

the **TIGER TIMES**



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Welcome to the school year's first edition of the Tiger Times! We have a wonderful staff full of very eager and talented reporters. Some are returning members from previous years who bring knowledge and stability to our club. Our new members are very energetic and full of new and exciting ideas. We hope you enjoy reading this edition.

The iVoice Club

By Jon Fuchs

iVoice is a PVMS club run by Mrs. Sherwood. It meets every Tuesday at the end of the school day. We go to Mrs. Sherwood's room. She assigns us pictures and we learn how to edit them. Then we pick a partner and we get to work. She usually gives us cameras and lets us take pictures of kids in classes working hard. We also take pictures of kids at band/gym and recess. Sometimes we ask the central school district if we can post a picture on the front website page. After a hard day of editing, we can put the pictures that we edited on a flash drive and bring it home. We are also learning how to use Photoshop and iMovie. iVoice is a fun club that helps kids learn a skill for a job in the future.

The Bells of PVMS

By Olivia Goncalves



This year Putnam Valley Middle School experienced many changes, such as the bells. We now have an interesting bell system. In

the beginning of the year the bells started to malfunction. The original bell system was installed in the 1970's and the parts we needed to fix it no longer exist. The bells were taken away, and for a little while it was complete chaos! Lots of students were late for class and teachers had to watch the time so they could try to dismiss the class on time. We had to put in a new system of bells, which sounds very similar to the old one. They also added something to the intercom... every time before the office calls into a classroom on the intercom, there is a chime to notify the class about the incoming call. There are mixed feelings about the new bell system. Some say it sounds like an airport or a shopping mall bell. But right now let's just be thankful we have bells and know where to go and when.



Why Tuesday?

By Josef Wacaser

Did you ever wonder why Election Day is always on a Tuesday? The reason that Election Day is always on a Tuesday is that in the 1800's, most people worked as farmers and lived far from their polling place. They needed to allow at least a day to travel and a day to vote. Most people spent Sundays in church and Wednesday was market day. So, Tuesday was chosen at the most convenient day of the week to hold elections.



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Animal Projects

By Julia Shala



In Mrs. Gallelo's 5th grade class the students had to do a project about animals.

Each student chose their own animal to research. For instance; some students picked the African Elephant, the Emperor Penguin, Dwarf Bunny, House Finch and more! PowerPoint was the program that was used by the students to make their projects. The students had to tell how much their animals weighs, how tall the animal is, their life span, what they eat, and where they live. The students all had a great time learning new things.

Achieve 3000

By Julianna DeGiorgio

Achieve 3000 is a program that helps kids improve on their reading and comprehension skills. In the program, you read and answer questions about an article chosen by your teacher. The Achieve 3000 program will let you go back to the text and re-read your article, if needed. There are also different activities that you can do. For instance, they might ask you a question before you start to read the article. It is called the "before reading poll". Then you read the article and answer questions. At the end, you take the "after reading poll" which is the same question as before. The more questions you get right, the more points you will get. The first time you start Achieve 3000, you are asked to read an article and answer questions. Then the second time you do Achieve 3000, it will be the same article as every one else, but everyone might have different words. This is because the first time you read and answer the questions they will estimate your reading level and then you will read the right level and understand what you are reading. Did you know that real cool awards or prizes can be earned too? Your whole class will be given a real money gift certificate to somewhere!



The Putnam Valley Variety Show

By Teresa France and Julianna DeGiorgio

The Putnam Valley Annual Variety Show took place on Friday the 23rd of October in the P.A.C.; also known as the Performing Arts Center. The show was at 7:00 PM. It was two hours long with a 15 minute intermission. This show was so popular that the tickets sold out in a blink of an eye. Mr. Carlin was selling the tickets in the main office for ten dollars each. This is our school's 11th year doing this show. The Variety Show is a mix of different teachers and staff in the school district doing different types of acts such as; singing, dancing, comedy, interactive game shows, etc. The reason we do this show is to raise money for the PV Music Association. The money also goes to students who can't afford rental of musical instruments. Other money is used for musical and theatrical scholarships. Mrs. Cummings takes care of all production aspects. Mr. Carlin was a great emcee! If you couldn't make it this year please come to see it next year! You won't be disappointed.

