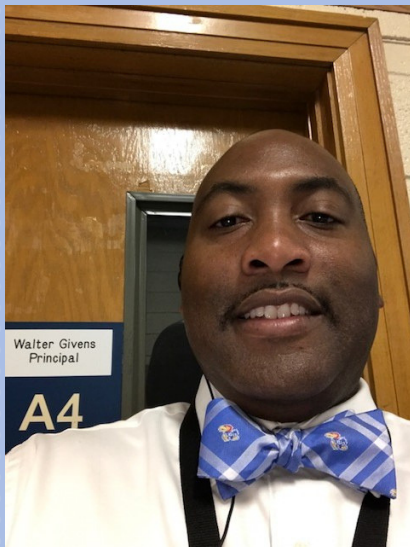




PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Pleasant Valley Middle School



This is the time of year where our students get to shine and show the state how much they have learned from our wonderful staff. It is important that your child gets plenty of sleep and attends school so that we can be able to see the gains after they are accessed by the state and also for their classes.

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We have many family activities this month. Please be sure that you do not park by fire-hydrants or block the driveways of the houses that surround our school. We greatly appreciate your support in attending our nightly events and adhering to proper driving and parking protocols.

We will be hosting Summer School, but it will be different from previous years. We will only be able to have eighty students at the most. Those students who are eligible will be notified as well as the parent.

Principal message (continued)

Summer school: The hours will be from 9am - 3pm. Breakfast will be available at 8:30. Lunch will be served after 11. The morning hours will consist of Language Arts and Math. The afternoon will be STEM activities. Students will go to WSU, Exploration Place, YMCA, and Museums on Museum row (ie. Cowtown, etc).

Transportation will be provided to school and home for all participants and to the activities.

I do hope that you will allow your student to participate if you are notified of eligibility. Please adhere to the deadlines to help guarantee your spot for this great program.

Discipline data: I want to commend our students and staff for lowering the number of student discipline referrals. We are down nearly 9% from last year. That is outstanding. We hope to continue this downward trend in student referrals.

I also want to thank you for instilling great qualities into your student and holding them accountable for their actions. It is a team effort and all of us are part of that team. Thank you!!!

April events: We have many activities this month. I do hope that you will be able to come out and support the efforts of our students and staff. We have a wonderful school and it is so rewarding to be able to see the students shining both academically and in their extra-curricular activities.

April Family Engagement



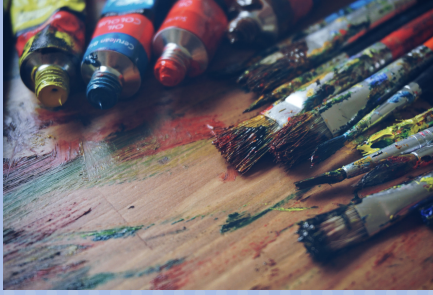
Exploration Night for three middle schools on Thursday, April 26th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. We will have only 150 tickets available to disperse for this event. A parent link will be sent out on April 6th. Tickets will be available in the front office from April 9th until they run out. There will be free pizza and water. The museum is open to explore and two dome movies also.



Choir Concert -April 26th at 6:30

This will be a wonderful treat for you and your family! Although it falls on the same night for Exploration Place, we have the space for more people and you don't need a ticket. You will leave with a smile!!!

Exploratories



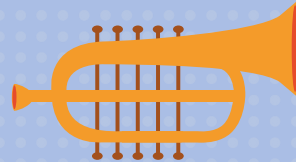
ART

8th grade classes have been working on the t-shirt design for their end of year field trip. They also worked on a design for the cover of the brochure for their awards assembly.. 8th grade teachers will choose which designs will be used.

6th grade classes are currently designing a menu for their own restaurant. Cover design, dishes and prices with illustrations as well as a catchy slogan are all part of their project.

7th grade completed their clay project, building, and glazing it. They are now started on scratch board art.

BAND/ORCHESTRA



Seventh and eighth grade instrumental music students will be participating in the District Common Assessment on Tuesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 5th at Northeast Magnet.

