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The Votes are in....

It was an exciting week of campaigning in the middle school. Students running for office stuck posters throughout the school then, on October 26th, gave campaign speeches to the entire school body in the PAC (Performing Arts Center) in the high school. On October 29th the PVMS held their Student Government election for the 2007-2008 school year.

And the elected officials are....

5th Grade Congressman and Congresswoman:

William Messinger

Robyn Terregrosa

Class Representative: Lauren Costello

6th Grade Congressman and Congresswoman:

Blendi Muriqui

Alessia DiCecco

Class Representative: Sara Zadrina

7th Grade Senators:

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Class Representative: Nicole Zimbaldi

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STUDENT AWARENESS



Go Green Club

By Emily Azcue



"Back in Green"

The Go Green Club is back and better than ever. The very important and fun Go Green Club is back this year with new ideas and plans. Last year the Go Green Club brought us blue and green recycling bins, the compost bin, energy efficient light bulbs, cell phone-recycling bins and ink cartridge recycling bins.

This club is tons of fun and is run by the wonderful Mr. Carlin and Mrs. Brothers. There aren't that many kids in the Go Green Club and we are trying to recruit more, so if you're interested the Club is held every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. in Room 206.

This year the plans for the Go Green Club are slightly different than last year, but still mostly the same. Last year the "Go Greeners" shared their ideas in a fabulous slideshow around December, which educated everyone about the Earth, important facts on energy, and what humans do to our Earth. Some of the new goals we have this year are to get solar panels for the school, to put recycling bins down by the turf and back fields, to get reusable trays for the cafeteria and much, much more. We are still trying to raise money from the recycled bottles that give five cents so if you are drinking soda and it says "NY 5 ct" put it in the green recycling bin.

Here are some interesting facts about energy and garbage

- Each person throws out about 4 pounds of garbage each day
- Most families throw away 88 pounds of plastic every year
- We use about 12,000 gallons of water each year
- The 500 million automobiles on earth burn an average of 2 gallons of fuel a day
- Each gallon of fuel releases 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air
- 14 billion pounds of trash is dumped into the ocean every year
- 84 percent of all household waste can be recycled
- A ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees

So now you know and now you're aware so show you care.
Thank You!!!!





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The PVMS Student Council NEWS Cereal Drive



By: Nick Scolaro

The Putnam Valley Food Pantry is in need of cereal, tuna and jelly. They use these foods up a lot and need to spend a lot of money in order to buy these products. So the Putnam Valley Middle School Student Council is sponsoring a cereal drive during the months of November – December.

Faculty, staff and students are asked to bring in boxes of cereal to benefit the Putnam Valley Food Pantry. Over 100 families don't have a lot of food so this is a huge benefit to the hungry people in Putnam Valley. The cereal drive is a huge success so far. We have already received a lot of boxes of cereal to give to the PV Food Pantry. The last day of the drive is December 20th.

Student Council will do some more food and clothing drives as the year progresses. While the Pantry is in need of jelly, we prefer not to collect jelly jars to avoid having students travel with glass jars. We will raise money through a Spirit Day in the future.

Our next food drive for the Pantry will be a TUNA DRIVE! Look for announcements in the future.

What is Student Council

By: Connor Malone

Student Council meets once a month on the first Thursday of every month.

When you go to Student Council you make signs and posters telling all about what is happening in school.

In October we all worked on the Halloween school dance.

In November we worked on the Putnam Valley Food Pantry drive. We collected cereal.

In December we worked on Blue & White Spirit Day held on December 21st.

Student Council advisors are Mrs. Pasquale and Mrs. VandeVelde.



STUDENT AWARENESS



PTA NEWS

By: Sara Zadrina

Have you ever heard of Box Tops For Education? Maybe in PVES, but not PVMS! Both the middle school and the elementary school collect them.



This is a Box Top. Box Tops usually are worth ten cents. They are little cardboard or plastic squares on the top of products like cereal boxes, Pillsbury products, certain meat products, graham cracker boxes, Ziploc products, Kleenex, and many other things. More and more companies are donating the ten cents to Box Tops for Education.

Box Tops are a way for your school to earn money to buy things they need! For example, new computers, books, playground equipment, new gym equipment, and so much more can be purchased with the money raised from Box Tops.

Our school sets a goal for how much money we want to raise each year. We have earned \$568 dollars since 2002. We earned \$163 last year. We would like to raise even more money this year!

If you ever have a Box Top, remember that our school collects them! Clip it off of the product it is on, and bring it in. There is a collection box in the main office. It is in the window behind the sign-in desk. Bring your Box Tops into the office and they will put it in the box for you. Bring in Box Tops for your education! If you gave the box tops in by October 31st, our school earned more money! If you have any super box tops, send them in before December 31st!

Go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Default.aspx> for more information on Box Tops!

Mrs. Weise, PTA Member, has organized a competition to raise Box Tops.

The homebase who has collected the most Box Tops by December 18th, will WIN a MOVIE PARTY!

GET READY FOR:

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2
POPCORN & OTHER MOVIE SNACKS



STUDENT AWARENESS



THE WELLNESS FAIR



By: Alex Velichko and Willie Messinger

On November 7th at the PVMS held a Wellness Fair/Blood Drive from 6:30-8:30.

Wellness is about being healthy, eating right, and taking care of your body. If you came to the Wellness Fair you probably knew a lot more facts than just the four above.

