed out for Picture Day! Everyone came dressed to impress, bringing great style and bright smiles for the camera.
3. We launched the school year with amazing energy at our school-wide PBIS assembly on September 8th! Students and staff came together to celebrate our school culture, share our expectations, and get fired up for a fantastic year ahead!
4. Upcoming Fire Drill - Our school safety fire drill is scheduled for Monday, September 21st. Let's start the school year off strong by knowing exactly how to conduct ourselves with calm, confidence, and focus during a drill.

5. PowerSchool: Annual Forms - Creating a PowerSchool parent account and completing your annual forms helps us keep your child safe, supported, and connected. Please take a quick moment to log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal to review your forms and ensure your contact details are up to date.
6. Free School Meals & Household Income Form - All PVSD students qualify for free meals this school year through the CEP program! To help keep our school community thriving, we kindly ask each family to fill out one Alternate Household Income Form. Completing this quick form helps secure vital funding for classroom resources and may unlock extra benefits for your family. You can easily find the form by visiting the Food Services tab at pvbears.org.
7. NWEA testing began Tuesday, September 8th and ends on Thursday, September 17th. All students must take NWEA ELA, Math, and Science. Students enrolled in Algebra I must take the 6-12 math and Algebra NWEA test.
8. On Thursday September 17th, all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will learn more about Safe 2 Say Something. S2SS is an anonymous reporting system designed to help students and staff recognize the warning signs and signals (especially on social media) of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. The S2SS program trains students and school staff members to treat every warning sign seriously and to act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult and/or by reporting it anonymously via phone, mobile app, or website to the Pennsylvania S2SS Crisis Center.
9. School supplies are here! We are thrilled to share that core content school supplies were provided for every student and handed out on the very first day of class! Students received a fantastic stash of essentials to set them up for success—including binders, folders, pencils, highlighters, Post-it notes, and handy drawstring backpacks for gym class. If your child ever needs any additional supplies to keep their momentum going, please reach out to their guidance counselor. We are always here and eager to help!
10. Join the Ecology Club! Do you love exploring nature, discovering local wildlife, and learning about Pennsylvania's incredible plants and ecosystems? Then the Ecology Club is the perfect place for you! Come connect with fellow nature lovers, dive into fun hands-on learning, and make a real difference in our environment. Ready to get involved? Stop by Room F5 to grab an application from Ms. Priebe, or Apply online using our Google Classroom code: eygtvzie
11. Get Ready to Rise with the RISE Rewards Program! We are thrilled to launch the brand-new RISE rewards program at the middle school, celebrating students who show Respect, Integrity, Spirit, and Effort! Whether participating in class, showing great manners in the cafeteria, or keeping up fantastic conduct on the bus and in the hallways, students can earn RISE dollars every single day. Here's a peek at what they can earn: Monthly & Quarterly Rewards: Exclusive grade-level treats and experiences! The RISE Reward Cart: Spend earned RISE dollars on awesome everyday items. Raffle Prizes: Automatic entries to win incredible top-tier rewards—including trips to Camelback, Great Wolf Lodge, and more! We can't wait to celebrate all the amazing ways our students shine this year. Keep soaring, Bears!
12. Looking for a welcoming space where you can be 100% yourself? Come join the Diversity Club! We celebrate every culture, every identity, and every ally. Together, we learn from one another, lift each other up, and show that our school community is at its absolute strongest when we stand together. Bring your ideas, bring your friends, and bring your unique story. We can't wait to see you there! When We Meet: Every first and third Thursday of the month (September–May); Time: 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM; Where: Room F6; Google Classroom Code: ifv63ugn
13. Join the Life Skills NexTrex Recycling Challenge! - Our Life Skills class is taking on an exciting recycling challenge with NexTrex, and we need your help to turn plastic into amazing rewards! Every quarter, 25 participating organizations are randomly selected

to win a \$500 prize—and every 250 pounds of plastic we collect gives our school another entry into the drawing!

What You Can Donate: Grocery & produce bags, Bread & cereal bags, Bubble wrap & plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc and reclosable food storage bags, Ice bags & salt bags, Case wrap (like water bottle packaging), Pallet wrap & stretch film. Bring in your clean, dry, film and bags (free of food residue) plastics today, support our Life Skills class, and help our school win big for the environment! Let's get recycling, Bears!