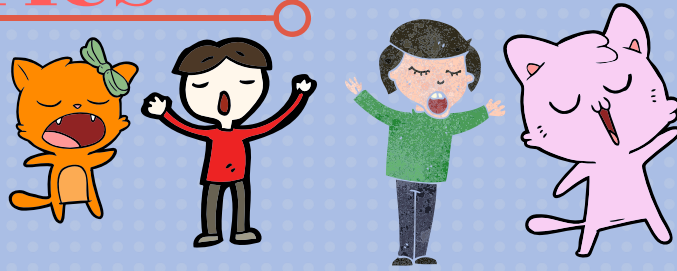
The final required Spring Concert for all band and orchestra students will be held on Thursday, May 3rd here at Pleasant Valley Middle School in the auditorium.

Students should be fulfilling the required practice time of 100 minutes each week. The time is to be recorded on practice sheets, signed by parent/guardian and turned in the first day of each school week.

A special thank you to all students, parents/guardians, and their families for attending conferences.

Exploratories

VOCAL MUSIC



April is a BIG MONTH for vocal music! District Common Assessment is April 6 and the spring concert – **MUSICAL MAGIC – is April 29.**

Come hear your favorite Disney Songs and support our singers in their final concert of the year. See you at 6:30 – in the PVMS Auditorium.



Thank you for your help and support this entire year in our pretzel sales and our concerts!

Ms Prater

Boy's PE



The students are starting school tournaments in Basketball, TSEG Ball, Soccer, & Volleyball. We will be skating May 7th-May 11th. Please encourage your student to participate.

Exploratories

LEADERSHIP

The Leadership Program is finishing up strong.

“6th grade Cadet Rubi Loya represented Pleasant Valley on 27 March at the Honorary Cadet Board. Ruby, in her Leadership uniform, competed against other top cadets from all other USD 259 middle schools. Rubi appeared before a civilian-based Board and was assessed on her ability to report, proper uniform, military bearing, poise, confidence, maturity, and ability to answer Board questions. The Board was composed of: local community professionals, a JROTC Cadet Corps Staff representative; and the Board President.

Thank you Rubi Loya for representing Pleasant Valley Middle School with royal pride!

The Wichita JROTC and Leadership units will conduct its annual National Awards Ceremony 5 April 2018 at 6:00PM in Heights High School Auditorium, 5301 N. Hillside, in order to recognize the outstanding performance of selected cadets and external scholarship recipients, and promote the incoming Corps Staff.

The following Cadets will be recognized:

Association of the US Army Award, C/SFC Daisha Rivera

The Military Order of World Wars, C/CPL Rubi Loya

Sons of the American Revolution, C/CPL Arely Luna-Rodriguez

Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Award, C/PFC Jessica Alarcon

Army Recruiting Command Leadership Award, C/PVT Dianna Parga-Sanchez

Superintendents Award, C/SGM Ashley Flores

Exploratories

Computer Technology



8th Grade we working on our Bug Bots and getting them build and wired. We hope to have them working and bouncing off the walls.

7th Grade is working on our 123D Design Program and getting ready to print the student's designs on the 3-D Printer.

6th Grade we are working on getting onto the computer and saving different types of files. We will be working on Microsoft Word and putting Pictures and Word Art into their documents.

8th Grade Video Productions we are working on Still Motion Animation/Videos. The different scenes the students have come up with for their projects are interesting and we are excited to see the end result.

7th Grade AVID



April is a huge month for the AVID students at PV. We have our family night April 19th where the students will display their college pennants and a field trip April 26th. The students will need \$5.00 to cover their lunch fee for the field trip. We will be going to Hutchinson Community College.

Permission slips have been sent home, they are due no later than April 12th. May is coming quickly and I know your kids are looking forward to summer.

6th Grade

o Please look for school books to return. These could be ones for the library or for individual teachers.

o Make sure to check ParentVue on a regular basis. It isn't reasonable for teachers to email parents about every missing assignment for every child. This information is available on ParentVue at any time. You can access the site on your phone, Kindle, computer and IPAD. Your student has access to StudentVue, which lets them be able to look at their grades also.