Here are some more facts about the Wellness Fair:

1. The Wellness Fair was started over ten years ago.
2. The Health Advisory Council and Mrs. Darreff started the Wellness Fair.
3. The Blood Drive joined the Wellness fair about three years ago. Mrs. Brothers has helped plan the Blood Drive.
4. The health Advisory Council and Mrs. Darreff are always looking for ways to bring current health news and information to the PV community. The Wellness Fair seems like an excellent and fun way to do that.
5. The Health Advisory Council wanted to encourage families to learn together about topics that could help their lives be happier and healthier.

Now as you can see the Wellness Fair is a great chance to save lives. If you couldn't make it this year we hope you will be able to attend next year.

The Wellness Fair was a success. We were able to raise 37 pints of blood! The Wellness Fair had lots of fun stations. There was a station where you had to balance on a ball and then catch a ball, and there was a station where somebody put a suction cup on you and then when he pulls it up it makes a big popping sound.

Every time you went to a station you would get a ticket, and when you got a ticket you put it in an envelope. The envelopes were prizes that you can win. Now that you can see the Wellness Fair is an exiting place to learn new things about how smoking is bad for you and a way to win prizes!

Blood Drive Facts:

- Over 43,000 pints of blood is donated in the US and Canada each day!
- One pint of blood can save up to five people!
- Someone needs blood every two seconds!
- 500,000 people donated blood after the September 11 attack.



STUDENT AWARENESS



By: Meghan Malone

E.X.I.T.E. (EXploring Interests In Technology and Engineering) Summer Camp at the IBM location in Fishkill is a wonderful experience for girls going into the 7th and 8th grade. It's a chance to explore different careers in science and engineering for a week. Some people think it's just a boring science camp. It's not. It's lots of fun, and if I wasn't too old, I would go again this summer. Also, it's free!

During camp, we learned about computer chips and other things including: technology, science, and engineering. We also had a lot of quick thinking challenges that required improvization and ideas. Also, we had a big project that we presented at the end of the week. My project was called Bridge Design. Kim Schneider, Stephanie Pasquale, and I had to design a bridge on the computer, then create it and test it out! We built the bridges out of Popsicle sticks and bolts. To test it, we put water into a bucket, and then hung the bucket from the bridge. We kept adding water until the bridge snapped. Stephanie's team won because their bridge withstood more weight than the team that Kim and I were on.

Also, we had mini-projects that we did each day. Cool Chemistry was where you got to create things using common chemicals or elements. For example, Diet Pepsi and Mentos. We even got to create our own ice cream! Making paper was where we learned how to create paper.....using paper. We ripped up pieces of construction paper. Then we put the construction paper and some water into a blender! We added dye and sparkles, and voila! Paper! Actually, there were more steps, but that was basically it. It was A LOT of fun. Finally, we had Webpage Design. This is where we learned how to create websites and design web pages! The mini-projects were very exciting and fun!

The first day of E.X.I.T.E. Camp was a little boring because it was a day of getting to know each other. Also, there were many presentations. But, if you come the next day, you didn't regret it! There were girls from different schools there that are probably into the same things you are. It's a chance to meet new people and learn and experience career choices.

This camp could change your life!





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Student of the Month

By: Michael Roman

September

For some students, Student of the Month is an honor. Teachers nominate students for this award based upon the previous month's progress and achievements.

Everybody worked hard and was on their best behavior for Student of the Month nominations, but only 14 lucky students earned this honor in September.

Those 14 lucky students got to eat breakfast with Mr. Hallisey.

Those students were:

Jessica Wagner	Joe Nolan
Adrian Silva	Alexia Smith
Alex Scigilo	Christopher Wright
Andrulisa Jones	Brian Angstadt
Visar Bruncaj	Gary Heady-Lafaro
Margaret Frattarola	Thomas O'Neil
Nicole Merna	Ellen Alexander.

Student of the Month breakfast for October was held on the beginning of November.

October

Once again Student of the Month has occurred. Teachers have nominated their students for Student of the Month.

The Students for the month of October were:

Angelo Zegarell	Thomas Fejes
Holly Jones	Erjon Bruncaj,
Christian Vivar	Veronica Toone
Yoshitaka Abe	Racine Smith
Rachael Fritz	Caitlin Selca
Divya Adukuzhiyil	Alex Velichko
Chris Brunke	Michelle Sawin,
Kevin Perez	Sean Moore
Scott Staten	Sofia France
Visar Bruncaj	Lauren Costello
Sarah Scocozza	Daniel Azeredo
Patrick McCaffery	Lizzett Hernandez
Brendan Galeano	Lauren Baudendistel

Those 26 students were the students who earned Student of the Month . They got to eat breakfast with our principal Mr. Hallisey on November 9th and also got a certificate.



Community Events



Faculty Variety Show

POLL Results

By: Gina Valentino

The Faculty Variety Show was held on November 9th, 2007. It was very fun and entertaining. The staff was very funny. They put together a very well done performance. Faculty from the Elementary, Middle and High Schools performed.

Some of the middle school staff performed to the song *Soulja Boy*, Dr. Fine was Superman. They also had a game called *Guess What Teacher This Is?* Mr. and Mrs. Craane sang Swing. After Mr. and Mrs. Craane sang Swing, Mr. Denniston played his trombone solo.

During Fear Factor, Mr. Kimball and Mrs. Beyrer had to climb a ladder. Mr. Kimball went first and almost fell and Mrs. Beyrer chickened out! While Mr. Kimball was climbing the ladder he fell and all of his teammates ran over to him to help him up and he got up and his team won.

