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By Nick Scolaro

5th and 6th graders participated in Hoops for Heart which took place on **March 6th and 7th**. We raised \$2,661.00! This money will be donated to help doctors cure heart disease. Your donations make a huge difference.

The dance for 8th graders was on **March 7th** at the PV Fire House. Dances are always fun and I hope a lot of 8th graders showed up. There are a lot of fun and exciting upcoming events. I hope you can participate in as many as you can.

March 11th was Straight Talk. If you have never been to Straight Talk you should have definitely went with your guardians. This event is for kids and parents to educate them about problems in life. Plus you can get up to six homework passes from the stations. But I hope you didn't just go for the homework passes, go and try to learn from it and listen to the speakers, they can be very interesting.

A couple of fundraisers coming up are the Go Green Club fundraiser on **March 17th**. This fundraiser is to raise money to get solar panels for the school. Also, the Student Council is sponsoring a jelly drive in March and April. This is because the Putnam Valley Food Pantry is constantly short on jelly for hungry people. Please help out the Go Green Club fundraiser by buying a shamrock or a paper jelly jar for \$1.00. The money will go to the food pantry so they can buy jars of jelly for the needy. These contributions will help out our community greatly.

Did you know that the Middle School is having a spelling bee this year for all grades? If you would like to participate in this year's spelling bee you should have received a permission slip in the mail. The spelling bee finals will take place on **April 10th**.

There is a Spring Fling Dance coming up on **April 11th** for grades 5-7. Don't worry 8th graders you had your own dance. This is an opportunity for grades 5-7 to have a great time and have lots of fun. It is encouraged that you go to the dance. It should be fun for the 5-7 graders.

Another upcoming event is the Technology Fair on **May 1st**. That should be interesting because our school has amazing technology and it will also be interactive like Straight Talk.

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STUDENT AWARENESS



No Name Calling Week

By Meghan Malone

During the week of January 22-25, the middle school held No Name Calling Week. The upbeat themes and activities were to promote positive relationships among students. This gave the students freedom to express themselves and be creative. The week started on Tuesday, the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“Mix It Up Day” and “Give Back to Your Community”

This day, students could donate an item to the Putnam Valley Food Pantry and enter a raffle to win an iPod shuffle. Also, during their lunch period, students were assigned to different tables by the luck of the draw. Each table had different names, such as: Positive, Character, Honesty, Leadership, Friendly, Kindness and Respect. This gave students a chance to sit with peers that they don't normally sit with or never got a chance to. This was to create healthy and new relationships between students.

“Twin Day”

On Wednesday, students got a chance to add a member to their family- a twin! Students could dress exactly or similarly to their friends. In other words, dress like twins. This was to stand for mirroring the good in others.

“Superhero Day”

On Thursday, PVMS became a super school! Students and faculty were able to dress up as their favorite superhero, or make up one of their own. Some mimicked teachers or faculty, and others went crazy with their own designs. The most popular costume of the day was any form of Superman/Wonder Woman. This was to encourage students to be brave everyday- like a hero.

“Peace Day”

Peace and love! Friday, students dressed as if they were in the 1960's. There were many hippies strutting through the middle school with style, attired in tie-dye creations and an array of wigs. This was obviously to promote peace among students.



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STUDENT AWARENESS



RESPECT.
To get it you
must give it.

By Emily Azcue

Recently there was a spirit week held here at PVMS. This spirit week was called “No Name Calling Week”, and it is actually held in schools nation wide.

