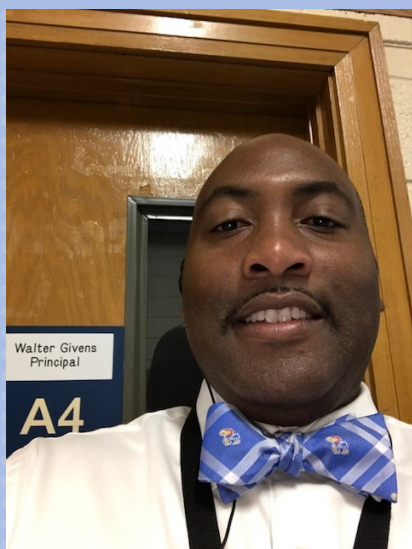




# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

*Pleasant Valley Middle School*



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I want to thank you for a fantastic year at Pleasant Valley. It has been my pleasure being a part of your student's learning. We still have a few more weeks of school, so I would like for you to encourage your student to finish strong.

Students will be taking assessments to measure their academic growth in classes in the upcoming weeks. Please have your child review class information that they have in their binders. Be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and prepares for the tests. Grades matter, as eligibility for Fall sports are determined by what the student receives on this report card.

Report cards will be mailed out after May 16th. The results from State testing will also be included with the report card.

## Principal message (continued)

**ASR and AST**

This is the last week for After-School Rec and After-School Tutoring. We appreciated the participation. We look forward to providing these services again next year.

**SUMMER BREAK**

It is important that students continue to do something academic over the break. Reading just twenty minutes a day will benefit the student tremendously. The public library has an excellent reading program that provides some nice rewards for accomplishing reading goals. I encourage you to sign your child up to help avoid the "summer brain drain".

HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO



I want to wish everyone a Happy Cinco de Mayo this weekend. The weather forecast looks to be an amazing. Sunny skies and 82 degrees. Perfect for outdoor celebrations. Enjoy!!



## Focus Talk: Asst. Principal Mr. Escarpita



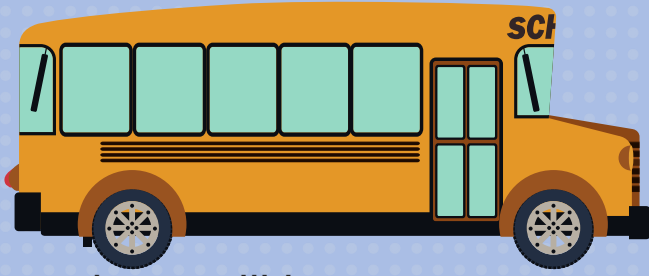
Parents and guardians,

The end of the school year is almost here! With that being said, I would like to remind you to have conversations regarding your students' attendance, academic and behavior success. Students need to be present and on time to their classes daily. The behaviors in the classroom and common areas need to be appropriate for the school environment. And last but not least, your students need to keep pushing themselves to the limit academically until the very last day. Continue to cheer your students on daily. Ask them what their favorite part of the school day was or to share one interesting thing they learned at school. Remember, just because they say they don't have homework, doesn't mean it's true! Continue to read through their agenda daily and use it as a guide for your conversations about school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Joel Escarpita  
Assistant Principal

## 7th Grade Field Trip: Asst. Principal Mrs. Riveros



All 7th grade students will have an opportunity to learn more about college on Friday, May 4th. All 7th graders are invited to attend a college field trip to Butler Community college in El Dorado, KS. At Butler, students will get a tour of the college campus and learn what it means to go to Butler from college admission representatives. After the fun morning of learning, the 7th graders will get to eat in the college cafeteria as if they attended school there.

7th graders who do not go on the field trip will research colleges back at Pleasant Valley. Every student will learn a little more about college. It is important that students understand what their options are after high school. Our goal is to give students the tools that they need to someday get into college or some type of technical job training.





