

# the **TIGER TIMES**



The Tiger Times is so happy to be back! This year we have some new, energetic and eager reporters that joined our staff (James, Henrick, and Jessica) along with our dedicated returning members (Abigail, Max, Jon and Dominic). They are all full of wonderful and creative ideas! We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Tiger Times! Also, watch for our next edition this Spring!

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## **ChromeBooks Come to PVMS**

By James Apostolico

Did you know that Putnam Valley Middle School has new laptops... the Google ChromeBook? The 5th graders already have them! There are so many new things you can do with the Chromebook. There are some features that are the same as the MacBook Pro but there are a lot new features with the ChromeBook. The ChromeBooks have a touch screen device so you can use this laptop like an iPad. The Chromebook is smaller than the regular MacBooks too. They are a lot faster to load things. You can do your work with faster internet speeds. The fifth graders are having a lot of fun with the new laptops.

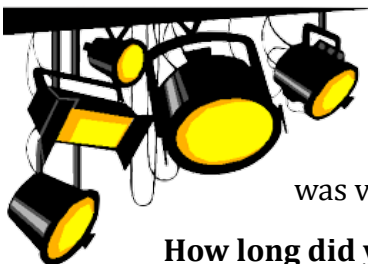


## **U.S. Congressman visits the PAC**

By Henrik Shah-Gustafsson

On Monday, October 16, 2017 Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, from the 18th district, visited the 8th graders in the PAC. This was an 8th grade only event which lasted about one hour. Mr. Maloney is the New York representative in Washington D.C. During his visit to Putnam Valley he answered random economic questions from the students. This was a wonderful learning experience for our 8th graders. Soon, they will be going into the High School and making their own career choices so this was a great experience for them.





## SPOTLIGHT ON... Mr. McCarty

By Dominic Mantilla

The new principal, Mr. McCarty has much to share about himself and his career. I was very fortunate to spend a few quality moments with him.

### **How long did you teach before you became Principal?**

*"About 12 years, at first I taught 6th-grade Humanities, back when the 6th grade was in "pods" much like the 5th grade. There were about 50 students per class and I taught Social Studies and English Language Arts. I did that for about 5 years until I did strictly Social Studies."*

### **What do you think is the best part about being the new Principal?**

*"I have the opportunity to see the entire student body and I always enjoyed seeing 6th graders because they're very enthusiastic about education, they are like "sponges", they really believe what you have to say and they are really interested in learning. Now taking on the role of principal, I get to see 5th graders all the way through 8th grade. It is gratifying to see how students grow, they come to the middle school really elementary in a sense, and they leave as teenagers going over to the high school. Our hope is that we have provided these "middle years", which is a time of change; both academically, socially, emotionally, hormonally. For students, we give them the tools to succeed as high schoolers."*

### **Do you have any hobbies or leisure activities you do in your spare time?**

*"I like to quad, I have a side-by-side Polaris Ranger and it looks like a small jeep. I've done that since childhood; I grew up 3 ½ hours north of here in farm country. So, there's a lot of land and I really enjoy doing that. Also, my son now has his own quad; so we ride together (with safety in mind) and we enjoy that."*

### **What is one of the most memorable experiences when you were teaching?**

*"I'm going to pick one, a really memorable lesson that I taught from year-to-year was working with oranges. I had students bring in oranges at the beginning of the school year and we were learning about projection, and how we take a sphere and we put it on a 2D map, and how the North Pole and the South Pole are distorted. I really enjoyed the lesson because it's hands-on and the kids got to eat the oranges, hopefully, they took something away from it. But that is just one of the many memories that I had working with students."*

### **Where do you see yourself in 5 to 10 years? Do you see yourself still being a principal?**

*"I do, I think this is a passion of mine; to become principal. Anyone that knows me knows that I'm very consistent, and I take great pride in what we do together here. My mission is to see this building and this community become stronger and to build relationships. In 5 to 10 years I hope to grow into this position and be a more refined principal."*



We would like to thank Mr. McCarty for taking the time out of his schedule to talk to us. This article is a shortened version of the transcript from Mr. McCarty's interview.



## Wonder

By Henrik Shah-Gustafsson

This year the entire Putnam Valley Middle School community (students and staff) is reading Wonder, by R.J. Palacio. This is the second time our school has participated in the “One Book-One School” program. Last year’s school wide reading book was Bystander, by James Preller. Wonder is about a boy named August Pullman who goes to public school for the first time. August’s facial deformity makes him stared at by other kids, and he strives to make it through the entire year. The book is separated into eight parts, each in a different point of view from different characters. This book was a wonderful story about accepting others, even if they look different, as well as not judging a book by its cover. This is a “wonder”ful message for all to learn.