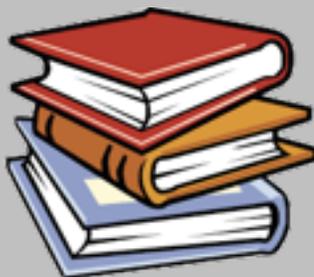
Computer vs. Books

By Jon Fuchs



Books are very helpful when doing research, but computers are more helpful... and they are fun. Don't you just hate it when you are trying to write in a notebook and your pencil breaks? Well, when you have a computer, you don't need a pencil. You need your fingers because you can type! Computers are really easy to control too! You can search up any word with the dictionary app that you have downloaded on your computer. Everyone knows that handwriting can be boring and hard. With a computer it can type for you. The best part about a computer, in my opinion, is it fixes a word for you automatically if you spell it incorrectly.

The bad part about a computer, though, is that when you are in a search engine like Google Chrome, it sometimes freezes up or you get the "Spinning Wheel of Death"! It just won't load. Then you have to turn





The United Nations in Mrs. Byrnes' Class

By Tara Dolack

Mrs. Byrnes' fifth grade class is studying about the United Nations. The UN is an organization that makes sure human rights are observed. While studying about the UN, we have learned we are all born with certain inalienable rights. This means that all humans have rights. We also learned in Mrs. Byrnes' class that there are over 5.5 million children being enslaved worldwide. The UN gets involved by taking pictures to show this to the rest of the world. Another program that the U.N. is involved in is UNICEF. This organization was developed to help children who are poor or homeless. They also helped save 2.5 million lives a year. The United Nations is a wonderful organization with great ideas.



"Fame" Rehearsals

By Olivia Goncalves

This year's middle school play is *Fame*. It is directed by Mrs. Craane and Ms. Kraus. Mrs. Benvenuti also choreographs it. The play will be on April 1st and April 2nd. *Fame* is a musical based on a 1980's film, which was converted into a play. It is a story about students in the "New York City Performing Arts" school. It is a prestigious academy for the arts; especially music and dance. Some of the students include; fame-obsessed Carmon, the quiet violinist, Schlomo, the shy actress Serena, and the talented yet reading-struggled Tyrone. These students face problems on their way to "fame." Music, dance, and acting help them face these problems. At the first rehearsal, all of the actors and actresses received a script and their lines. Songs are rehearsed every time there is rehearsal. The drama practice schedule is posted outside Mrs. Craane's door. A stage crew will be needed closer to March and April. We are looking forward to another great performance by the Middle School Putnam Valley Players!



SHOUT OUTS!

By Teresa France

*Call out to everyone
who participated in
the Wellness Fair!*

*We loved the
Halloween Bash
Student government!
We appreciate your
efforts!*



*Shout out to
Mrs. Sharp and
Mrs. Plescia for
making this
newspaper
possible!*

*Thumbs up to the
lunch chefs for
our Thanksgiving
lunch and all of
the other amazing
food!*

Thank you everyone!

*Special
shout out to
nurse Jackie
for her TLC!*

*Thanks to
the PTA for
our Book
Fair!*

*Thank you
Deputy Pitt
for keeping
us safe!*

*Great job
emceeding the
Variety Show,
Mr. Carlin!*

*Thanks Mrs. Gallelo and
Mrs. Dreesen for always
making our day the
best it can be!*



*Thanks to all who
participated in
Trunk or Treat!
It was so much
fun!*





Jonathan Kruk

By Giovanna Cartategui

Jonathan Kruk, a local storyteller, performed a fabulous show of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" for the 5th graders on October 30th. He put on the whole show all by himself! At some points in the show he would scare us. He used different funny voices based on the characters he was playing. People were very interested this year while Jonathan Kruk was performing, I saw almost everyone's eyes on Jonathan. I loved the show too! I thought that playing ALL the characters in the show was a talent. We thank Jonathan Kruk for putting on an amazing show.



Techie Tips



- * To see what apps you have running - press and hold the **command-tab** keys
- * To take a picture of the entire screen- press and hold the **command-shift-3** keys
- * To take a picture of a selected part of the screen- Press and hold the **command-shift-4** keys

Around the World

By Ava Broccolo

In Mrs. Byrnes' social studies class we are working on presentations about different countries in the western hemisphere. Everyone must pick a country to do a presentation on. We are required to include the geography, the economic activities, the culture, and other information on our country. We then have a choice to present our project by either an iMovie, Garage Band, PowerPoint, Notebook or Comic Life. This project was very interesting to work on. It also helped us learn about other countries.