Here is the link to ParentVue: <https://parentvue.usd259.net> If you are needing assistance to log on, please call our office at 973-8000.

o **6th grade History Day winners** -

• Popular Vote

Josseline Ayala-Mora

Hakeem Webb

Chantel Solorzano-Medina

Ninel Zenteno-Morin

Ariana Lopez

Stephanie Solis-Carranza

Joselyn Rios

Emily Lopez-Sanchez



Academic Vote

1st Place – Julia Barron, Eduardo Diaz, Ronan Borboa, Keymijah Morgan, Mariely Hernandez

2nd Place – Jasmine Villanueva, , Mia Lopez-Carrera, Nia Smith, Dominic Drake

3rd Place – Josseline Ayala-Mora, Hakeem Webb, Chantel Solorzano-Medina, Ninel Senteno-Marin

6th Grade (continued)

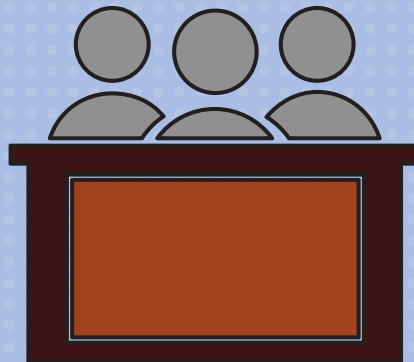
o 6th Grade Students accepted to AVID – These students and their families are invited to attend a signing party on **April 19th from 4:30-5:30.**

Mia Palomares, Orlando Flores, Brayan Hernandez, Liliana Ybarra, Andrea Perez-Garcia, Autumn Cerutti, Gabriela Garcia, Jonathan Aranda, Mia Lopez, Yahir Leyva, Jennifer Lerma, Hunter Honer, Adriana Sanchez, Ronan Borboa, Cashira Sharkey, Jasmine Villanueva, Joselyn Rios, Olaya Esparza, Rubi Loya, Tatianna Lopez, Hector Treto, Josseline Ayala-Mora, Eduardo Diaz Enriquez, Juan Lopez, Hekeem Webb, Victoria Wheeler, Jesus Maldonado, Sergio Vargas, Jewel Peterson, Samantha Curiel-Dominguez, Ke'Aasia Dickens, Carolina Rodriguez, Elio Moreno-Lopez, Israel Torres, Maya Strunk-Mendoza, Anaya Cantu, Jayden Garnes, Arleth Rios-Aviles, Giovanni Ornelas, Andrea Tavarez, Jessenia Gutierrez, Erika Segura-Lopez, Isaac Camacho, Valeria Valles, Alexia Retana, Cesar Martinez, Joel Andrews, Cecirely Flores, Cecilia Solis, Emily Lopez- Sanchez, Noe Villalobos, Ariathna Martinez, Adolfo Cabrales-Perez, Javian Ibarra, Luis Arallano, Javier Bojorquez, Arturo Villarreal, Jose Zamarripa, Alexis Rojas, Zabdiel Escaren, Ariana Garcia-Roza, Jollete Vela, Joel Alarcon

7th grade

o 7th Grade Students being added to AVID - These students and their families are invited to attend a signing party on April 19th from 4:30-5:30.

Vanessa Montejano
Brysa Gomez
Naykiah Parker
Marelen Raymundo
Mariana Ortiz



8th Grade

Social Studies department has now completed state assessments for this school year. We believe our PV students truly tried to work through the questions which were asked and answered. We will be completing the Spring DBQ covering the Mexican-American War within the next month. We will end the year learning about the divisions within the country which eventually drove the country to Civil War.



Language Arts:

During the month of April, the students will be working hard on completing their end of the year project: Autobiographies which will be the majority of their grade for the last quarter. We will work on their autobiographies in class for a couple of weeks, but some work will need to be completed at home. We will have a few dates set for afterschool work time for those students needing extra time. We also have 2 book projects that will be due this month as well. Our Language Arts state assessments are April 9-10. Please make sure your child is at school, because this is very important.