## Potluck Dinner and Concert

By Jessica Paredes

The Putnam Valley schools raised money to help Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands from the destruction of Hurricane Maria by hosting a Potluck Dinner and Concert. It was held on October 17th at the High School PAC and Cafeteria. About 500 people attended, and we raised about \$4,000. Some of the foods that were served were chicken wings, pizza, and egg rolls. Twenty-five middle school students put on a concert for entertainment as well. Our middle school chorus teacher, Mrs. Craane, conducted the students for the concert. They sang Love Train/Put A Little Love In Your Heart. The fundraiser was mostly to help friends and family who had lost their homes due to Hurricane Maria. It was a great community event to help those who had suffered.





## SPOTLIGHT ON... Ms. Mangiere

By Abigail West and Jessica Paredes

I had the pleasure of interviewing our new Assistant Principal at Putnam Valley Middle School. She was very nice and had so much to say.

### **How do you like your job?**

*"I love my job. I love that I get to do something different all the time. I get to work with students, teachers, and members of the community."*

### **Did you consider being an Assistant Principal early in life?**

*"I actually used to play teacher all the time to help me with my math and other studies. I wanted to be a news broadcaster and event planner also."*

### **Was being an Assistant Principal your first choice career?**

*"My first choice career was to be Katie Couric, a news broadcaster. I loved kids so I became a teacher."*

### **Where did you go to school to become an Assistant Principal?**

*"I went to the Bank Street College of Education in New York City."*

### **Where did you work before you came to PVMS?**

*"I worked at the Kipp Academy Charter School in the Bronx."*

### **What has been your most memorable moment as an administrator?**

*"My most memorable moment has been taking 500 students to see Wonder, the movie. It was a big undertaking. It was a very memorable and positive experience."*

### **What is the most challenging part of your job?**

*"The most challenging part of my job would have to be learning all the students' names. It is very important that I know everyone in school. In my old school I taught 5th grade. Since I am new to Putnam Valley, I had to learn 540 names very quickly."*

### **Do you have any hobbies?**

*"I like to do mindfulness meditation. I also like to meditate once a day. I want to do more yoga because I think that's important. I take walks and hikes with my dog, Theo. I also love to play and cuddle with Theo. I also like thinking about design, like designing a house."*

Thank you, Ms. Mangiere for taking the time to talk to me and sharing. We are very lucky to have you as our Assistant Principal at PVMS.





## New Language Class at PVMS

By Henrik Shah-Gustafsson

A new foreign language class is now open for seventh graders interested in Mandarin Chinese. Dr. Diane Lang, Director of Instructional Support Services at Orange-Ulster BOCES, and Judy English, teacher and Mandarin Chinese Program Facilitator are the people who organized this new language class. This class is taught by using a “Distance Learning” program. The lessons are live. A camera and a projector are in the classroom so the students can interact with the teacher. The Mandarin Chinese teacher is Mrs. Maroney.



There are 22 students in the seventh grade that are enrolled in this class. For more information on the Mandarin Chinese program, you can go to the PVCSD website and go to “Inside Putnam Valley”. There you will find a video of Mr. Eric Gross’ interview with Dr. Wills, Mr. McCarty, Mrs. Moroney and a few of the seventh-grade students. This is a wonderful cultural and learning experience for the students of PVMS.

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## Modified Sports

By James Apostolico

Are you interested in playing a modified sport? There are many options you can choose from at Putnam Valley Middle School. You can choose one in Fall, Winter, and Spring. You can run track, play basketball, or baseball and softball. Here are the options you can choose from:

### Fall:

Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Soccer  
Volleyball

### Winter:

Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Wrestling

### Spring:

Baseball  
Lacrosse  
Softball  
Track and Field





## The Wiz

By James Apostolico



The PVMS Drama Club is doing the play The Wiz this Spring. Mrs. Craane and Ms. Kraus started tryouts in October and picked the cast in November. The cast has been practicing since November. This play is based on the Wizard of Oz movie but it's a musical. The play is going to be performed in the Spring of 2018.

## The Wonder Field Trip

By Max Fuca

On Tuesday, November 21st the entire Middle School went on a field trip to go see the movie Wonder. Five hundred and sixty-five students piled on to 14 busses. We took over five movie theaters at the Cortlandt Town Center. This field trip was related to our "One Book, One School" program. This was the first time our school has gone on a such field trip to one place. All students were well behaved and had fun. Hopefully, there is the possibility of another similar field trip. The movie was fantastic. It was pretty touching but still had some funny parts in it too, making this field trip a great experience!