All I can say is that it was great and it was really funny.

Favorite School Lunch Poll

By Scott Relkin

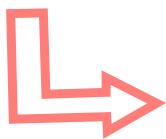
In November I polled the middle school students to find out what was the favorite school lunch. I got back 417 votes and here are the categories and the number of votes.

1) Pizza	52 votes
2) Chicken Nuggets	116 votes
3) Cheese Burger	25 votes
4) Nachos	164 votes!!!
5) American Combo Wedge	<u>60 votes</u>

417

So, Nachos won with 164 votes. Thank you to all who participated.

POLL
Results





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Family Day

By: Allison Saffo

PVMS makes Family Day a big issue. Between the Pancake breakfasts and the free dinners to families, it's great fun! Family Day at PVMS is run by Mrs. Darreff, the health teacher. She was also kind enough to have the two breakfasts (I'll explain later) in her classroom.

During Family Day at PVMS, there is a lot of activity. For example, each class in every grade got a coral colored piece of paper this year that explains Family Day with a slip to cut out at the bottom that you and your family had to sign that vows that you will eat dinner together, no matter what, on that day. You give the slip to your homebase teacher and they sent it to the office by the deadline. Whichever homebase had the most slips in by the deadline won a pancake breakfast.

The winners were Mrs. Byrnes and Mrs. Nadell's homebases. Mrs. Byrnes is a 3rd year winner of the breakfast. This is a first win for Mrs. Nadell who just got back from a two year leave because she had a baby.

When Mrs. Darreff found out that Mrs. Byrnes' class won again, this was her reaction; "Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha!" She thinks that Mrs. Byrnes had some kind of bribe to go along with this "win." But Mrs. Byrnes will never tell..... Not like there was a bribe or anything! But whatever the case is, the pancake breakfast was great! Mrs. Byrnes made the pancakes and Mrs. Darreff got fruit, which was given by Mr. Hallisey. Thank You!

Family Day is a national event in the U.S. Studies show that parents who eat dinner with their children, and the other way around, that the children are not as likely to drink or do drugs. Talking with your family is a big part of Family Day, too. With their famous quote, "Share more than meals at the family table," they really mean it. That quote means that you will be, of course, eating and sharing a meal, but you should also share your day, a story, a joke and so on. The strongest words that you can say to your family are "What was the best part of your day?" Not only do you get a smile and an answer, you get a conversation.

<http://www.casafamilyday.org/pages/about.html>





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Family Day

Continued...

By: Allison Saffo

Family Day not only has sponsors but they also have partners. The two main partners are TV Land and Nick@Nite. They help support Family Day and the family table by advertising it all the time. Another partner is something that we have right here at our school. It's the national PTA and the Putnam Valley PTA in the school district.

So, now you know all about Family Day, how PVMS participates in it and why you should always eat dinner with your family, even if it's not Family Day! And remember; share more than meals at the family table!

The Facts

- A child who reaches age 21 without smoking, using illegal drugs or abusing alcohol is virtually certain never to do so.



- Each day more than 13,000 children and teens take their first drink.
- From 1992 to 2003, while the U.S. population increased 14 percent, the number of 12 to 17 year olds who abused controlled prescription drugs jumped 212 percent.
- One-third of teens and nearly half of 17-year olds attend house parties where parents are present and teens are drinking, smoking marijuana or using cocaine, Ecstasy or prescription drugs.
- Forty-nine percent (3.8 million) of full time college students binge drink and/or abuse prescription and illegal drugs.

Now you know some facts, eat dinner with your family... unless *you* want to be a part of the facts!

Source: <http://www.casafamilyday.org/pages/about.html>





STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Red Ribbon Week

By: Deandra Manwah

10/22-10/26

During the week of October 22nd, our school celebrated Red Ribbon Week to “Say NO to Drugs”. We showed that we were against drugs by adding a little school spirit to our celebration. The following is the information describing how we took part in Red Ribbon Week.

Monday–“Band Against Drugs” - Wear Red to fight against drugs
Everyone wore red to show that they would say NO to drugs.

Tuesday–“Put a lid on Drugs”- Wear a hat
Most tigers wore a hat to stop the drugs. Those who were uncomfortable with the hats wore headbands.

Wednesday–“Drugs and I don’t go together” - Mismatch your clothes
Tigers mismatched their clothes. Some of them went crazy and mismatched their accessories and some just wore everything on that day.

Thursday–“Say No with Flair. Wear Crazy Hair” - The crazier the hair the better!
A lot of kids did go crazy on this day, I remember seeing a girl with a cone hairstyle and the rainbow colored hairspray. (I think the secret was that there was a cup in her hair.)

Friday–“Dress for Success” - Dress to impress
This was the day you get to dress up. Some girls came in their conformation dresses and some boys wore tuxedos. Wow! Talk about dress to impress!!!

Also, we had “Proud To Be Drug Free” bracelets that had numbers written on them. These bracelets were actually also raffle tickets. The winning ticket numbers were chosen at the end of everyday for a prize.

Red Ribbon Week was a preceding event to the Halloween Dance that had the bigger prize. If you wore your bracelet to the Halloween Dance you were entered into a raffle for an iPod Mini. The winners for the iPod Mini were:

5th through 6th grade - Connor Malone!

7th through 8th grade - Tory Ferraro.

Looking back at this exciting event, I think our school did quite a pretty good job supporting Drug Awareness.