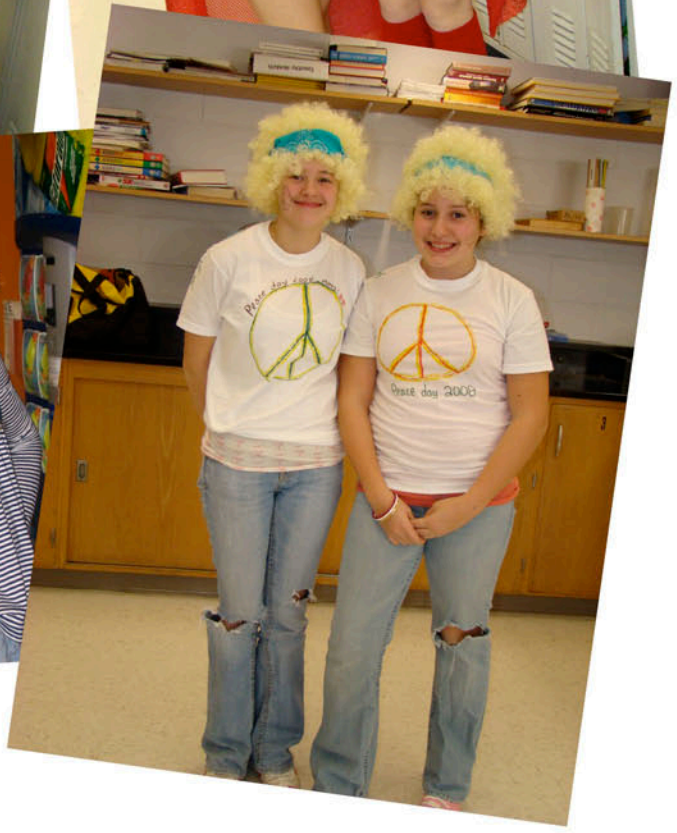
What, you may ask, influenced “No Name Calling Week”? Well, it was a book, entitled The Misfits by author James Howe. Some of you may have read this book, but if you haven’t it’s about a group of four students in seventh grade. The students are the subject of many taunts and teases coming from other students about things like their weight, and intelligence. These four children decide to run for class president and try to end name-calling of all kinds. Unfortunately the students lose the election, but they inspire the principal to start “No Name Calling Day” in their school. This eventually became “No Name Calling Week” all over the nation.

Along with being a great way to end bullying, it is also a spirit week. There were different themes for everyday. Here is the list of themes we celebrated for each day.

- **Monday-** Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL!!
- **Tuesday-** Mix it Up Day (at lunch and recess, we all sat with different people)
- **Wednesday-** Twin Day (dress up like a twin with a friend)
- **Thursday-** Super Hero Day (dress up as a comic superhero or your real superhero in your life, for example your favorite sports player, your teacher, your parents)
- **Friday-** Peace Day (dress up like it’s the 60’s!)

In addition to our spirit week, we included a chance to help the community by encouraging students to bring in a can of food for the food pantry. All students who donated received a raffle ticket and a chance to win a prize!







STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Student of the Month

By: Michael Roman

Student of the Month has arrived again. This time it's for November, December and January. Students work hard and are on their best behavior because teachers are watching every move they make. They nominate several lucky students from their classes Student of the Month.

Students of the Month for November

Gabriel Mueller	Nicole Swansen	Matthew Porter
Edward Lent	Avery Sauther	Gina Valentino
Kim Schneider	Nasley Garcia	William Messinger
Ailish O'Reilly	Mike McGovern	Kelsey McCann
Zachary Faber-Manning	Persephanie Mantilla	Janavia Harewood
Jessica Crotty	Daniel McCann	Brittany Downz
Abigal Kelvis	Brandon Diaz	Miguel Correia
Erin Mah	Jacob deMey	Meghan Prince
Kaitlyn Weeks	Carly Bartelini	Ryan Mello
Meriton Djokic	John Anderson	Taylor McLean
Roy Egan	Jessica Baisley	Julia Bauer
Scott Relkin	Robert Bennet	

Students of the Month for December

Emily Weise	Gent Berisha	Sabrina Ricciardi
Adam Mirabal	Jackie Schaefer	Mackenzie Auth
Eva Rabson	Kyle Christopher	Payton Montague
Jake O'Connell	Emily Sainz	Zach Brown
Danielle Henry	Christina Brennock	Amanda Gazzola
Nicole D'Addona	Brian Boshak	Gary Heady-Lofaro
Amanda D'Addona	Ardian Muriqi	

Students of the Month for January

Devin Cronin	Morgan McNamara	Dean D'Alessio, Jr.
Caitlyn Hoyt	Robyn Torregrosa	Christopher Schroeder
Visar Bruncaj	Christina George	Michael Roman
Xiomara Santos	Taylor Beckel	Amanda Yannarelli
Eric Iezza	Deanna Rivas	Jaquelyn Budano
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Community Events



Blue And White Day

The Student Staff Volleyball Game

Tiger Facts

Here are a few Tiger facts for you to enjoy.