PV Student Government

by Alycia Santiago

Did you know that Putnam Valley Middle School has its own student government? Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Byrnes run it. The student government meets occasionally in the morning before school. They try to improve certain things that the kids, teachers and faculty request. The different parts of the student government are the congressmen, senators, and co-presidents. On October 6th, the students who ran for student government gave their speeches in the High School PAC. After the speeches were given, the school was given a few days to think and decide who they were going to vote for to be in this year's PVMS student government. On October 9th, the school all voted on My Big Campus. It was a tough decision to vote because everyone gave wonderful speeches. But, sadly not everyone can make it. Only two people per grade could win. The winners were: Sean VanRiper and Colin Wade for 5th grade congressmen and Annabelle Gesson and Bianca Garcia for 6th grade. In 7th grade there was a three-way tie for senators between Gianna Bianco, Ryan Casey, and Alliyah Steele. Michael Tompkins and Cassandra Tenesaca won the election for the two co-presidents. Congratulations to all. The newly elected student government is positive and energetic. All the students have great ideas and are looking forward on improving our school! For those who weren't elected this year, don't give up...try again next year.



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SPOTLIGHT



Q&A with Deputy Pitt

By Dominic Mantilla

Deputy Pitt is our SRO (School Resource Officer) here at PVCSD. She works in all three buildings. We are very lucky to have her here. Here are some interesting facts about Deputy Pitt:

Q: How long have you been a police officer?

A: 13 years... 10 years in Putnam County and 3 years in Dutchess County.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: Plattsburgh State University, New York. I earned a degree in Environmental Science

Q: What types of jobs have you done as a police officer?

A: I have worked on the Road Patrol, Narcotic Enforcement, and currently as an SRO. I am also a trained Hostage Negotiator, Emergency Medical Technician, Bike Patrol Officer, as well as Motor Officer (motorcycle patrol).

Q: Have you ever been in a serious situation?

A: Yes, many times; serious domestic, assault, child endangerment, and many more situations.

Q: What advice would you give to a person that is thinking about becoming a police officer?

A: My advice would be to treat others how you yourself would wish to be treated. Also to prepare your mind and body to be physically and mentally strong; to rely on your training, in order to make you capable of handling any type of situation, event, and persons that you are dispatched to. Never hesitate to call for back-up when needed. Trust your gut instincts. Use your discretion. Learn from your co-workers and respect their opinions.

Q: When you are not working, what do you enjoy doing?

A: I am very busy caring for my family. I love being athletic and being outside. I love animals and flowers too! I also love to ride motorcycles...and I love tattoos!

Thank you, Deputy Corinne Pitt for taking the time for this interview! All of us here at the Putnam Valley schools feel very safe and secure that you are here for us.





Red Ribbon Week

By Sophia Goncalves



Red Ribbon Week took place on October 26 through the 30th. This is a week that our school shows awareness of drug abuse and making good choices. During this week students and staff were able to dress up. Each day of the week was a different topic. On Monday, we were asked to wear red. Tuesday, we wore pajamas which meant to “follow your dreams and don’t do drugs”. On Wednesday we dressed like our favorite rock star because “our school rocks and we don’t do drugs”. We wore mustaches on Thursday (“we *mustache* you not to bully or do drugs”). The last day, Friday, we dressed as our favorite super hero to show that we are brave and strong every day!

Along with dressing up, every homebase room had a contest by decorating their doors with slogans and pictures about not doing drugs. This year’s winner was Mrs. Mahoney’s fifth grade class. They won last year too! They won with a door decorated with a Lego theme and their slogan was, “Lego of Drugs”. Over all, Red Ribbon Week was a great time with a great message!





The Book Fair



By Gabriel Ortiz

The Putnam Valley Middle School held a book fair from October 20th to October 23rd, 2015.

The Book Fair was selling books like; Goosebumps books, chapter books, cookbooks, craft books, pet, animal and sport books. The Book Fair also had pencils, erasers and bookmarkers for sale. The students at Putnam Valley Middle School will have many hours of enjoyable reading.

Community Outreach Center visits PVMS

By Jaele Zapater

On October 29th the seventh grade Spanish classes were treated with visitors from the Community Outreach Center. This is a program of Green Chimneys and is funded by the Administration for Children and Families, and the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. This program provides a safe place for youths to interact and participate in activities with peers. There are so many fun activities for kids of all ages to do like; playing pool, arts and crafts, dance, homework help, watch the latest movies, snacks and drinks, play video games, etc. The Community Outreach Center is a place for you to get away from home and have fun with friends. The fun is not just for kids though...you can also have fun with you parents and family as well. It is good to know too that they have a 24 hour CRISIS Hotline in case you have trouble sometime in your life.





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The Wellness Fair

By Giovanna Cartategui and
Julianna DeGiorgio

The Wellness Fair is a program that the Middle School hosts every year. Our Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Parchen organizes it. The purpose of the Wellness Fair is to make people aware of the importance of staying healthy, fit and safe. This year it was held on Tuesday, November 10th at the Middle School Gymnasium, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. It was a big hit!

