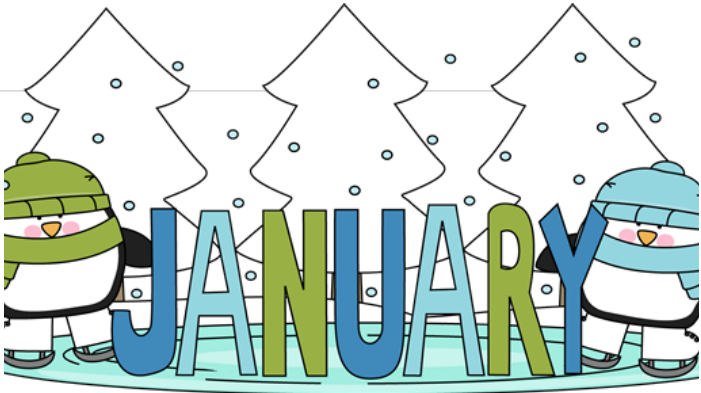
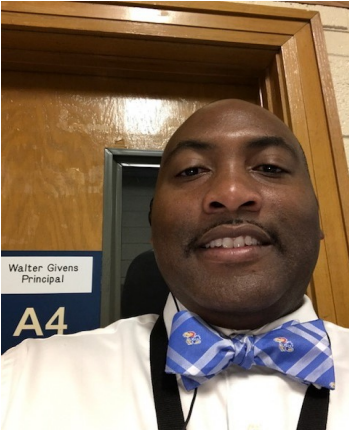




# Principal’s Newsletter



**January**

- 4** Heights Open House 6—7 pm
- 11** NAL vs Mayberry @ PVMS
- 15** MLK Holiday (NoSchool)
- 17** BB vs Marshall @Marshall
- 18** NAL vs Horace Mann @ PVMS
- 22** BB vs Horace Mann @ PVMS  
  
North HS Open House 6 pm.
- 24** BB vs GPA @PVMS
- 25** NAL vs Truesdell @ Truesdell
- 29** BB vs. Hamilton @ Hamilton  
  
NW Open House 6—7:30 pm  
  
South HS Open House 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 31** BB vs Jardine @PVMS

We are off to a fantastic start for the second semester. I hope you and your student had a refreshing break. Happy New Year!!

This second semester is a fresh start for our students. The students have an opportunity to continue or begin to perform well academically and behaviorally. We want all students to perform to excellence! Later in the newsletter, you will see featured, the students who have done well academically by being named to the Principal Honor Roll, Honor Roll, or Honorable Mention Roll.

The success that our students experience cannot be accomplished if they are not at school. I want to thank you for getting your student to school. I continue to request your assistance in being sure that your student is at school everyday and on time. Please call the office if they will be absent. We have an excellent learning opportunities for your student and for them to be successful they need to be in school.

Pre-Enrollment for 2018– 2019 school year

We are already in the planning stages for the next school year. If your student is an 8th grader, please be sure to attend the OPEN HOUSES at the high school that your student will attend. These serve as a good way to get a quick view of what to expect next August.

Your student will be receiving enrollment cards in the next few weeks that I encourage you to review with your student. We will be offering Honors Social Studies and Honors Science for 7th and 8th graders next school year. The honor classes will provide the academic challenge and experience that will assist them in higher level classes that they will take in high school and beyond.

**Martin Luther King Jr Day- - NO SCHOOL Monday 15th**

Our students will enjoy a full week of school and will be off the following Monday in observance of the federal holiday for Martin Luther King Jr; one of my heroes. A quote that I hold dear that he stated was, “ The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Our students will face academic challenges and our goal is to assist them to build the resiliency to strive onward and never to give up. Resiliency is built through struggle with support. At times, failure is going to occur. However, the controversy of failing is not the end. That is the time where supports are provided to help lift the student toward success. It is okay to fail. It is not okay to give up. Failure occurs when one gives up after failing. Success will come and when students experience success, resiliency is being developed and toned.

We have a great month ahead as we look to our motto as our foundational guide:  
Creating a Tradition of Excellence Where Failure is Not an Option

## **Safe and Civil Schools Survey Results**

We would like to thank the parents who participated in the Safe and Civil School Survey during Parent Teacher Conferences in October. The staff at PVMS greatly appreciate the time you took and value your opinions, as it helps us to determine next steps. Below are some highlights from the survey:

- ◆ Parents, students and staff agree that the work they do at school is important.
- ◆ Students and staff feel that the students are taught the rules and expectations for behavior throughout the building.
- ◆ Parents, students and staff agree that teachers encourage students to do their best and are supportive.