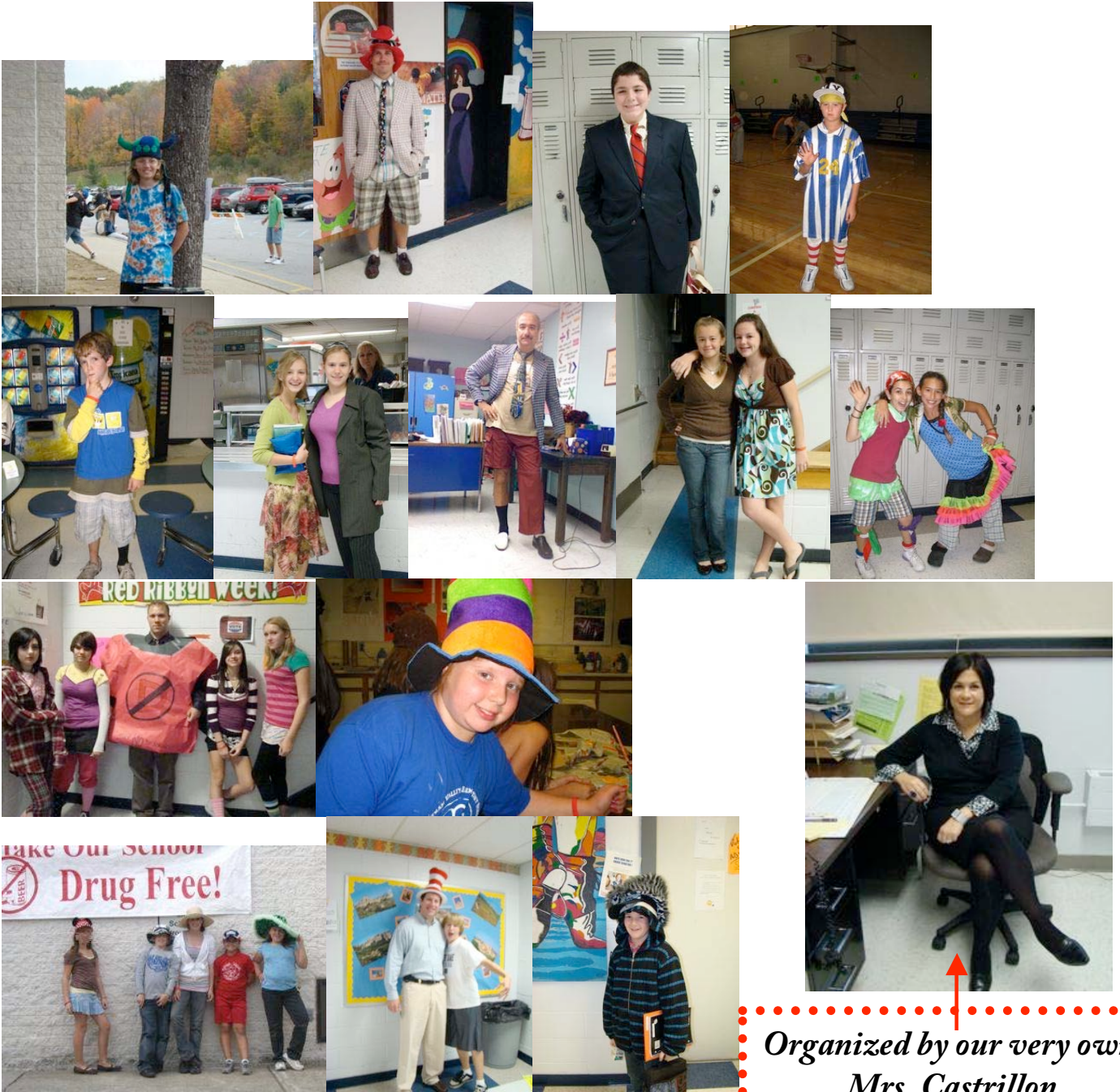
We had fun on the way and showed our school spirit by taking part in the events and caring for OURSELVES!



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Red Ribbon Week



*Organized by our very own
Mrs. Castrillon.
Thanks so much, we learned
a lot and it was FUN!*

Photos by:
Racine Smith
Meghan Malone



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Student Talent Show

A SUCCESS

By: Michael Roman



Tiger Facts

Tiger facts are a great part of Putnam Valley Middle School. I have a couple of tiger facts. There are a lot of them so get ready to read tiger information.

Here are some tiger facts

- 1) Tigers are the biggest cats.
- 2) Wild tigers are at the very top of the food chain.
- 3) Most tigers like to swim
- 4) You can identify each animal by their stripes
- 5) A tiger paw print is called a pugmark
- 6) A tiger's night vision is 6 times better than a human
- 7) A tiger's scientific name is a panther tigris

Auditions were held on October 10th at the Middle School for the Student Talent Show. The auditions were held for singing, dancing and even guitar and other instrument playing. The show was held on Thursday, October 25th here at the Putnam Valley Middle School. There was a little pressure for most contestants in this Talent Show.

Who will make it to the Talent Show? Here's what the auditioners had to say:

"I feel nervous about the auditions but I think I have a 50/50 chance", says fellow 5th grader Christina George.

"I am nervous and pressured but I think I have a 65 out of 100 chance of making it", says 5th grader Jessica Wagner.

"I feel a little bit nervous and self-confident. We have a pretty good chance because when we rehearse we're pretty good", says 5th grader Lauren Costello.

