October School Building Reports

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

1. We had a very successful start this year at PVE. We had many September events such as: Books & Bagels, Goodies with Grands, and Volunteer Orientation.
2. On October 3rd, the PTO held their Fall Fest which was a great success and a lot of fun for the kids who participated in trunk or treat!
3. On October 7th, the school physician was at PVE giving free physicals to students that signed up. This is such a great service for students that may not have a primary care physician and need their physical.
4. PVE held our all about 1st and 2nd grade event on October 8th. We loved the opportunity to discuss the curriculum with parents and guardians as well as show them our library and free library resources.
5. On October 9th, we had one of our students' favorite events: Fire Safety/Fire Truck Visits. At any age there is nothing cooler than seeing a big red fire truck up close! The children had a lot of fun while learning important fire safety skills.
6. We had a successful Act 80 day on 10/12 which was also Columbus/Indigenous People's day.
7. On October 13th, we held our Fall Title One and PAC Meeting. We appreciate all of the parents/guardians and community members who attended! It was great to have an open discussion with them about this school year and how Title I funding supports the education of all of their children.
8. PVE rocked Spirit week from October 13th through October 16th ending with a Pep rally. Our students and staff had so much fun dressing up each day and showing their school spirit. GO BEARS!
9. Our bear cubs had yet another successful fire drill on October 13th. We are so proud of how quickly, quietly, and safely our students are able to get out of the building and to their designated areas.
10. PVE is collecting items for Operation: Touch of home from October 13th through October 30th to donate to our troops overseas.
11. We are also collecting Winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to benefit homeless veterans.
12. Starting this month, our second grade teacher Mrs. Gordon along with the PVE PTO started "Monthly Dewey Book Bus Visits" with every homeroom class. During their scheduled time, students will board the Dewey bus and choose a free book to take home and keep. Weather permitting, mats will be set up near our garden so students can read and enjoy their books while classmates make their selections.
13. We held our Run, Hide, Fight drill on October 19th. A special thanks to our students and staff for taking the drill seriously and following directions.
14. Student of the Month assemblies were held October 20th, October 21st and October 22nd. We are so proud of all of our students of the month! Their classmates cheered so loudly and enthusiastically for the students that won. It is so heartwarming to see how supportive our students are of each other.
15. On October 30th, PVE is holding our Fall celebrations. Students and staff always enjoy wearing their costumes and celebrating fall. Since sometimes PVE is such a "Zoo", our office and guidance staff will be dressed as Zoo animals!
16. Upcoming events:
    - November 3rd ~ Book Blast begins
    - November 11th ~ Planning for Veteran's Day Celebration and Parade

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School

1. At PVI, attendance is a top priority! From day one, we have tracked and shared student attendance progress, established ambitious goals, and cheered on our students' incredible accomplishments. During our weekly morning announcements, we highlight each grade level's attendance achievements from the prior week, and we are thrilled to share these results!
2. Taking top honors for the month of September, Grade 4 achieved an outstanding 96.36% attendance rate to lead all grade levels—give them a big round of applause!
3. Let's give a huge round of applause to our September Top 3 classroom winners! These classes crushed their attendance goals and were honored during the morning announcements. Along with bragging rights, they earned the privilege of displaying the coveted monthly attendance

trophy right in their room! Congratulations to: 1st Place: Mrs. Ammermann | 2nd Place: Mrs. Smith | 3rd Place: Mr. Hawk.