## Go Green!

By Abby West

The Go Green Club is a very "school-helpful" club. This club is a before-school club that Mr. Carlin runs. If you are interested, you can bring a permission slip to join. At the club everyone goes to both floors of the Middle School and takes all the paper trash and puts them in a recycling bin that someone pushes around on Wednesdays. When all the paper is in the bins, the members of the Go Green Club take the bins outside and put the cardboard in the recycling dumpster. On Thursdays, everyone collects the empty bottles and cans in school. When the bottles are taken upstairs, the members split the bottles and cans into refundable or non refundable bags. We also collect bottle caps. There is a "girl week" to do the recycling and a "boy's week". This club is a good way to help our school community. Remember not to put any garbage in the recycling bins! Shout out to Mr. Carlin for running this club!





This year the Tiger Times created a new section called Creative Corner. We will be featuring some students' work from the PVMS. Each publication our staff will choose a few students from the entries we receive and submit their work in the Tiger Times. Congratulations to all the participants. Keep your creativity flowing!



By Olivia Dobra

## SENSORY POEM

By Maddy Young

AUTUMN COLORS  
 MAGENTA, EMERALD, GOLDEN  
 CRISP LEAVES  
 WIND BLOWING THE JEWEL COLORED LEAVES  
 AROUND LIKE A TINY TORNADO,  
 ANIMALS GETTING READY FOR THE COLD, HARSH  
 WINTER  
 ACORN CRACKING AS THEY HIT THE  
 COLD, HARD GROUND  
 WIND HOWLING AT MY BEDROOM WINDOW  
 AT TWILIGHT  
 BIRDS SINGING JOYFULLY  
 AT DAWN  
 WARM APPLE PIE  
 ON A  
 THANKSGIVING DAY.  
 FRESH APPLE CIDER DONUTS  
 WITH LOVE FROM MY MOTHER  
 COLD, VANILLA ICE CREAM  
 MELTING ON MY  
 WARM PUMPKIN PIE  
 GRANDMA'S FRESH CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP  
 HOT CIDER  
 WARMING MY CHILLY HANDS  
 ON A CRISP  
 NOVEMBER MORNING,  
 WINTER  
 COMING ON SOON.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



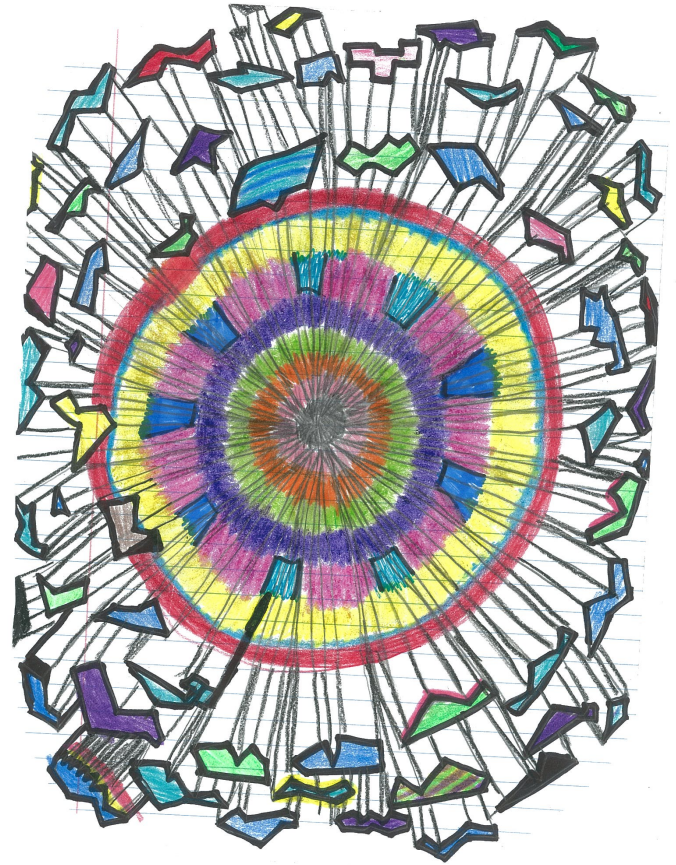
By Mateo Dobra



## Haunted Basement

By Abigail Haeusgen

It was a dark and stormy night and five boys were having a sleepover in one boy's basement. This boy's basement was known to be really haunted. So, the boys did what any ghost hunter would do and set up traps. They used resources to try and catch ghosts. Most of them had materials for snack time. So the boys decided to take shifts. So Adam took the shift then John, then Matt, then Mike took the last shift. Adam saw nor heard nothing, but John did see something so he woke his friends up. They all saw something but it got away. The boys woke up that morning wondering where the ghost went , but the ghost was never seen again.