8th Grade Math

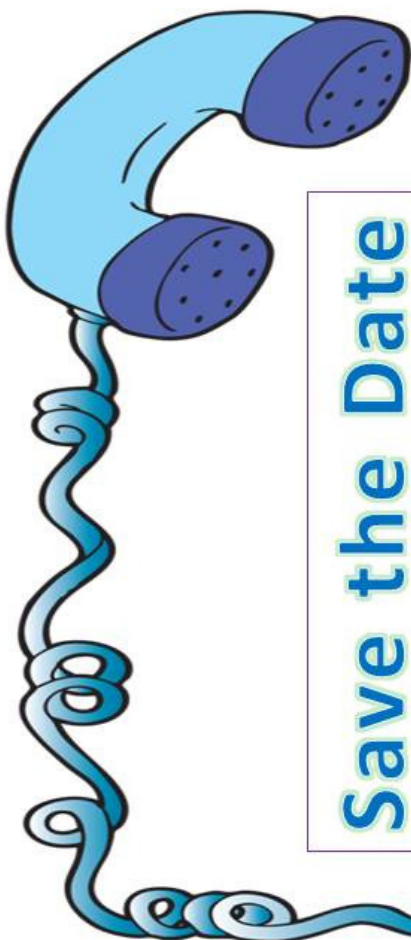


Mark your calendar for April 18th and 19th for Math State Assessments!!!! Make sure you get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. Be sure to come to school on time so you don't have to make up the test later. We are in the last 2 months of school, so finish strong!!! High school sports are going to be looking closely at this semester GPA. In math we will be working on topics to prepare them for high school algebra and geometry. Cherish these last days with your friends and teachers. Make it all count!

8th grade (continued)**Science:**

We finished up learning about the environment and how it impacts society and animals. The students will begin learning about genetics. This has to do with genes, traits, and heredity. Students will learn how to use a Punnett square to find the possible allele combinations of offspring. We then will begin learning and discussing how to dissect frogs. Students will learn how the body parts of a frog compare to those of humans. This should be exciting for the students to do. Remember if you have any questions about your student, please call and we will be glade to talk to you.

Message from the Nurse

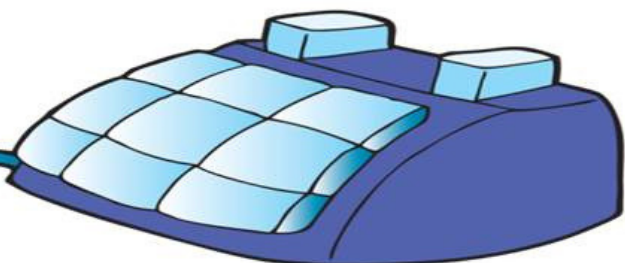


Thursday, April 19 Immunization Clinic

3:30 – 5:00

School Exclusion for lack of immunizations
is on April 20th.

Don't let this opportunity slip away.



Free Health & Dental

The E.C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic

Clinic hours:

M-Th 9a.m. - 7p.m. & Fri-Sat. 9a.m. - 1p.m.

1525 N. Lorraine (Lower level of St. Mark UMC)

Phone: 316-681-2545



**WHERE WE ARE GIVING AWAY FREE
MEDICAL CARE TO THE COMMUNITY.**

April 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
1525 N. Lorraine (Lower level of St. Mark U.M.C.)

**FREE medical exams
and dental screenings.**

**There will be community resources, food, FREE
giveaways, and a bouncy house**



**Gift
Cards**



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WWW.TYREECLINIC.COM

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Below are the three winners for March **"I Earned It Pass"**

6th grade– Angel Cabrallero
Ricardo Ibarra-Neri
Yahir Leyva

7th grade– Mariah Matlock
Jacqueline Luna
Eduardo Navarro

8th grade– Alexis Briseno Nunez
Lisbeth Perez Carrera
Markos Rodriguez

"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!