14. Kickoff to Middle School: 6th Grade Meet & Greet - The PVM PTO is hosting a "Meet your Friends" event for the 6th grade students on Thursday, September 17th from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM in the Middle Schools Old Gym for \$5.00. Snacks will be served. If financial assistance is needed, please contact your child's guidance counselor or the PTO at pvmto@pvbears.org
15. PTO Information:
The next PTO meeting will be:
Date: Thursday, October 8th
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Middle School Main Office Conference Room
16. What's Happening Next:
 - October 3rd - Bear Country Fall Fest! 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the PVHS Stadium!
 - October 15th - Bonfire: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Middle School

Pleasant Valley High School

1. We welcomed our entire student body to the high school on August 31st, and things certainly looked different! There are newly renovated spaces, classrooms, and brand-new offices! Our custodians and maintenance staff did a fantastic job preparing our building for our students throughout the renovation project.
2. All students attended their grade level meeting during the first week of school. The students watched a presentation by our administration team detailing expectations for this school year.
3. We are already off to a winning start! Our school took home \$5,000 in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights sweepstakes, and our goal is to bring home the national grand prize this year.
4. We also have our very first Kinsley's ShopRite Amazing Teacher of the Month! Congratulations to Kelsey Tompkins for earning this well-deserved honor for August.
5. Our marching band students delivered an outstanding performance at the West End Fair on Monday, August 24th.
6. Open House was held on September 9th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Parents and students started the night in the Auditorium for a very brief presentation from administration. Students and parents then followed a condensed bell schedule so that they can follow the students' schedules. PVHS clubs and activities promoted their activities by setting up an informational table for parents/students in the main lobby.
7. NWEA testing was conducted for Math on September 8th and 9th, Literature on September 10th and 14th and Biology on September 15th and 16th.
8. PSAT/NMSQT Registration Now Open and will be held on Monday, October 26th, at the high school. Please note that this test is open to 10th and 11th grade students only.
9. We now have four Student Information Centers located in the high school where students can find out everything going on at the school, as well as information on clubs and activities.
10. The activity bus started up on Tuesday, September 8th. We will provide transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays to students participating in an after-school activity/club.

The bus will be in front of PVHS at 5:00 PM and will then drive over to the front of PVMS for pickup there at 5:15 PM.

11. Our underclassmen picture day was on Friday, September 11th. Seniors had their portraits taken over the summer. Additional days will be added for seniors who were unable to schedule them over the summer.
12. We will be continuing our after-school study halls for student-athletes and students involved in clubs, just as we did last year. Sessions will be held daily in the high school cafeteria from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM, providing students with dedicated time to complete schoolwork before practices.
13. On Wednesday, September 16th, the guidance department sponsored their first financial aid night for seniors and their families to help them as they begin looking at their future plans beyond high school.
14. On September 22nd, the Star Community Health Dentist came to Pleasant Valley High School. This dentist provides dental care services ranging from routine preventive cleanings to major restorative procedures.
15. On September 25th, our student body will be wearing gold to show support for children and their families that are working to overcome childhood cancer.
16. Upcoming dates to remember:
 - October 6th - The School Physician will be coming to Pleasant Valley High School to do free physicals for students in need. Reminder that it is mandatory for all 11th grade students to have a medical physical on file in the health office.
 - October 15th - Annual Bucket game Bonfire
 - October 26th - PSAT/NMSQT testing will be held at the high school.
 - November 2nd - The Star Community Health Dentist will be coming to Pleasant Valley High School for free dental screenings. This will provide a basic dental screening without any dental procedures or care.

Pleasant Valley Bears Academy

1. PVBA kicked off the school year with a great first day on August 31st, welcoming both new and returning students. Enrollment for new students continues daily, and we are off to an amazing start. We are excited to see what this school year holds for our wonderful students.
2. Mr. VanVoorhis and his staff have been diligent in supporting our PVBA Families with the new Pennsylvania mandate, Act 47, "Eyes on Students." Our students and families have been very open and receptive to these new weekly requirements.
3. Over the summer, the PVBA and Technology teams expanded with several familiar faces. Mr. Scott Lee, formerly a security guard for the high school, joined us as the newest Information Systems Technician assigned to PVM. Additionally, our teaching staff grew to include Mr. Anthony Chupa (Social Studies), Ms. Nicole Composto (Math), Ms. Jackie Brinker (ELA), and Ms. Megan Gower (Science) in our PVBA middle school program, in addition to their regular assignments for the district.
4. We experienced high energy in PVBA this summer as we hosted several high school staff members in our Flex Space and conference room while building renovations were underway. We were thrilled that PVBA could accommodate the team and support district staff during this transition.
5. We held a successful Open House on September 9th, where many of our PVBA families joined us to meet with our staff.
6. Ms. L., our PVBA guidance counselor, has begun working with 7th–12th grade students on their mandatory career artifact requirements and is preparing for next week's senior meetings.
7. PVBA families are kept updated on important dates across all four schools through our Weekly Growl newsletter, sent every Friday by 3:00 PM.