The Talent Show was awesome. Some people sang "Fever", that rocked the house! There was a lot of dancing and the very first Kung Fu act. All together there were 18 acts.

Credit for organizing the Talent Show goes to Michael Williamson, Matt Brady, Michael Brady, Jared Scolpini, Katie Rubistello, Kaitlyn Iacofano and Mrs. Scolpini.

The purpose of the Talent Show was to raise money to donate towards Breast Cancer Research and to get kids more into programs and activities. Tickets were sold for \$3 at lunchtime and \$5 at the door. Altogether, \$550 was raised.

The Talent Show was a very exciting event for students in grades 5-8.



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Student Talent Show

A SUCCESS



Photos By:
Michael Roman



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Halloween Dance



By: Sara Zadrina

By: Meghan Malone

5th & 6th Grade

The Halloween Dance was so much fun! As it was last year, it was a split dance. This article is about the fifth and sixth grade dance!

There were a lot of creative costumes this year! Some of them were a clown, a Geico Gecko, a Mad Scientist, a whoopee cushion, a banana, a lot of pirates, witches, gangsters, dead people, and so much more! The winners of the costume contests were: for third place, a clown! Second place, a Geico Gecko! and first place, a mad scientist!

The dance was a little different than last year, but it was still fun! We got to dance to a lot of songs! There was no limbo, but we still had a lot of fun dancing! The costume contests worked a little differently last year. What we did last year was we all got into a big circle, and there were at least ten different costumes that won! This year, we had first, second, and third place winners. The way we picked the iPod winners was different, too. Last year, the DJ picked a person to come pull a name out of a hat. This year, the DJ just picked the name of the winner and it was announced.

The Halloween Dance was a lot of fun this year!

7th & 8th Grade

The 7/8th Grade Dance was on October 26, with a Halloween theme. From 8-9:30, kids from the Middle School in the 7th and 8th Grade rushed into the gym or cafeteria dressed in costumes from crazy to cute. There was scrumptious candy, electrifying music, and Halloween EVERYWHERE. Everyone was in the spirit, teachers, Students, and even our very own Dr. Fine. Prizes, iPod shuffles, and free candy were given out. Anyone with a "Proud to Be Drug Free" bracelet was entered into a raffle. Anyone who missed the dance is probably wondering who won what, so here it is:

Winners of the Costume Contest:

1st Place- Caitlin Kelly (the Corn)

2nd Place- Max Levinson (Poland Spring Water Bottle)

3rd Place- Nicole Porter (the Present)

Winner of the iPod shuffle:

Torri Ferraro

Although it's about a month since Halloween, the dance was a blast and you all should go to the next one!



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Halloween Dance



Photos by:
Megan Malone



CLUB NEWS

Drama Club



By: Allison Saffo

!Here Comes the Drama!

Can you guess the topic of this year's musical with these clues? Let's see how good you are; it has music, it contains sounds and kids, and is held by the PVMS chorus teacher, Mrs. Cranne and the band teacher, Ms. DeNitto. Well, did you guess it? That's right! It's the 2007 spring musical *The Sound of Music* at Putnam Valley Middle School. The staff is made up of the band teacher for 5th and 6th grade, who is Mrs. DeNitto and the chorus teacher, who is Mrs. Cranne. Mrs. Cranne is directing while Mrs. DeNitto is playing the piano. The show that they will be doing is a classic, *The Sound of Music*. Callbacks were posted Thursday the fourth of October. I am glad to say most people who got callbacks got a part that they wanted.

Like last year, many kids have come back and many students have joined for the first time, like the fifth graders. Last year there was an accurate count of about 120 kids in the actual show. Which means that there was a better chance of getting a part last year. This year there are about 25 fifth and sixth graders that got parts and about 22 seventh and eighth graders that got parts. All meetings are held in Mrs. Cranne's chorus room. All practices for characters will be announced on the announcements or Mrs. Cranne, and Mrs. DeNitto will give you this information.

So, as much as the cast is big and the talent is even bigger, the cast has been cut lower from last year. Please be in contact with Mrs. Cranne or Mrs. DeNitto if you are interested in stage crew. What is stage crew? You may ask, well when you are a part of stage crew you have the option of being able to help out with lights, scenery, makeup or costumes. They start meeting when everything gets settled in with the cast. If you did not get a chance to sign up or really want to help out but you think it will be too late contact Mrs. Cranne or Mrs. DeNitto. They will most likely not turn anyone down if it is a reasonable time and you are reliable.

Well, that about wraps up this dramatic article! Be sure to attend the musical because everyone has worked hard doing it and getting it together. (The musical date is on April 2nd and 3rd, 2008.) So, I hope that all the information you need is right here. Please, when you have a chance, get yourself together to see the wonderful *The Sound of Music* coming soon to a school that you love!



CLUB NEWS

Drama Club

T.S.O.M.



By: By Emily Azcue

Auditions (The Sound of Music Auditions)

Calling all students interested in this years school play, *The Sound of Music!* Auditions were held on different days at the end of September/ beginning of October for each grade in the cafeteria. Students had to sing a song of their choice in front of Mrs. Craane and Ms. DeNitto.

Callback lists were posted the Monday after all grades had auditioned. The students who got callbacks were given a song, "*The Sound of Music*" for girls, or "*Edelweiss*" for the boys, which they were supposed to rehearse at home. Than, on the chosen day, sing them to Mrs. Craane, Miss. DeNitto and the other students.