Respectfulness and bullying continue to be issues in the forefront of our school. Even though the survey shows that students in general feel safe at PVMS, we found some students still feel that bullying and disrespect between each other and the staff are present. This is concerning to us and we will continue to face this issue head on throughout the year.

As always, if you have any concerns about your student, we encourage you to call and make an appointment with your student's teacher or administrator.

## **CATEGORICAL PROGRAM**

The students participated in the ARC's holiday dance. This was the destination for the students field trip that took place on December 12th. . The student's had their picture taken with Santa. They met new friends and reconnected with old friends from elementary school. The student's danced, ate snacks, and socialized. The student's made a Christmas present for their parents out of ceramic tiles.

The students also held their own activity in their classroom in the E-Hall. The students cooked treats for their parents to enjoy at the holiday party held on December 14th. They gave their parents the wrapped gifts that were created at the function at the ARC two days prior.

It wasn't all fun and games, the student's practice their math and reading skills as well as learning much needed functional skills preparing food for their parents. The students showed off their portfolios to their parents at the gatherings.

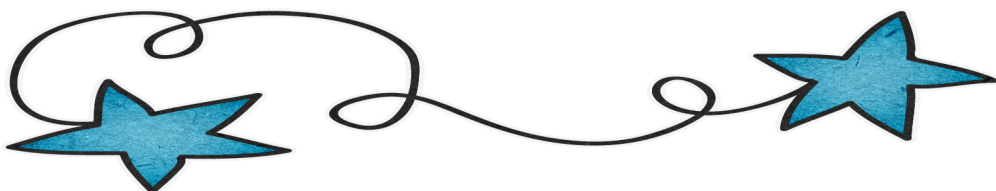
# VICE PRINCIPALS

## A.P.'s Chat & Chew

### Asst. Principal Lisa Riveros: Words of Wisdom

I am so proud of the way that our students have been behaving! On Friday, January 5, I told your child just how proud of them I was during a grade-level assembly. I told students that fewer behavior incidents were referred to the office during quarter 2 compared to quarter 1. This means that less students are getting into trouble! The Sixth graders reduced their incident referrals by 1 and the eighth graders had 22 fewer.

When Pleasant Valley's behavior incident referrals go down, students generally feel more pride about their school and do better in their classes. I look forward to your child continually acting appropriately as we move through 2018 and the winter semester.



### Asst. Principal Joel Escarpita: Soothing Thoughts

Dear parents and guardians,

It was a long and cold break, but the return of students and staff has warmed me right up! Upon your student's return, we took some time to remind students of our school's expectations, rules, and procedures. In addition to reminding students how to behave appropriately at school, we held a school wide assembly to encourage positive interactions between peers. The presentation aimed to discourage students from using put downs, "trash talk", and racially oriented jokes; to understand the difference between race, ethnicity, and nationality, and to encourage students to see possibilities beyond the color of their own and others' skin. We chose to present this information because, unless otherwise taught, students may feel that it is acceptable to use stereotypical, derogatory, or discriminatory language. At Pleasant Valley Middle School, the message is loud and clear... we respect and celebrate our similarities and differences, regardless of who you are, what you look like, or where you come from. Please support us in promoting positive interactions with all people, because at our core, we are ALL Royals.

Thank you,

# Exploratories

## *Vocal Music:*

Thank you to all of the parents, students and families who attended the vocal music concert last 'year.' The students did a fabulous job as they presented the Sights and Sounds of Winter, and I was so proud of each and every one of them.

Pretzel Rods are on sale! This money goes to buy music for our concerts. Please check with your students about their money and pretzels. And Sell! Sell! Sell!

This spring we have solo/ensemble festival in March, District Common Assessment right after spring break and our Spring Concert April 26. So we will be very busy.

Thank you for your continued support of the vocal music program.

Ms. Prater

## **ART:**

In November, the art classes focused on Veterans.

6th grade classes made thank you cards that were sent out to the POL flight at McConnell AFB here in Wichita.

The 7th grade classes made Thanksgiving and Christmas cards that were sent to McConnell Airmen deployed overseas. The 8th grade classes formed teams and made posters to hang in the hallways outside of our PVMS Veterans' classes to honor them for their service.

In December, 6th grade art classes worked on hand built clay projects. They were glazed and then brought home. 7th and 8th grade classes worked on color and then painting.

7th and 8th grade classes rotate to new classes with the spring semester. 6th graders are in art for the whole year.

Happy New Year - 2018!!