4. As part of our PBIS initiative, PVI officially launched the Bear Den on October 6th! Students who earned Bear Bucks can now "cash in" their earnings for exciting rewards that celebrate positive behavior and school engagement. This initiative reinforces our commitment to building a supportive, encouraging school culture. Moving forward, the Bear Den will welcome students weekly from Tuesday through Thursday.
5. We are thrilled to celebrate our October Students of the Month! Selected by their teachers for demonstrating exceptional character, leadership, and daily kindness alongside academic excellence, these outstanding individuals truly shine. Please join us in honoring this month's awardees:
   Grade 3: Mackenzie Krasniqi, Delilah Thompson, Dahlia Kosciuczyk, Marley Kelchner, Madison Nagle, Evelyn Collins, Emelyn Behler
   Grade 4: Stella Gonzalez, Natalie Ero, Peyton Singleton, Riley Bacchus, Archer Franklin, Mason Kozero
   Grade 5: Carter Lawrence, Vivienne Maynard, Claire Golat, Linkin Edison Vazquez, Noah Coogan
   Building administrators will present Student of the Month certificates to one recipient from each team during our grade-level assemblies on October 20th, October 21st, and October 23rd. A heartfelt congratulations to every nominee for their fantastic accomplishments!
6. For each grade level, a Student of the Month is chosen. These awardees, along with two adult family members, are invited to a celebratory breakfast hosted by PVI administrators and team teachers at PVI. On October 29th, the October Grade Level Students of the Month will be celebrated during a special breakfast.
7. Catch up on all the latest updates with PVI's monthly newsletter! Access it via our website, ClassDojo, or **here**!
8. The PTO School Store kicked off on September 25th during lunches and will return on October 16th. The Bear Country Fall Fest fundraiser was a resounding success with strong attendance from families and community members, while 3rd graders and their guests enjoyed a memorable evening at the Jammy Jam Dance on October 9th.
   Looking ahead to late October, the PTO is hosting a school-wide pumpkin decorating contest for all students. Staff Appreciation: Each month, the PTO continues to treat PVI staff to the popular "Heart Cart." The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 4:00 PM at PVI. All parents, guardians, and staff are warmly invited to attend, join discussions, and help build our school community.
9. Throughout our 6-day cycle from September 28th through October 5th, the Weller Health Center—an affiliate of Lehigh Valley Health Network—visited PVI to present free, age-tailored health education programs. Students attended during their regular health class times, covering essential topics including Bullying (Grade 3), Online Safety (Grade 4), and Vaping (Grade 5). We are grateful to Weller Health Center instructors Kayla, Nyla, April, and Desiree, as well as Kristen for coordinating with our health teaching staff to organize these educational visits.
10. PVI observed National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day on October 2nd to express our sincere appreciation for our custodial team. Their tireless work ensures our building stays clean, safe, and welcoming, creating an environment where students, staff, and visitors can thrive.
11. The PTO Fall Fest Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3rd, was a tremendous success! Held from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the PVHS Stadium, families and community members gathered to enjoy activities, games, concessions, face painting, and a basket raffle, along with a bonus trunk-or-treat from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the PTO and all parent volunteers whose teamwork made this event possible. The funds raised will directly benefit students by supporting educational programs, classroom resources, and family activities, showcasing the strong commitment of the Pleasant Valley community.
12. The Mobile Ag Lab is visiting PVI the week of October 12th, offering students an interactive, hands-on experience that connects STEM concepts to agriculture. This 40-foot mobile classroom, led by a certified teacher, will engage 5th graders in science experiments that highlight agriculture's impact on their daily lives. We appreciate Mrs. Danielle Lukashewski for arranging this enriching opportunity for our students.
13. Spirit week kicked off on October 13th through October 16th. Students and staff were invited to join in the daily spirit themes. A pep rally will be held on October 16th, where we will manifest bringing the Old Oaken Bucket back to PV! We definitely have spirit—how about you?

14. The PVI PTO will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 14th, at 4:00 PM at PVI. The PTO is always looking for new members!
15. PVI will conduct a Run, Hide, Fight safety drill on October 19th to practice emergency preparedness protocols. During this drill, students and staff will practice the "hide" strategy in an age-appropriate manner. Prior to the drill, homeroom teachers will provide training using a guided script covering safety procedures, and informational letters were sent home to families on October 12th.
16. To observe National Bullying Prevention Month, PVI will take part in Unity Day 2026 on Wednesday, October 21st. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange to demonstrate a shared commitment to kindness and bullying prevention.
17. In recognition of William Penn Day on October 24th, PVI students and staff will engage in educational activities highlighting the history, values, and lasting impact of Pennsylvania's founder. Through age-appropriate social studies lessons and classroom discussions, students will explore Penn's contributions to civic life and community planning, reinforcing key curriculum standards in a meaningful way.
18. The first marking period concludes on Wednesday, November 4th. We will remind PVI parents/guardians to regularly monitor student grades.
19. PVI invites students and staff to join in on the festive fun for "Wear Your Favorite Costume Day" on Friday, October 30th! Get ready for a spooktacular celebration.