By Connor Malone

1. The tigers are the largest of the big cats.
2. Wild tigers are at the top of the food chain.
3. A tiger will circumnavigate (circle) its territory for few days.
4. Tiger stripes are as individual as human fingerprints!

By Gina Valentino

Blue and White Day was on the 21st of December 2007. It was really fun and interesting. A lot of us wore blue and white clothes. A couple of us were wearing the same kind or same exact clothes as our friends.

Guess What Else We Had?

We had a student staff volleyball game for Blue and White day. It was fun and very crazy. Everyone was screaming. During the game the girls team served and the ball hit my friend Devon in the head. This game the girls were playing. The score was 40 to 23. The teachers won. The next game the boys were playing. The boys were winning and doing very well until Mr. Tarkington spiked the ball over the net and got a lot of points for spiking it.

All I can say is that Blue and White Day was very fun to play games and especially to watch the 8th grade play a volleyball game against the teachers!

Pictures by Gina Valentino





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THE BAND IS BACK... AND BETTER THAN EVER!

By Allison Saffo

Bravo! Bravo! The 5th and 6th graders pulled off a great concert on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. It was located in the high school PAC, and the seats were filled! It was a great concert, even though there were many changes, including who participated in the concert. If you did not get a chance to go to the winter concert, try to attend the one in the spring because you'll have a blast!

For the 5th graders, this was their first concert as a middle school student in the PAC. They were very, excited and nervous about their performance, but they weren't the only ones that had their first concert in the PAC in the middle school band. Ms. DeNitto also had her first concert. Ms. DeNitto, (if you don't know her) is the director of the 5th and 6th grade bands. In my opinion, I thought that this band concert was great and went extremely well for a first band concert of the year, for the first band concert of 5th graders and the first band concert of the director.

The practice of the performers was hard work, but if you were at the concert you would know that it all pulled together. Overall, there were 11 well rehearsed songs played in the concert. The 5th grade band played *Winterscape* and *Holiday Sleigh Ride*. The 6th grade band played *Big Rock Candy Mountain*, *Finale from Symphony No. 2* and *St. Nick's on the Rooftop*. Plus, there were great small groups. On the flutes, Emily Cray and Nicole Raus played *Aura Lee*. Kevin Consolazio, Eric Grimes (trumpets) and Lucas Hendrickson (clarinet) played *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*. Alexei Smith on flute and Meriem Yousef on clarinet played *Frere Jacques*. The last small group was Yasmine Annabi and Carly Bartelini on flutes played once again *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*. But I'm not done! The great, mini, saxophone player, Patrick O'Grady gave us a real treat by playing solo, *Under the Sea* (arranged by Mr. Denniston).

Speaking of treats, to close off the band concert, the 5th grade and the 6th grade band students came together on the stage to do a college piece called *Claptrap*. This song was made a bit easier for the middle school students, but still sounded great. Also, with this song, there were no instruments needed. It was (like in the title) clapping! This creative piece was a great way to end the concert and was probably a crowd favorite!

Congratulations to all band students from the 5th and 6th grade, to Mrs. DeNitto and to anyone else who participated in the showing! What a great performance! Also, remember that there is another 5th and 6th grade band concert on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Please come to enjoy the music. With hard work and practice, this show will be as good as the first one... maybe even better!





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Student Editorial



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A Biography by Thomas Fejes

All across the U.S. people will remember Martin Luther King, Jr.'s efforts. In a statement last year, President Bush said King, "dedicated his life to empowering people, no matter their circumstances, and challenged them to lift up their neighbors and communities. He broke down barriers within our society by encouraging Americans to look past their differences and refused to rest until our Nation fulfilled its pledge of liberty and justice for all."

It took 15 years to create the federal Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Congressman John Conyers, Democrat from Michigan, first introduced legislation for a holiday four days after King was assassinated in 1968. After the bill became stalled, petitions endorsing the holiday containing six million names were submitted to Congress.

Congress passed the holiday legislation in 1983, which was then signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. A compromise to move the holiday from Jan. 15, King's birthday, which was considered too close to Christmas and New Year's, to the third Monday in January helped overcome opposition to the law.