## **Technology:**

### **Mr. Daniels Computer Technology:**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade we working on saving pictures and changing those pictures. We will start working on our CAD software and designing and building those designs

7<sup>th</sup> Grade is also working on pictures and changing them. We will look at Engineering Careers and the different areas that may interest students to become future Engineers.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade we are working on Microsoft Office Word and working to put words and pictures into the documents. We will also start working on different Photo Shop lessons.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Video Productions we are working on finding pictures and videos that show different aspects of making a Video. Students will be getting ideas and figuring out ways for them to use the Video cameras throughout the school.

## **Physical Education:**

### **Mrs. Linn Girls P.E:**

We are very excited to start the year out with a new addition to our teaching staff, Hollie McQuitty a student teacher from Wichita State University will be with us for the next nine weeks!

Thank you for your continuous support in having your student prepared for Physical Education daily.

Happy New Year

## *7th Grade Avid:*

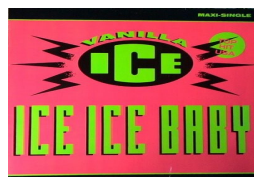
Hope you all had a wonderful break with your kids. This quarter's focus will be colleges. Students will pick a college of their choice to research and make a display which will be showcased April 19<sup>th</sup> at our AVID family night. Students will learn a lot about colleges and realize how important it is to do your research before picking a college. We do plan on going on a college visit this semester, but location hasn't been determined. Thank you for all your support and hope you have a warm January

## AVID NEWS :

We did it!!! Pleasant Valley Middle School is an AVID National Demonstration School through Fall 2020. All of your hard work and organization has paid off. This is a whole school honor and you should be proud of your work! It isn't easy, but we are an elite school that demonstrates high levels of implementation with quality and fidelity to the AVID College Readiness System schoolwide.

Interested in AVID???

Well then, Stop! Collaborate and listen AVID is back with my brand new edition. Learning grabs a hold of you tightly. You want to succeed both daily and nightly. Will it ever stop? No, you have to grow. See an AVID teacher and they'll show you how to apply. You need help, you can handle AVID is here, APPLY, and shine bright like a candle.



## 8th Grade Team

**Eighth grade social studies :** All 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes completed the district's DBQ before leaving for break. Seeing their growth in their abilities when writing a DBQ from fall to the one in the spring is always pleasant. We are now working on completing the National History Day projects for Academic Night on February 1. All students in the building are required to attend for their allotted time period (6:00-6:30 or 6:30-7:00) and present their projects to the community. The due date for student projects is January 12. We are gearing up to dig further into American History from the American Revolution through the Civil War. Teachers are really working hard to remind the students that they have only this semester left before they move on to high school, therefore they really need to be in class every day, attentive and ready to learn. This semester's grades will determine whether or not they are allowed to participate in fall extra-curricular activities in high school as a freshmen.

**Language Arts with Mrs. Busch and Ms. Turner :** The students are finishing up on their essays centering on **Conflict**. Writing prompt was: "Experiencing conflict in one's life has more advantages or disadvantages?" The unit focus for the month of January is Decisions. Students were notified that they will be taking a final in May. The students will be given a study guide and will be expected to study at home. Students will not be allowed access to their notes or textbooks during the final. Reminder the students have 2 book project due this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Please ask to see your child's reading contract to see the books they should be reading and the due dates of each.

**In 8<sup>th</sup> grade science:** We are either wrapping up our physics unit by building roller coasters out of pipe insulation to learn about potential and kinetic energy or are beginning our environmental science units by investigating various natural resources.

## **Math:**

Welcome back from break!!! We are still working hard on all the aspects of linear equations including slope. Please continue to do your homework. Homework is given Monday through Friday. Make sure your child is keeping all your work and notes!! At the end of the semester students will be taking a cumulative final. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> your child will be pre-enrolling in either North or Heights. The counselors will be coming to enroll students during math. Math teachers will be sending home information about elective classes with your child. Please take time and discuss option for classes with your child. If you have any questions or concerns about your child enrolling for 9<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact your child's teacher or the school.



## Counselor's Note

North and Heights High School will be completing the enrollment process with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students through the core math class on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, North will be available in a corner of the PVMS library on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> to enroll any absent students and answer questions from students, parents and staff.

In preparation of enrollment, please plan on attending the Open House of your child's next school. Attached is the complete high school open house schedule and enrollment information to help ease the transition from middle to high school!

The information that is provided on the following page will be useful for you and your student to know what dates the high schools will be conducting their Open House.



## 2017-18 HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

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### NORTHEAST MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7:00 pm at NE Magnet Auditorium

**Application deadline is Friday, December 15, 2017**

5550 N. Lycee, Bel Air, KS

For questions call 973-2300

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE OVERVIEW MEETINGS

See <http://www.usd259.org/EastIB> for a current list of meetings.