Pleasant Valley Middle School

1. Our district-wide Bear Country Fall Fest on October 3rd was a sensational success! In partnership with 99pledges, our middle school family truly shined, emerging as the top contributor across the district by raising over $4,700—surpassing the other buildings by more than $2,000! We are thrilled to celebrate our top student fundraisers and their extraordinary achievements: 1st Place winner Coralette Halamar scored the VIP Parking status for the entire school year, giving her parents their very own prime spot for daily drop-off and dismissal! 2nd Place winner Drew Heckman-Morris won an epic private movie screening for himself and 10 lucky friends to enjoy Marvel's The Avengers: Endgame, and 3rd Place superstar Julia Saffer won a delicious Dunkin Breakfast Cart party for Mr. Castellano's entire homeroom. We are immensely proud of our hard-working Bears and deeply grateful to everyone who supported this amazing milestone.
2. We are thrilled to celebrate Marc Fleming, who has been honored as Kinsley's ShopRite Amazing Teacher of the Month for September.
3. Say hello to "Bone-ita," our wonderful Diversity Club Ambassador! She's on a mission to spread joy, kindness, and uplifting messages throughout our school. Everyone is welcome to stop by Classroom F6 anytime to grab a little extra positivity and bright energy for your day.
4. Spirit Week ran from Tuesday, October 13th through Friday, October 16th, and the middle school is buzzing with vibrant PV spirit. Students and staff proudly participated in our action-packed lineup of Bucket Game theme days:
    - Tuesday, October 13th: Farmer Day
    - Wednesday, October 14th: Sports Jersey Day
    - Thursday, October 15th: Decade/Era Day
    - Friday, October 16th: PV Pride Whiteout (wear white)
5. The scheduled fire drill on Tuesday, October 13th, during period 3 was handled smoothly and efficiently by students and staff, demonstrating great cooperation and preparedness.
6. On Thursday, October 15th, PV Middle School hosted our annual Bonfire from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the front parking lot. Beyond the warmth of the fire, the real highlight of the night is your golden opportunity for sweet revenge: the dunk tank! Thank you to Assistant Principal Mr. Rodriguez and Principal Mr. McCutchan for taking an icy plunge into the water.
7. On October 19th, Pleasant Valley Middle School will conduct a Run, Hide, Fight safety drill. The activity will begin with a teacher-led classroom discussion and a 10-minute instructional video, followed by a practical exercise focusing on safe lockdown and hiding protocols. Representatives from the Pennsylvania State Police may be on site to observe and support our safety procedures.
8. Monroe County Technical Institute rolled out an incredible Career Exploration Night for 8th and 9th-grade students showcasing 25 dynamic programs. Families learned all about the application

process, explore future career paths, and even enter to win prizes this past Wednesday, October 21st.

9. PVMS is thrilled to partner with Kalahari for the exciting Riptide Readers Challenge! Students can dive into a great book and earn free water park passes simply by logging at least 10 hours of reading. Grab a reading log from Ms. Scott in the Middle School Library to jump-start the fun today. Be sure to turn in completed reading logs by January 4th.
10. On October 23rd, our Student of the Month Announcements and Monthly Grade Level Meetings will be held in the MS Cafeteria. We are exceptionally proud to celebrate our outstanding October honorees: 6th Grade - Madison Figueroa, 7th Grade - Neil Patel, and 8th Grade - Camryn Scheffner
11. On October 30th, our exceptional Student of the Month recipients will celebrate their hard work with a special Reward Luncheon, sharing lunch during periods 4, 5, and 6 in the RISE Reward Room alongside their favorite teacher or staff member!
12. In addition to the RISE Rewards Program, we are excited to launch our new PBIS Golden Ticket awards! Each week, five Golden Tickets are distributed to staff mailboxes, giving teachers an opportunity to recognize students who exemplify our RISE expectations or go above and beyond. Honored students are then invited down to the office to take part in the Principal's 100 RISE Reward!
13. We are beyond excited for October 30th, our very first Team Reward Day! To celebrate our incredible students who consistently demonstrate positive behavior, we will be wrapping up the day with a special one-hour RISE Rewards bell schedule. Each team is setting up 3 reward rooms filled with fantastic activities, making this an unforgettable celebration for our kids! A huge thank you to our amazing teachers and support staff for their incredible dedication and hard work in making this happen for our students!
14. 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! They have already received $100 and were able to buy Christmas stockings for the students. Their goal is to purchase outside benches for the Middle School grounds.
    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: Help us fill our collection bins with clean, dry plastic film and bags (free of food residue):

        - Grocery & produce bags
        - Bread & cereal bags
        - Bubble wrap & plastic shipping envelopes
        - Ziploc & reclosable food storage bags
        - Ice bags & salt bags
        - Case wrap (like water bottle packaging)
        - Pallet wrap & stretch film

    Bring in your clean plastics today, support our Life Skills class, and help our school win big for the environment! Let's get recycling, Bears!
    The next PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th from 4:00 PM -5:00 PM in the middle school.

    Upcoming events:
    - October 19th ~ PTO David's Cookie Fundraiser / Orders due by November 6th
    - November 4th ~ End of 1st Marking Period
    - November 11th ~ Veterans Day Assembly

Pleasant Valley High School

1. The high school PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive System) team introduced the students to the new reward program "PBIS" titled ROAR (Respectful, Open-minded, Accountable, Resilient), throughout the week of September 21st. This system is designed to keep our school positive, safe, and supportive. Students learned about their expected behavior in school, and the rewards that come from going above and beyond those expectations. Students who receive a ROAR

Award can redeem the tickets for many great rewards, such as wear a fun hat, sit in the teacher's chair, be a guest on PVTV, or be a guest DJ on Friday between classes.