A black couple had been beaten for trying to enroll their children in a whites-only school. The city chose to close its library, parks, and pools rather than comply with court-ordered desegregation. What most people might think is 'who would do something like that?' Well that's where Mr. King came in. That's why Mr. King started all this. To put a stop to all the whites bullying the blacks.

This is only one thing about Dr. King, although there's tons more.



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Small Pests, , , Bees

By Christina George

Hey, have you ever seen *The Bee Movie*? You must think that it's great being a bee but really bees are endangered. Not so great is it? I didn't think so. This is due to the Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). Bees are abandoning their hives. It is estimated that nearly 1/3 of all honeybee colonies in the country have vanished. Here are some facts about bees; there are slightly fewer than 20,000 known species of bees recognized in nine families. Bees are found on every continent except Antarctica. Bees, as you probably know, feed on nectar and pollen, meaning that they are heterotrophs.

Bees play an important roll in the environment because they pollinate. You probably think, "who cares about flowers? They only look pretty, they're not a need." Really, flowers are important because where would bees get pollen? Did you know that bees pollinate most fruits and vegetables? If bees were to become endangered, animals would soon die out. Bees are a big part of the food chain and if bees didn't exist a lot of animals wouldn't exist either. If bees were extinct we wouldn't have anything that grows from a flower. That means not many fruits would be around. If bees didn't pollinate animals that eat things that bees pollinate would probably be endangered, too. For example, ants eat fruits, vegetables and peoples food at picnics. If bees weren't around ants wouldn't be around and if ants weren't around anteaters wouldn't be around and so on and so forth.

But why are bees endangered? Well, there could be many different reasons but they're all theories. Some opinions are that parasites are killing bees. Two of the greatest problems to the honeybees are the parasites known as the Varroa mite and the Tracheal mite. Parasites are creatures that live on other organisms usually causing that organism some harm. Another theory is pesticides. The pesticides farmers are using weaken bees. Another theory is that mobile cell phones are causing the issue. Why cell phones? The reason is the waves in the air make bees lose their way to their hives. If bees don't get back to their hives they can't pollinate because they won't have a place to bring the pollen to. The next theory is that bees from other places carry a certain disease that doesn't affect them, but is killing our bees. We can import other bee products to where we live, and more bees, but those bees probably can't live in our climate.

As I said before, bees pollinate all over our earth, and because of that it's not really the bee products that we should worry about it's the plants and fresh plant products. If we import plant products it wouldn't be as fresh and may carry germs and mold. So what can we do? We can try to raise bees and plant flowers in our gardens that attract bees. Some good plants are the Fox Glove, which is from Europe and is a beautiful shade of purple. This specific flower is shaped like a cone. Another flower that you might want to plant is a Geranium, which is the most popular plant planted. There are many types of Geraniums and some even have scented leaves! One other plant is the Corn Flower, which is actually an herb, and many people call it different names. This flower originated in Europe. Remember those are not the only flowers that you could plant. I know that Mrs. Sharp has raised bees, but they all died. Now she is trying to raise them again. Bees are the oldest insects known to man.

As a researcher I feel that what I research is important in my personal life, so speaking of which, my family and I will be raising bees pretty soon. It will be exciting to see how they live. If only we got them sooner then maybe I would've had a little more information for my article! Good luck Mrs. Sharp, I hope it goes well!



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The Super Bowl 2008

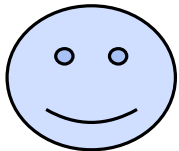


By Eric Iezza

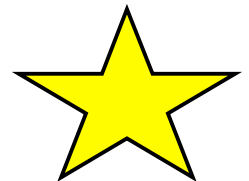
Yes, the Super Bowl was here and the New York Giants and the Patriots played. The Super Bowl was on February 3rd in Arizona. Now here is some information on the Super Bowl for those of you that don't watch football and don't know about football. The Super Bowl is at the end of the football season and is the championship game. The way they pick the two football teams is by checking the chart (which shows the scores and the games won and by who for the whole year) They pick the two teams who won the most games and played a good season. First they pick the best team of the year then the second best of the year and those two compete. The super bowl is always played on a Sunday every year some people call it Super Bowl Sunday. This day is also the second largest food consumption day following Thanksgiving. I found this information on <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/superbowl>.