After all callbacks were over the cast list was posted. Only about 47 students had parts, unlike last year where about 120 students were cast in "The Wizard of Oz". Mrs. Craane did not want to overwhelm Miss. Denitto with a large play and cast, because this is her first year, so don't be too upset if you didn't receive a part, just try again next year!

The cast of characters includes, Maria Rainer played by Isabelle Molle and Kim Gallo. Mother Abbess played by Meghan Malone and Liana Wright- Mark. Captain Von Trapp played by Joseph Mignone. Sister Berthe played by Saara Knapp. Sister Sophia played by Caitlin Hoyt. Sister Margaretta played by Chloe O'Connor, Liesl played by Caitlin Kelly and Emily Gifford- Smith. Friedrich played by Patrick O'Grady and Zachary Faber- Manning. Louisa played by Stephanie Pasquale and Sayaka Abe. Kurt played by Vinny Torsiello and Denis McNamara, Brigitta played by Samantha Cunningham and Lauren Costello. Marta played by Amelia Spittal and Sofia France. Gretl played by Carly Bartelini and Shannon Rogers. Rolf Gruber played by Nick Vazeos and Jelani Bell-Isaac. Max Detwiler played by Rocco Posimato and Sebastian Link. Elsa Schroeder played by Rae Gonzalez and Madison Hoyos. Frau Schmidt played by Nicole Raus and Charlotte Kane. Franz, the butler, played by Dylan Pait and Steven Hertzell. Admiral von Shreiber played by Tyler Ortiz and Justin Mazzarisi. Herr Zeller played by Christian Gilleo and Denis Kelly. Baron Elberfeld played by Connor Malone and Ryan Moynihan. A Nun and Ursula played by Anna Gragert. A Nun and Frau Zeller played by Jenna Leonard. A Nun and New Postulant played by Sarah Scocozza. A Nun and Baroness Elberfeld played by Brianna Ochipintti. Nuns played by Kayla Balzer, Danielle Lopez and Madalina Albu.

Congratulations and good luck to all the actors and actresses that got parts. We can't wait to see the show!



CLUB NEWS

Newspaper Club

By Christina George and Devon DiVernieri

Here in the Computer Room the members of the Newspaper Club write about the current events and hot topics that are happening at the Putnam Valley Middle School. Here at the Putnam Valley Middle School many things are going on and the members of the Newspaper Club have to cover all topics, like sports, clubs, technology, dances, and not to mention sometimes we even have to be interviewers or photographers. One of our photographers is Racine Smith. "I feel that I need to take a good photo of people doing their job," says Racine.

Let's see how Michael Roman, an interviewer, feels about the newspaper. "I feel excited about the Newspaper because I like to write and I think that it will be a great success in the Putnam Valley Middle School because it will keep everyone informed of all the amazing events happening in the school," says Michael.

Gina Valentino is writing about sports. She is jotting down the names of the football players. Their names are Matt Baur, Greg Kroohs and more.

There are a few people researching the history of Halloween. Jessica Wagner and Morgan McNamara chose that topic. Let's see what they have to say about their research. "We went on the Internet and there was a video about Bigfoot. All of a sudden there was a part where people were in the woods and you saw a monkey/gorilla/person type thing came walking/running."

Feel free to let us know any ideas or concerns that you would like to see in the Tiger Times. Oh, and remember always read the news!



CLUB NEWS

i-Team / Go Green

By: Deandra Manwah

i-Team is not only a club but it is also where a group of technicians or students that have better learning, understanding and experience with today's technology meet to share ideas and knowledge. i-Team is supervised by our computer technician, Mrs. Sherwood. In i-Team, we are taught different things about today technology. We learn to discover differences and strengthen our minds. Being a part of the i-Team means being part of a commitment and co-operation learning. We share our knowledge by showing other teachers and students ways to use tools in different ways on their laptops, and, even home computers. i-Team is not only to learn about things it is also a place where you can share ideas and things you already knew. There is a lot to learn about computers so there is a chance that if there is something that does not seem really interesting it might be to others.

Last year i-Team did quite a lot of things and improved a lot. Although our club was quite small, we accomplished good foundation material to continue later on. We did things like took apart a printer, put it back together and changed a lot of ink cartridges over the year. We also made i-Movies on how to's for your Mac, laptop, and applications. This year we are hoping to cover a lot more. So far the i-Team has done a lot with experiences of the videoing for the Variety Show, Talent Show and lots more which was then edited by i-Voice. i-Voice is another great after/during-school activity supervised by Mrs. Sherwood. i-Team is another great way to help out your teachers and have get that huge problem that blocks the process of learning, because, after all everyone loves to learn!!!

By: Devon Divernieri

Here we go in the Go Green Club. The first meeting we watched a movie on how to recycle cans and other recycle materials. We learned about what cans are made of and how they can be used over & over again. Mrs. Brothers & Mr. Carlin are the two club advisors. Every month the first week the fifth grade goes and then the sixth grade and then the seventh grade then the eighth grade go.



CLUB NEWS



Intramural Sports

By: Elise Alexander,
Courtney Carlsen

By: Connor Malone

Girls Intramurals Field Hockey

Girls Field Hockey Intramurals ran very successfully! Although it is over, the 5th and 6th grade girls attended this Club after school at 2:35. This year's season was a very large group and we had tons of fun. We were split into six smaller teams. The 7th and 8th graders, who are on the Modified Field Hockey Team, were coaching us. Mrs. Darreff was our supervisor and ran this club. We practiced playing against each other. Also, we learned the rules and basics of the game. When the 5th and 6th grade girls reach 7th grade, they can join the Modified Girls Field Hockey team. That means they can play against other schools and teach the 5th and 6th grade girls Intramurals Field Hockey teams.