2. On Friday, September 25th, our staff and students were encouraged to wear gold to support Childhood Cancer Awareness.
3. On Thursday, October 1st, the high school had a schoolwide Safe2Say training. Safe2Say is an anonymous tool that students can use anytime to report safety concerns and keep our campus safe for everyone.
4. October 1st marked the midway for marking period one.
5. Our seniors and their families were emailed with the link to order their cap and gown. Once again, our school district will be covering the cost of them so that they are free of charge for our seniors.
6. Our sophomores, junior, and seniors were given the opportunity to purchase a class ring through Student Services Company.
7. FBLA sold Pink Out shirts to interested staff and students for October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
8. We celebrated our incredible custodial staff for Custodian Appreciation Day on October 2nd. We had students' record messages for all of our custodial staff and they were played over the intercom throughout the day, and night for the overnight staff.
9. Huge congratulations to our Band students for taking home 2nd place at the Central Bucks South High School competition! On top of an outstanding performance, we also earned special awards for Best Colorguard and Best Band Director!
10. The week of October 5th through October 9th was Homecoming Spirit Week. It was fun to see students and staff dressed for the spirit days, such as Marvel hero day, Mismatch Day, and Wig Day.
11. Homecoming took place on Friday October 9th at the football game. Our Homecoming court was For King, the nominees were: Isaac Klein, Nicholas Springer, Gavin Tonkay, Nathan Tyner, and Brandt Wines. For Queen, the nominees were: Lila Borger, Rylan Knapp, Giada Morales, Ava Oviedo, and Mya Williams. The runners up were Isaac Klein and Rylan Knapp. Gavin Tonkay and Lila Borger were crowned King and Queen.
12. The school physician offered free physicals for students in need. It is mandatory for all 11th grade students to have a medical physical on file in the health office.
13. The annual tradition of the Senior Sunrise took place in the stadium on Thursday, October 8th at 6:15 AM.
14. Pleasant Valley High School has been selected by T-Mobile once again for their amazing school spirit and was rewarded $25,000. Our staff and student body was greeted by the band and cheerleaders on October 8th in the cafeteria with cookies and pom poms to announce the award. Voting for a chance to win $250,000 began on October 8th and anyone can vote via their mobile device once per day through October 25th.
15. On Friday, October 9th the High School hosted a community night to showcase our recent renovations to the Pleasant Valley School District community members. Many families came to tour the building's new areas.
16. The week of October 12th – October 16th was Spirit Week to help us get in the spirit for the annual Bucket game against Pocono Mountain East on Friday night. Some of the spirit days were the traditional Farmer Day, Decades Day and PV Pride Day. The afternoon before the Friday game the annual Bucket Game Pep rally took place in the gym.
17. The annual bonfire/block party was held on Thursday, October 15th. There were food trucks, raffles, club booths, and the famous dunk tank featuring some brave teachers.
18. The annual Run, Hide Fight training for staff and students was on October 19th.
19. The ASVAB test was administered to students interested in completing their graduation pathway on October 20th.

Upcoming events:

- October 27th ~ End of Marking Period 1
- October 31st ~ NHS Trunk or Treat
- November 2nd ~ Star Community Health will provide free dental screenings

Pleasant Valley Bears Academy

1. PVBA pilot program for our 7th-grade and 8th-grade students, featuring instruction from our own PVSD teachers, continues to prove highly successful. This initiative effectively fosters the vital connection and sense of comfort that students require while navigating a cyber-school environment.
2. PVBA educators, students, and families are continuing to be fully committed to the Act 47 "Eyes on Students" initiative.
3. Our guidance counselor, Ms. L, remains dedicated to supporting our students by providing essential assistance with career artifacts and conducting comprehensive senior meetings.
4. Mr. Birnbaum and Mr. Kresge have been unwavering in their constant support for all PVBA students through their commitment to online instruction and learning support. The meaningful connections they have established with students and their families have been duly noted, appreciated, and acknowledged by Mr. Van Voorhis.
5. The PVBA Flex Space within PVBA remains a central hub for professional development, team meetings, classroom presentations, and appearances by guest speakers.
6. PVBA students, both new and returning across all grade levels, have participated in our recent school photography sessions with Christmas City Studios.
7. PVBA families continue to receive the Weekly Growl every Friday by 3:00 p.m., ensuring they remain well-informed regarding all school-related activities and developments.