The first Super Bowl was played February 15, 1967. There is a word that people say which is NFL, which stands for national football league for those of you who did not know that. Originally the Super Bowl was called the AFL/NFL Championship game but the NFL owner, Lamar Hunter, soon nicknamed it the super bowl. There is some background knowledge for those of you that don't know about football or the football super bowl.

The Giants won the Super Bowl game, the score was Giants17, Patriots14. Go Giants!



POLL RESULTS!



By Eric Iezza

The Ryan Sheckler poll results have come in and they are:

- Ten out of 26 people said that Ryan Sheckler is the best skater
- Eight responded Tony Hawk
- Two said that Bam Margera was their favorite skater
- Two said that Rodney Mullen was the best skater
- Four said that no one is their favorite skater and they don't know about skate boarding

If there is a skater that you would like to know more about please contact the *Tiger Times* and we will look into it.



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A Story by...

Zachary Faber Manning



The Mysterious Capture of Bob The Bug

Once upon a time, far away in a tree, a baby bug named Bob was hatched. Bob soon scurried off to find his parents.

A few hours later, his brother, Philly, hatched. Philly, just like Bob, scurried off to find his family. As Philly ran, a spider watched him with a hungry eye. Philly was coming his way. He pulled all the leaves off his web and then hid underneath a nearby leaf.

Bob ran until he came to a strange sight. Three white lumps lay suspended in midair. One wiggled, as if struggling to free itself from something. It managed to mumble a single word under a last, heavy breath. Seconds later a huge animal with eight hairy legs pounced forward, stopping itself in thin air. Then it leaped upon the trio and ate them. Bob knew best and ran away at first sight of this breathtakingly terrifying demon.

As Bob trudged along to his leaf, evil Spide the spider spied down upon him from a high tree limb. Bob hesitated when he saw a piece of dried up leaf, shriveled and brown. The fragment lay suspended in mid air. While staring up at the eerie sight, his foot slipped on a loose stone. He fell backward, and yet strangely did not hit the ground. Instead, he too, as the leaf did, became suspended in mid air, unable to move. He strained his wings, beating faster than ever before, but it was no use, they only became entangled in this field of invisible glue. Just as he started to sink into a deep pit of depression and despair, he saw a dark hairy creature moving toward him. It was so deep in color that it looked like a shadow. It was under the same force cast upon Bob, and yet, it could move. As the creature came closer, Bob watched its venom glands force paralyzing toxins into its fangs, allowing it to suck its victims dry while they're still living. He shivered, waiting for his horrid fate to engulf him. When he looked up he found himself staring at a set of gleaming fangs, dripping with fluid, fluid that wasn't spit.

When Bob woke up, he was tied up in silver gleaming rope. The rope stuck to him, wrapped tightly around his entire body. He looked down at the ground below him. For the first time, Bob saw a sparkling rope. It was the same rope that tied him. In the evening, it was too dark to see the network of ropes, but now, in the light of the day, Bob could see it clearly. Then he caught sight of a dark figure moving forward in the corner of his eye. As it came closer, Bob saw with much relief that it was not the mysterious creature, but his friend, Fred. Bob whispered loudly to him. Fred looked up at him and gasped. He ran over to Bob and tried to untie him. The ropes stood fast, but with much effort, they loosened enough to slip them off. They stole off as fast as they could. Spide, at sight of his prey getting away, leaped from the center of his web. Unfortunately for him, he wasn't paying attention to his feet. His foot hit a sticky web and he tripped, falling into his own trap.

Bob and Fred ran off and then told every bug in the forest about the strange ropes. No bug in the forest fell into a web ever again. Bob became king and ruled the bug kingdom against the spiders for the rest of his life.



Drama Club

Drama Club in Action
Drama Club in Action

By
Devon DiVernieri

The Sound of Music is on April 3rd and 4th, 2008. It will be performed in the PVMS Cafetorium. All the people in the show are probably nervous.

Sara Knapp plays Sister Bertha, she says that she gets to play a mean character and the songs are pretty.

Megan Malone plays Mother Abbess. Her favorite thing about Drama Club is to hang out with her friends backstage.

Isabelle Molle plays Maria, she likes goofing off during practice and she likes the songs.