Application deadline is Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

For information or to shadow call 973-7289

### HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6:00-7:00 pm at Heights High School Auditorium

For questions call 973-1400

### SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL BUFFALO BLITZ

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6:30-8:00 pm at Southeast High Auditorium

For questions call 973-2700

### NORTH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

6:00 pm in the Auditorium

For questions call 973-6320

### NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6:00-7:30 pm at Northwest High School Auditorium

For questions call 973-6000

### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

5:30-7:00 pm—Meet at the front entrance of South High School

For questions call 973-5450

### WEST FEST

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Come & Go 5:00-7:00 pm—Look for the VIP Tent

For questions call 973-3600

### EAST HIGH OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

6:30-8:00 pm at East High Auditorium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

For questions call 973-7259

It is with great pleasure that I get to share with you the fantastic names of the students who have excelled in the classroom. The Principal's Honor Roll are the students who earned all A's in the last grading period, a 4.0 g.p.a. I am extremely proud of their efforts and want to encourage them to finish the next two quarters strong as well.

The second list of distinguished students are those who have earned a 3.50 to 3.99 g.p.a. for the quarter. These students had a majority of A's in their classes. Their effort in the classroom is reflected in the high grades that they earned.

The third list of distinguished students are those who have earned a 3.0 to 3.49 g.p.a. These students earned a majority of B's for the second quarter.

I want to thank you parents for instilling a drive in your student and assisting us at home by sustaining the learning that your student has received during the day.



### PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL - 4.0

Acosta, Leslie  
Aleman, Marlyn  
Alvarado-Rodriguez, Esmeralda  
Barroso, Karla  
Bruner, Sandra  
Cardona, Abigail  
Chairez, Daniel  
Chavez, Osiel  
Cox, Kasey  
Loya, Rubi  
Matlock, Mariah  
Medrano-Meraz-Brissa  
Muldrow, Javantis  
Parker, Nakayah  
Quezada, Fabian  
Quintana, Jesus  
Renovato Hernandez, Angel  
Reyes, Joel  
Rios, Jorge  
Talbert, Tre  
Thomison, Hailey  
Valles, Samantha  
Vanover, Onnika  
Walker, Aniyah  
Winder, Tessie





### Honor Roll - 3.99 - 3.50

Acosta, Jasmin  
 Aguilera, Lluvia  
 Aguilera-Garcia, Yasmin  
 Amezcuita-Gonzalez, Alexis  
 Aranda-Mayorga, Hailey  
 Argueta Urquilla, Diana  
 Ayala-Mora, Josseline  
 Ayala-Reyes, Edgar  
 Banuelos-Delreal, Alejandro  
 Baross, Coilin  
 Barroso, Maria del Carmen  
 Borboa, Dominic  
 Briseno-Nunez, Alexis  
 Canales-Breceda, Jonathan  
 Castillo, Daisy  
 Castillo, Miguel  
 Chavez, Lesly  
 Cordero, Perla  
 Diaz Enriquez, Adrian  
 Diaz Enriquez, Eduardo  
 Doughty, Emma  
 Enriquez Diaz, Sandra  
 Enriquez, Devany  
 Finol Colina, Fabiola  
 Flores, Ashley  
 Flores, Cecirely  
 Flores, Dayanara  
 Flores-Solis, Orlando  
 Gallegos, Ivan  
 Galvan, Cesar  
 Garcia Esparza, Angie  
 Garnes, Jayden  
 Garrett, Laticia

Gomez, Brysa  
 Gonzalez, Dayana  
 Guereca-Rivera, Virginia  
 Hernandez, Liliana  
 Hernandez, Brayan  
 Huerta, Yuliyana  
 Hyde, Janiya  
 Ibarra, Marissa  
 Rodriguez, Reynaldo  
 Lopez, Angelle  
 Lopez, Tatianna  
 Loya, Eleno  
 Luna, Jacqueline  
 Martinez, Yuridia  
 Mendez-Serrato, Luis  
 Mijares, Stephanie  
 Moreno-Lopez, Eli  
 Navarrete, Araceli  
 Nieto-Espino, Saray  
 Ontiveros, Laura  
 Ortiz, Mariana  
 Parga, Veronica  
 Pedraza, Brisa  
 Perez Gomez, Erik  
 Perez, Gissel  
 Peterson, Jewel  
 Quezada, Brania  
 Quinones, Alexia  
 Ramirez, Dasany  
 Rampy, Jarrett  
 Renteria, Jennifer  
 Retana, Xitlaly  
 Rivera, Daisha