FYI: The High School Girls Field Hockey team once played in the New York State Championships and won! It takes strength and hard work! So join next year!! You won't regret it!

Lacrosse Club

Lacrosse Club started Wednesday, October 17th. When you go to the Lacrosse Club you learn the basic rules of lacrosse. To play lacrosse, you need a helmet, shin pads, a mouthpiece, a lacrosse stick, cleats and Kneepads.

Lacrosse started in the 1630's and was invented by the Native Americans. When lacrosse was first invented they played with much larger sticks than we use today. They also played on a field bigger, untrimmed and without boundary lines.

Lacrosse Club is really fun. I recommend you join the Lacrosse Club. We play games, do drills, go outside or we stay inside, it depends.

If you missed Lacrosse Club, that's ok. Try to join next year. And remember the lacrosse season starts in Spring!



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CLUB NEWS



Intramural Sports

By: By Meghan Malone

Modified Girls Swimming
Coach: Mrs. Brothers

Modified/Varsity swimming is run by Mrs. Brothers and Mrs. Kenny. There are six middle school swimmers on the team: Saara Knapp (varsity), Caitlin Kelly, Jackie Williamson, Meghan Malone, Alexandra Pittman and Emily Sainz. Practices are held at the Copper Beach Middle School. The swim team is a friendly competitive sport, with great coaches with lots of experience. The workouts are tough, but they just improve the swimmers. It's fun, exciting, and full of possibilities. It's always good to know how to swim, and its awesome to know how to swim well. You don't have to compete, but the meets are thrilling! There are individual races, but there are also team races. Also, it's a team sport because they tally up all the points at the end. The team with the most points wins! There's a lot of team spirit, fun, and friends. Join the swim team!!!!



JOKES

By: Racine Smith

What do you say
to a two-headed
monster?

Why did the
corn join the
army?

What did the
cheeseburger
name his
daughter?

See page 30 for answers



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CLUB NEWS



Intramural Sports Clubs/Pictures



Photos by:
Racine Smith
i-Team Club Members



Student Information



Ryan Sheckler

A Biography by Eric Iezza

Ryan Sheckler is known as the newest skater (skate boarder) and the greatest as of now. Ryan actually was in a skating contest in Orlando and he took second place. He is saying that now that contest season is over he will start to skate street again until skating season starts once again. Now they are making shoes made and designed by the one and only Ryan Sheckler. But the question that I ask is, what do you think of Ryan Sheckler? Answer the question at the end of this article to let me know.

If you are interested in skating these are two easy tricks you can learn. Some common skateboard moves for those of you not familiar with this sport are:

180

One of the tricks is called the 180. The 180 is a trick where the board turns once 180° and then you land it. The way to do the 180 is flick the board with your back foot. As soon as you do so, turn the board and your body goes with the board, then, the rest is up to you to land on the board.

Pop Shove It

A pop shove it is almost like the 180 but a little different. It is when you have to flick the board with your back foot and at the same time shove the front foot to the side. In other words push it to the front of you but don't bring your body with you other wise you will be doing a front side 180, which is a whole different thing.



Poll Question: Is Ryan Sheckler your favorite skater?

(Yes/No)

If not, who is? _____

Tear of the bottom and place your answer in the library poll box.



Student Information



The History of:



Halloween



Thanksgiving

By: Jessica Wagner and
Morgan McNammara

By: Lauren Costello

If you want information about Halloween you came to the right place. Halloween first started from the Celtic festival of Samhain. Celts lived 2000 years ago in Ireland, the United Kingdom, and France. They celebrated New Year on November 1. The day marked the end of summer and beginning of the darkness, or winter. On the night of October 31, Celts believed that the boundary of the dead and alive worlds blurred. Priests believed that the spirits of the dead helped them predict the future. They also believed that the spirits brought bad luck and damaged crops. The story of trick-or-treating started when people wore masks when droughts or diseases or other disaster struck. They wore masks to scare away the demons.

Children began to wear costumes of ghosts and goblins to scare neighbors. About forty years ago people began to give out treats to people brave enough to be out. That's the quick scoop on Halloween and Trick-or-Treating. I hope you had a **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!**

Thanksgiving first started in 1621 when the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn festival, later called the first Thanksgiving. They didn't eat what we eat today: Turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. Historians say they ate venison, wild fowl, lobster, seal and swans.

Did you know that the Plymouth Colonists didn't use forks? They only used spoons, knives, and their hands!





Smart Notebook

By: Nick Scolaro

Many people didn't think the Apple laptops had a very good drawing program, well they are wrong. A program called Smart Notebook has been added to the laptops that the 7th and 8th graders have. Smart Notebook is great because you can draw, type and even drag pictures from the Smart Notebook picture gallery. It is extremely helpful when you can't get pictures off of the Internet if you don't have Internet connection. Smart Notebook is compatible with the Smart Board, which most classrooms have. You can draw with markers and even with your finger if you are connected to the Smart Board. The only flaw that Smart Notebook really has is that it uses up a lot of battery power on your laptop. Mr. Henkels, my science teacher, uses Smart Notebook almost everyday. It is much more efficient than writing on a white board or a chalkboard. The handwriting might not look as neat as on a board because when you free write it looks like six-year olds handwriting. I would suggest typing when you want to write something. Students and teachers are still getting used to Smart Notebook. I hope Smart Notebook will be utilized all around the school. When the 5th and 6th graders get their laptops, they should try out Smart Notebook and get used to it. Smart Notebook is just another great addition to our school, which is filled with amazing technology.