Ms. Denitto is the music director and plays the music for the songs. She is also working with the students in the show.

Mrs. Craane is the director of the "Drama Club" she puts on the school play.

Listen to announcements to hear when the tickets go on sale.

**A Public
Service
Announcement**

By
Christina George

Throw litter away and
recycle everyday!







CLUB NEWS



Film Club

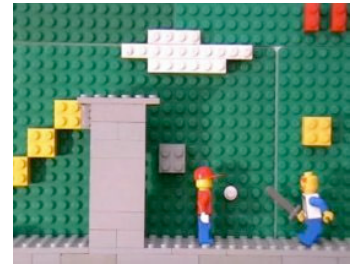


By Connor Malone and Michael Roman

Film Club meets every Wednesday after school. Film Club is run by Liam O'Leary, a student in the 5th grade at Putnam Valley Middle School and it is supervised by Mr. Coleman, one of our 5th grade teachers.

This is no ordinary film club. We don't just take movies, edit and show movies. We are making Stop Animation Films. Don't know what stop animation film making is? Stop Animation is a form of film making where you take a number of pictures of an object and put them together to make one big movie.

For our stop animation films, our characters are made of out of clay and legos. One group is working on "Battle of the Math Symbols." The Battle of the Math Symbols is about how kids get board in math class so they make math symbols fight each other. Another group is making a movie about a cliff climber who is attacked by devils and demons. The last group is making a movie about people who are getting impaled with sticks. Sometimes we watch movies in class while we make movies.



Lego Group logo.





CLUB NEWS



iVoice Club

By Sara Zadrina

You may have heard of iVoice Club over the announcements, but do you really know what it is? Who is in it? What they do? If you don't, this is the right thing to be reading!

The iVoice club is small. There are only six people in it. The first person is Mrs. Sherwood. She is the advisor of the club. The student members of the club are: Meghan Malone, Vincent Torsiello, Alex Orefice, Manny Jaffe, and Sara Zadrina (me).

In iVoice, we (the members) make videos of school events. That may sound easy to you, but it isn't! There are different cameras used for different video footage and pictures. There are powerpoints on different computers. By the time this point is reached, everything is all over the place! We have to take all of the footage, documents, photos, power points, and whatever else is mixed into the jumble to one computer! Next comes the editing. Some video footage is cut. When the footage is cut, we have to cut the clip at the exact millisecond for the video to flow smoothly. Then the sound levels on the clips need to be raised or lowered, and sometimes both in one clip! Other editing is needed sometimes, like cropping and editing photos, editing music, and more.

Sometimes in iVoice there are more, smaller things to do. Sometimes, we use iPhoto, (a library for keeping and editing photos) to make slideshows of events. Some of the slideshows include things like spirit days, student verses staff sports, and more!

Did you go to the variety show? Well, if you did, you would have seen the video in the Valley Peoples' act. That was put together by iVoice! There will be many more things to come, all by iVoice!

Next time you're doing an iMovie project, a slide show, or a power point, you can ask one of the members for some help!



**Look for iVoice movies
in the cafeteria during
lunch time on
FRIDAYS!**



CLUB NEWS



Intramural Sports

MODIFIED BOYS BASKETBALL

By Nick Scolaro

Intramural Basketball

By Zackary Nolan

Coach McCarty and Coach Henkels have done a great job in helping us improve on what we needed work on. They have worked us hard and made us a more disciplined team. Despite only winning two games, we have improved as a team since our first game against Copper Beech. It seemed like some team members were nervous before stepping on to the court, but when they finally got to play all of the jitters were all gone and they felt relaxed.

The basketball dinner was on February 13. It was a lot of fun.

For all of you 5th and 6th graders who are interested in playing modified basketball in the future, it is a great experience. The coaches are great and playing is fun. But you must make a commitment to go to practice.



Every Tuesday and Thursday students have the opportunity to go to Boys Intramurals Sports. The intramurals coaches are Mr. Colman, Mr. Tarkington and Mr. Glenn. It takes place every week before school from 7:00 to 7:40 a.m. It is so much fun! We are now in the middle of playing basketball games.

First we play mini games then we put the two teams with the most wins together to play a big game for the championships.