### Honor Roll - 3.99 - 3.50 - Cont....

Rodriguez, Carolina  
Rodriguez-Morales, Markos  
Rojas-Vazquez, Miguel  
Salazar-Garcia, Rita  
Sanchez, Adriana  
Sanchez, Leslie  
Sbhatu, Ferhat  
Schrader, Brandon  
Silva Marquez, Amaya  
Solorzano-Medina, Chantal  
Torres, Israel  
Treto, Hector  
Trevizo, Sofia  
Urbina-Renteria, Jose  
Valdovinos Ovato, Kimberly  
Valles, Miguel  
Valles, Valeria  
Vargas, Mariana  
Vazquez, Carlos  
Villa, Jolie  
Villa, Nancy  
Villanueva, Jasmine  
Webb, Hakeem  
Wells, Ethan  
Yescas, Jose  
Zamarripa, Jose





## HONORABLE MENTION - 3.49 - 3.0

Aguilera, Karen	Aguilera-Garcia, Enrique	Silvestre, Jason
Aleman, Alejandra	Anderson, Niveah	Andrade, Rodrigo
Angulo Barraza,	Mariela Mayorga, Jonathan	Albino, Edgar
Baez, Kitscia	Barber, Maxwell	Barron, Julia
Beall, Dave	Berumen, Henry	Bice, Aaron
Bojorquez, Javier	Barraza, Leticia	Botello-Reyes, Jesus
Bravo, Ofelina	Caballero-Medina, Cynthia	Perez, Adolfo
Carillo-Vega, Joaquin	Cerutti, Autumn	Cervantes, Evinn
Chaparro, Victor	Clingerman, Chris	Coronado, Janelie
Puentes, Erik	Batres, Andrea	Gonzalez, Allison
Esparza, Isaiah	Fierro, Christian	Garcia, Ashley
Garcia, Yarelle	Gonzalez, Dimas	Guerrero, Aliaya
Hernandez, Allan	Hernandez, Hailey	Honer, Hunter
Ibarra, Javian	Ibarra, Rosa	Ibarra, Ricardo
Johnson, Gabriel	Kitwanga, Nathalie	Lerma, Jennifer
Leyva, Yahir	Lopez, Edgar	Lopez, Juan
Lopez, Luis	Lopez, Emily	Rodriguez, Arely
Sosa, Litzzy	Marin, Jose	Marrufo, Gerardo
Flores, Eduardo	Valenciana, Ilian	Martinez, Mariana
Martinez, Nathalia	Aguilar, Axel	Montejano, Vanessa
Gamboa, Krystal	Montoya, Yasmine	Ayala, Liliana
Morillon, Betsy	Moses, Mya	Mugisha, Michel
Naimatullah, Maria	Naimatullah, Meraj	Contreras, Emily
Romero, Sergio	Onesto, Christian	Ornealas, Giovanni
Palomares, Mia	Pedraz, Savannah	Pereda, Yaireth
Perez, Victoria	Garcia, Andrea	Pickens, Malaki
Portillo, Andrew	Prado, Adalia	Rae, Emily
Ramirez, Rodrigo	Ramirez, Kelly	Duarte, Antonio
Gutierrez, Rosa	Ramos, Luis	Aguilera, Marelen
Aviles, Arleth	Yopez, Ernesto	Rivera, Anthony
Rizo, Jocelyn	Valencia, Rogelio	Rodriguez, Diego
Ruiz, Esteban	Saenz, Carolina	Salas-Leal, Selema
Lopez, Roberto	Serrato, Cecilia	Sharkey, Cashira
Gutierrez, Alicia	Smith, Nia	Snavely, Sadie
Solis, Cecilia	Carranza, Stephanie	Gonzalez, Arianna
Soto, Pedro	Mendoza, Maya	Tabuyo, Emily
Tavarez, Andrea	Torres, Jeremy	Thomas, Anthony
Torres, Delgao, Jose	Torres, Brissa	Treto, Daniel
Tretto, Myra		



## STUDENT RECOGNITION

### **“I Earned It Pass”**

**Below are the three winners for December**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade— Osiel Chavez**

**Eduardo Diaz Enriquez**

**Adriana Sanchez**

**7<sup>th</sup> grade— Juan Alvarez-Delatorre**

**Saray Nieto-Espino**

**Dayanara Flores**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade— Leslie Sanchez**

**Yasmin Aguilera Garcia**

**Cesar Galvan**

**“I Earned It Pass” school partners: Botanica, Exploration Place, Old Cowtown Museum, Sedgwick County Zoo, and the Wichita Art Museum.**

**Students can attend, along with up to four of their family members, any or all of the special partner programs during the assigned month for free!**