# Exploratories



## ART

8th grade classes finished their painting and abstract art. They are now working on festive Cinco de Mayo posters

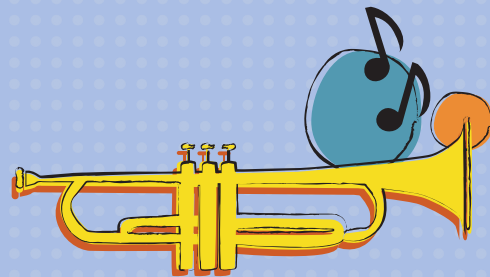
7th grade classes also have painted and made abstract art. They too are making festive Cinco de Mayo posters.

6th grade finished and took home their pottery piece. They are now making festive Cinco de Mayo posters.

All three grades will finish the year with a carousel horse masterpiece.

Encourage your student to participate in creative activities over the summer. Whole brain development is critical to their on-going academic success.

## BAND/ORCHESTRA



The final required Spring Concert for all band and orchestra students will be held this 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.



# Exploratories



## VOCAL MUSIC

**MUSICAL MAGIC concert was held on April 29th.**

It was the final concert of the year and the singers put on a fantastic performance. Mrs. Prater's curtain call to a wonderful career was one to remember. A special thanks to parents and staff who helped make this event a success.



## Boy's and Girl's PE



We will be skating May 7th-May 11th. Please encourage your student to participate.





## 6th and 7th Grade

The students have grown both physically and academically. The 6th and 7th grade team has enjoyed providing great lessons for your student. There will be an awards ceremony honoring each grade level class during the last week of school. The teams are looking forward to celebrating your student's successes this school year.

## 8th Grade

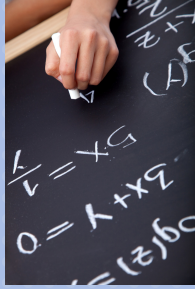
**Social Studies:** As the year wraps up, we have completed the Spring DBQ and were pleased to see growth from the Fall DBQ in their analytical and writing skills. We will continue working through the school year and finish with the Civil War. It has been an interesting year and hope the students enjoy their summer and will be ready for high school in the fall.



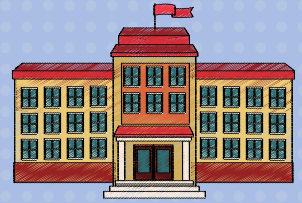
### Language Arts:

As we near the end of another busy school year, we wanted to take a moment to thank all of the families for helping your child complete their autobiographies. We are looking forward to reading and grading them and have seen fantastic books! We will continue our identity unit through the end of the school and finish up with our final exam.



**8th grade (continued)****8th Grade Math**

As with every core class, remember to study and do your best on these classes finals; use them as a stepping stone to doing well in high school.

**Science:**

We are dissecting frogs and learning how the organs of a frog are a lot like the human body organs. We will also begin human sexuality. Students will learn about the body parts of both male and female. They will also learn about aids, hepatitis and other STDs. Students may bring home a permission slip to be signed so they can be in the class. This is only if they did not turn one in during enrollment. Remember to call and talk with any of us if you have any questions about your student's grades.



# STUDENT RECOGNITION



## Leadership:

Congratulations to Sergio Olguin's 5th place finish.

He took part in the Leadership Cadet Challenge on April 21st. It was a five event competition that was patterned after the President's Physical Fitness Program, V-Sit Reach, Pull-ups, Shuttle run, Curl-Ups and 1/2 mile run.



## 2017 -18 ALL PANDO STAR RECIPIENTS

Jesus Botello Reyes



Jasmine Zamarripa

# STUDENT RECOGNITION

Below are the three winners for May "I Earned It Pass"

**6th grade**– Carolina Rodriguez  
Brayan Hernandez-Estupinan  
Karen Aguilera

**7th grade**– Daniel Cardiel  
Jasmine Acosta  
Mariah Matlock

**8th grade**– Aniyah Walker  
Alejandra Aleman  
Gissel Perez

"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!