Wireless Projectors

By: Kyle Kuttruf

Hey 7th grader's and the middle school have you noticed something different? The projectors have migrated to the ceiling! No, this is not a warp in the universe; it just so happens that these are wireless projectors. For those of you who don't know what a wireless projector is, it's a projector that will pick up the signal on the laptops and then will send the signal to the projectors and will project the image. Sadly, this great tool is not available in all classrooms. The good thing is that the wireless allows teachers not to hook up the cart and if a student were to trip on wires on the old unit not only would the student get hurt but the whole set-up would fall on the student and cause more injury. This new wireless set-up is practical and safe.





TECHNOLOGY NEWS



Mr. Carlin and His Smartboard



By: Sara Zadrina

A SMART Board is an interactive white board that is used for many things. Teachers usually use their SMART Boards like regular whiteboards. Some teachers use their SMART Boards to teach lessons. Some teachers record their lessons and put them on their websites. There are many uses for a SMART Board.

A lot of teachers have been having troubles with their SMART Boards, but when you get to Mr. Carlin, well, that's a whole other story. Mr. Carlin went through A LOT of trouble before he finally got the hang of using his new SMART Board. He had problems with... let's see... EVERYTHING! When he first got his SMART Board, he was clicking on a whole bunch of buttons. At one point, he had no clue what he pressed and froze it. The on screen keyboard came up several times. He had a problem with the wires. He had troubles with calibrating the SMART Board. Just recently, he found out that in the little boxes on the side of the notebook window, it drew what he drew and he got very excited! He was jumping around the classroom. Mr. Carlin has dealt with some of these problems by throwing the eraser on the floor or saying "What The Floo Floos!" or "Jumping Joseph and Mary!"

We have had to call in Mrs. Sherwood, our technology specialist, many times this year. She has helped us with many of our difficulties. Thank goodness ☺! If we didn't have Mrs. Sherwood's help, Mr. Carlin might be still in his classroom trying to fix the SMART Board!

After six weeks, Mr. Carlin is now a pro. Well, almost. Mr. Carlin still needs help from Mrs. Sherwood sometimes, but she fixes the problems fast. That's a wrap of Mr. Carlin's SMART Board problems and solutions!



Games and Puzzles

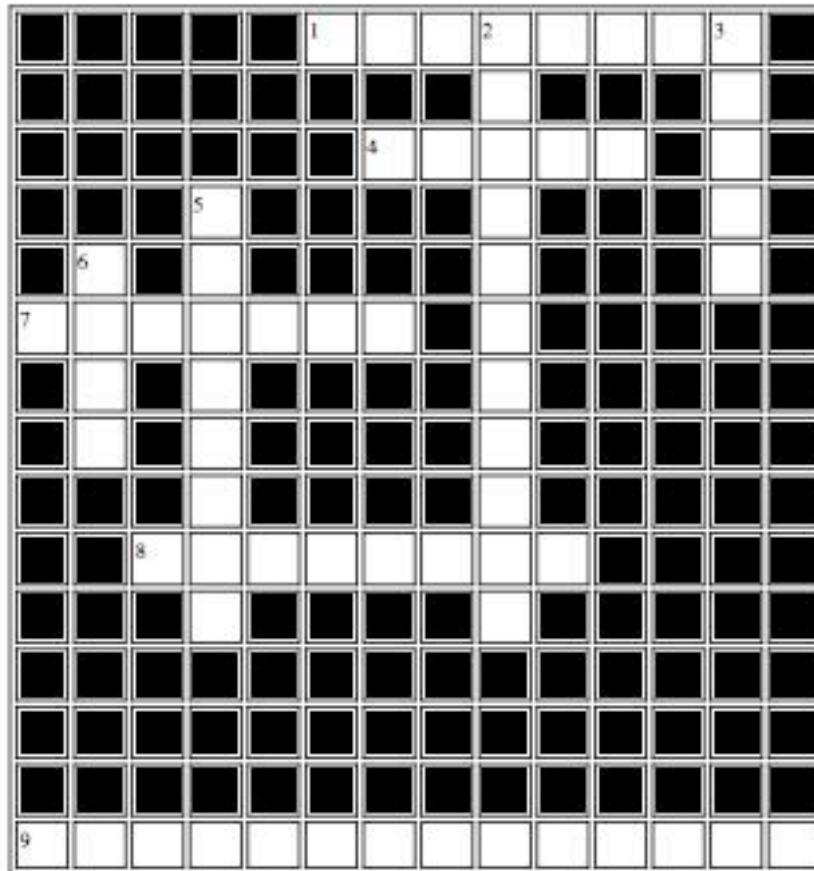


By: Mark Mazzarisi

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MarkMazzarisi

A Christmas Puzzle



Across

1. Stuff it with extra gifts
4. A really really chubby guy in red suit
7. Something to celebrate
8. A month of the year
9. A thing to put presents under

Down

2. Minty candy
3. A suprise inside
5. What carries Santa's sleigh
6. Fun to play with



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Games and Puzzles



Happy New Year

By: Mark Mazzarisi

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JULY JUNE MARCH MAY NOVEMBER
OCTOBER SEPTEMBER YEAR
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1. Hello, hello.
2. To be a kernel.
3. Patty.