Intramurals is a great way to stay healthy and to wake up before class. If you want to play ball sign up on the sheets in the gym, then come to Boys Intramurals early and come see what game we will play next.



Look for upcoming
spring sports....
Girls softball, girls
and boys lacrosse,
girls and boys track.





TECHNOLOGY NEWS



5th Grade

6th Grade

By: Michael Roman

Fifth grade teachers take turns using the laptops because there are only 30 of them in the cart, for the whole grade. The cart is called a COW. It is called that because C stands for cart, O stands for on and W stands for wheels.

The laptops belong to the school. We cannot bring them home. However we do get to use them for projects, research and class assignments. For example, getting information for tests. The teachers prefer to use the laptops more than textbooks because they have modern information. One fifth grader said, "I think it is fair that we don't have them because we should still be in Elementary School."

Next year we expect to have sets for every classroom so we don't have to share one cart for the whole grade.



By: Eric Iezza

The sixth grade started using their laptops in the beginning of December. On January 4th we had a meeting about the laptops with Mr. Hallisey and Dr. Fine. In this meeting they were talking about how us sixth graders have to prove to the school that we can take care of the laptops before we get the chance to take them home. Also, everything that happens to the laptops is our responsibility. For instance if someone bumps into you in the hallway and the laptop falls out of its case and breaks, that is our responsibility and our problem. That is basically what the meeting was about. Mr. Hallisey also mentioned that we might be able to take the laptops home before the end of the year. With these laptops that the 6th, 7th and 8th graders have we do not just learn a lot more, it is easy for us to learn with the laptops. We also get a chance to shine and show the principal and assistant principal how good of a person we really are. To some kids learning is really boring and the laptops make learning fun. While learning one of the subjects in school we also get to learn more about technology and it is fun for kids.

The students started to get the laptops about four years ago and started with only the 7th graders, about 150 laptops were used. Now the 5th through 11th graders get to use the laptops and that means the school has over 1,000 laptops in use. Mr. Hallisey also said that when us 6th graders become 7th graders we are going to get more high tech computers than the 7th graders have got. Now us sixth graders have two things to look forward to, getting the new high tech laptops and to get to bring the laptops home soon, which is right after we prove to the principal and assistant principal that we can take care of the them at home. So, sixth grade lets prove to them that we can take care of the laptops good enough to take them home.



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STUDYWIZ IN SIXTH GRADE

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The sixth graders have become more active with the Studywiz website this year. Teachers have been using it as a tool a lot more. This is because the sixth graders have gotten their laptops for use in school not too long ago. Teachers and students use Studywiz at home and in school because the password will work no matter what computer your using, since it is a web based program. I bet you that if you ask any sixth grader, “do you know what Studywiz is?” or “have you ever been on Studywiz? They will say yes!

Studywiz in the Putnam Valley School District is an application for students and teachers to use. It gives teachers a way to communicate with students and send assignments to them. Then, students can submit the assignment back to the teacher or communicate with the teacher if needed. There are many tools on Studywiz, such as a Calendar, an Email Tool, a Latest Activities file, a Latest eBulletin file and most importantly, there is an eLocker! The activity folder and the eLocker are probably the most important things used in Studywiz. Teachers can post things in the Latest Activities file like media, tests, assignments, chats and more! Your eLocker is used for something totally different. In eLocker, you can upload documents which you can access anywhere, by logging into Studywiz.



To access Studywiz, there are just a few simple steps. First, you can access Studywiz by either going to the PVCSD website and clicking on the link or going to the site address: www.studywiz.pvcasd.org. Next, you click on the category you classify in, as student, parent or teacher. Then you log in by using your first and last name as your user name. Then you type in your password, which you can find out from your teacher. Everyone has a Studywiz account, too! Most people don't know about it, but everyone in the Putnam Valley School District has an account!

So, now that you know a little bit about Studywiz and how it works, when you get the chance, log on or ask your teacher about it. It's a great tool to use and when it is used once, you'll find yourself using again and again and again!



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Games and Puzzles



By: Mark Mazzarisi

Spring Puzzle

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K E H V U Q O I L C B H G V I U Q Q L Z G O
J F S F T H C B O V G V K N A Q B B Z U X T
N Q J R A L B O G N O F B B U O O A X N E Y
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