There were many activities. There was Yoga demonstrations, dancing (Zumba/Hip Hop), Play-Doh, dressing up as a fireman, long jumping, autism awareness, blood sugar testing, just to name a few. There was also a place where you could see how many ticks you can find on a dog, and how to save a person's life. The

Blood Drive was also happening at the same time. With each activity

you attended, you earned a ticket. What do you do with the tickets? Well, you place them in gift folders of items that you would like to win. They are then raffled off at the end of the fair. Some of the prizes were; a goody basket from the Putnam Valley Florist, movie passes donated by the PV Volunteer Ambulance Corp, a large pizza pie with a 2 liter bottle of soda from Lakeside Pizzeria, a \$25 gift certificate to Sansotta's Deli, a \$25 iTunes gift card from Tompkins Landscaping, a Beta Fish (his name is Sushi☺), a \$50 credit to any activity at the PV Parks and Rec, a \$25 gift card to Modell's, a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Nobles, and the top prize...a MOUNTAIN BIKE!

The Wellness Fair was a big success and we are looking forward to next year's fair!!! Thank you, Mrs. Parchen for all of your hard work.





Halloween Dance

By Tori Spitzer

During the Halloween Dance this year at the Middle School there were various contests. There were costume contests for the funniest, most creative, scariest and cutest. The winners for the funniest costumes went to Allison Walsh and Jordan Cuddy who were dressed up as Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum from Alice in Wonderland. Most creative award went to Eliana Dropkin who was dressed up as a Voodoo Doll. The winner for the cutest costume went to Breanna Dorion who wore a cat costume. Finally, Ben Lowder won the contest for the scariest costume. He was dressed up as a Zombie and wore incredible face makeup. There were many students with great costumes, but unfortunately there can only be one winner for each category.

Along with the costume contest, there were fun games and activities throughout the evening that were located in the gym. There was even a mummy wrap. There also was an amazing DJ playing music that we danced to. It was a night of never-ending fun.



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iPhone 6s

By Evan Gutierrez

On Wednesday, September 9th, 2015, the iPhone 6s and 6s Plus were released. The iPhone 6 is available with a default 4.7 and 5.5 inch retina display. The iPhone 6s came out with some new features, the most jaw-dropping one being the 3D touch feature. With 3D touch, the iPhone responds to the pressure of your finger. Another feature of the iPhone 6s is the new iSight camera (the rear camera). The new camera has 12 megapixels with 1.22 pixels, autofocus with focus pixels, an $f/2.2$ aperture, exposure control, burst mode, optical image stabilization (only with iPhone 6s Plus”), etc. Also the iPhone 6s has the brand new A9 chip with 64-bit architecture and an embedded M9 motion coprocessor. Moving on, the iPhone 6s has new finishes as well. The finishes are rose gold, space gray, gold, and silver. Clearly, the iPhone 6s is one of Apple’s greatest devices ever made and has a lot of great features that make it run so smooth.



<http://www.apple.com/iphone-6s/specs/>
<http://www.macrumors.com/roundup/iphone-6s/>

Fun, Fun, Funny!!!

Winter Fun!

By Giovanna Cartetegui



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PRESENTS
SANTA
SNOWMAN

CANDYCANES
ELVES
HOTCOCOA
MITTENS
REINDEER
SLEDS
WOOLHAT

Solution to puzzle on page 17



Did You Know.....?

...80% of vanilla flavoring is artificial?

...kangaroos cannot walk backwards?

...rabbits and parrots can see behind themselves without turning their head?

...apples are 95% air?

...bananas are berries?

kidsworldfun.com



Fall Jokes

By Jon Fuchs

- * What did the little tree say to the big tree?
- * If money really did grow on trees, what would be everyone's favorite season?
- * What has ears but can't hear a thing?
- * What's an elephant's favorite vegetable?
- * What is a tree's least favorite month?