By Aydon Travis

## The Baseball Dream

By Ryan Sandomir

There was a boy named Dannel. He liked to play baseball and plays the pitcher position. He helped his team get to the state championships. The championship series was tied at 3 games a piece. First to win 4 games, wins the series. Dannel was pitching a no-hitter going into the 9th inning of the game. He walks the first batter, and strikes out the second batter. He also strikes out the 3rd batter. There are now two outs with a runner on first. First pitch, a ball. Second pitch, strike. The third pitch is also a strike so now the count is 1-2. The manager comes out to Dannel and tells him to pitch his knuckleball. Dannel gets ready and pitches his knuckleball and... STRIKES HIM OUT!!! Dannel helped his team win game 7 of the state championship and pitched a no-hitter! All of his teammates ran and jumped on top of him on the mound, celebrating their win. The team gets their trophy and Dannel gets the MVP award!





***A SHOUT-OUT TO...***

By James Apostolico



**...the PTA for putting on the Book Fair**

**...the Student Council and PV Staff that put together the Halloween Bash**

**...our S.R.O, Deputy McMahon, who keeps our schools safe!**

**...Our Custodians who keep our schools sparkling clean**

**...the Cafeteria Staff who prepare and serve our lunches**

**...to Mr. McCarty for greeting us at the front door every morning.**

**...Ms. Dell'olio.....for filling in for Mrs. Castrillon and helping with our schedules!**





## Middle School Pep Band at Homecoming

By Jon Fuchs

Middle School Pep Band is a club which plays music such as, The Hey Song, Iron Man, Let's Go Band, Seven Nation Army, Get Ready For This, Sweet Caroline, and Mission Impossible. The Pep Band consists of four flute players, one clarinet player, one trumpet player, one tuba player, one trombone player, three percussionists and one saxophone. Ms. Kraus plays the saxophone and is the director of the Middle School Pep Band. The Pep Band played at the Homecoming Game this year. Homecoming was a good night for the Pep Band because they were competing with the cheerleaders to see who was the loudest. The band won, but our football team lost to the Pleasantville Panthers. Better luck for the football team next year.

## Campus Clean-up

By James Apostolico

Did you know what happened on Monday November 20, 2017?. The Campus Clean-up! It was sponsored by the Go Green Club. There were three PVMS staff members and over 60 students. The turnout was amazing. The students collected twelve bags of trash. They found many aluminum cans and glass bottles. They also found a lot of cigarette butts. This is supposed to be a smoke free campus! Mr. Carlin also found a \$5 bill that was donated to the Go Green Club. This event was a wonderful opportunity to beautify our campus and unite our school community.



## Chorus and Band Concerts

By Henrik Shah-Gustafson

The chorus and band concerts were an amazing performance this past December. The Chorus Teacher is Mrs. Craane and the band teachers are Ms. Kraus and Mr. Beucke. The 5th and 6th graders had their chorus concert on December 12th and the 7th and 8th graders on the 13th. For band, grades 5 and 6 had their concert December 19th and 7th and 8th graders on the 20th. Parents, family and friends filled the High School PAC to full capacity as they all enjoyed wonderful holiday songs from the students.





## Precepts

By James Apostolico

Do you know what a precept is? A precept is a general rule intended to regulate behavior or thought. Almost every day during home base we write about a precept that is in the book that the entire PVMS is reading, *Wonder*. We have to copy down the precept of the day in our journals and write what the precept means to us. This is a good way to start our day at school. It helps us to think deeper about things. The book *Wonder* has really been an inspiration to the students of PVMS in many ways.

## DID YOU KNOW...

By Max Fuca

... 11% of people are left handed  
... An Ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain  
... August has the highest percentage of births  
... A bear has 42 teeth  
... the Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters



## Halloween Bash

By Dominic Mantilla

The Halloween Bash was held on Friday, October 27th from 5 to 7 pm. Many students came with a wide variety of costumes; from spooky to downright hilarious. There were contests for the best costumes. The “*Best Group Costume*” went to Ava Broccolo, Giovanna Cartategui, and Gabriela Haggan. Their costumes were, “Rock, Paper, and Scissors”. The “*Most Creative Costume*” went to Ryan Sandomir with his costume; a vending machine”. There were also the Treat Wars, where people entered their treats into a contest with multiple categories. The winners were; Sophia Goncalves, winning the most creative treat with the “Cauldron Cake Pops”. Jake Peterson won the “sweetest treat” award with his “Monster Marshmallows”. Frankie Peduto won the “healthiest” and “first to disappear” award with her, “Chocolate Dipped Bloody Apples”. Last but not least, Jackie Gameiro, who won the Raffle and won a participant prize with the “Bones and Blood Cupcakes”. Thank you to the Student Government for running the Bash. Also, thank you to Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Sherwood, and Mrs. Casey for creating the awesome photo booth! It was a hit! The Halloween Bash was an amazing event!



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## Holiday Word Search

By Maximus Fuca

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## Holiday Word Search

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