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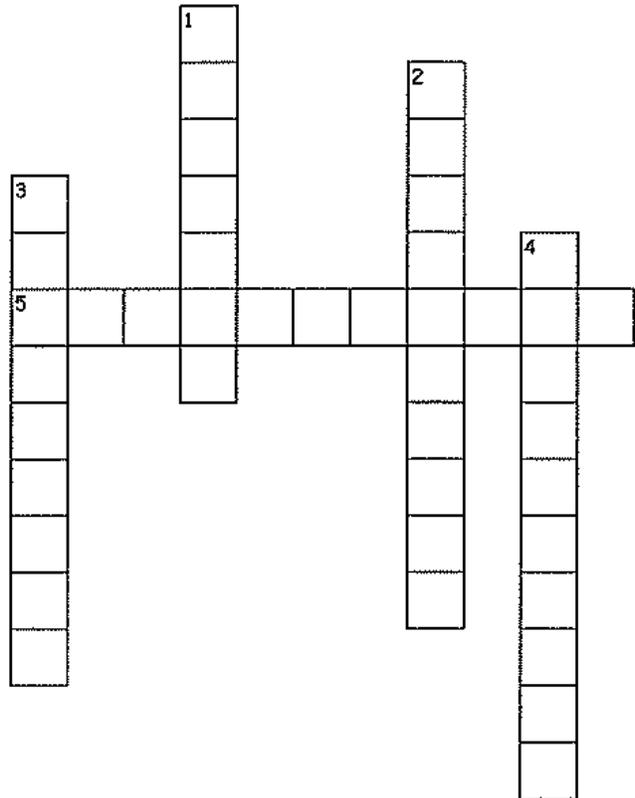
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By Sophia Goncalves

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2. YOUR BEST PREDICTION OR AN EDUCATED GUESS

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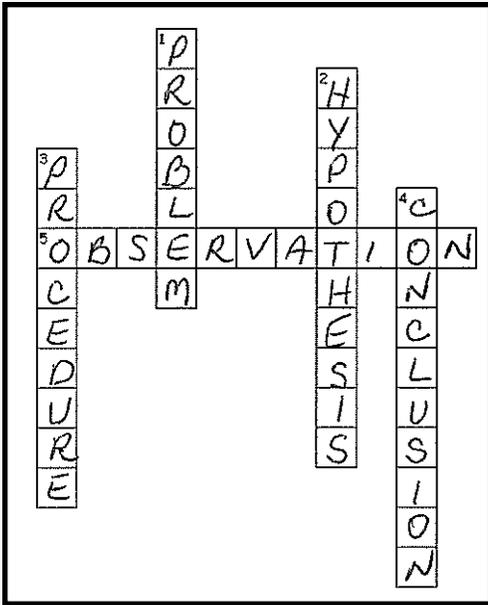
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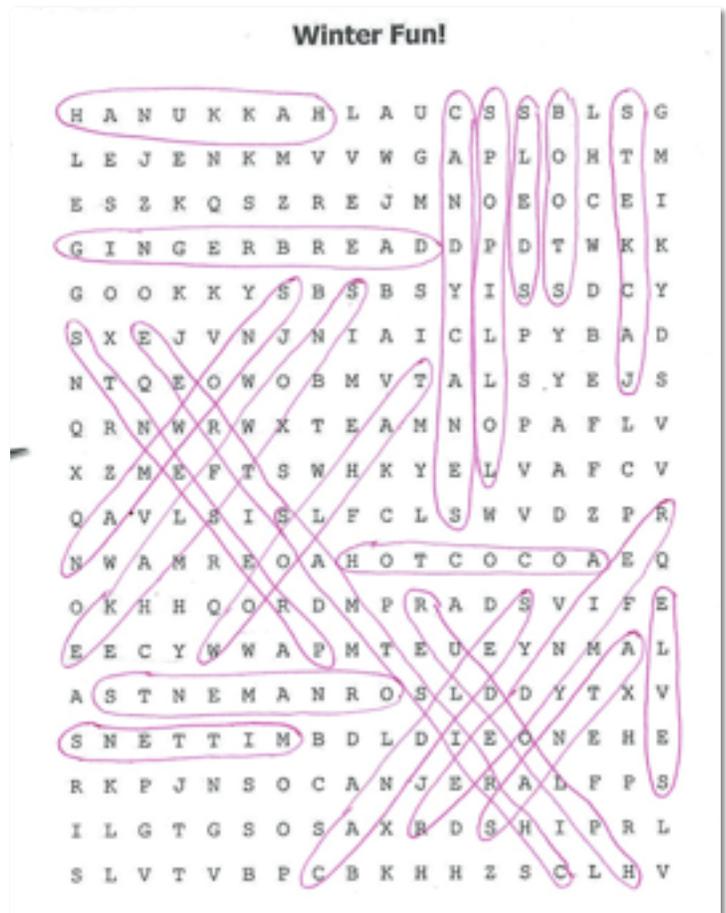
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answers to puzzle from page ---



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answers to riddles from page ---

- * Leaf me alone!
- * Fall
- * a cornfield
- * squash
- * Sep-Timber!





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