

TIGER TIMES

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Hurricane Sandy

By Keiko Waters and Tristan Mazzocchi
 Grade 5

Wow, what a hurricane! It affected a lot of people, especially in New Jersey. The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy is still being cleaned and restored to its natural order.

Many floods affected tons of people and they are still suffering the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. Here in Putnam Valley, there were many power outages. I guess Mother Nature doesn't like Halloween! Remember last year? We were in a foot of snow! Will she ever let us have candy again? Who knows?

There were many trees and power lines on roads, cars and houses. But luckily, all power was restored to Putnam Valley and Lake Peekskill. Just when we thought it was all okay, a Nor' Easter hit our area this caused more power outages and further damage!

You can help the victims that are still suffering from the hurricane by sending packages of food and clothing. Check with your local Red Cross to see how to go about this! People need you!



The Putnam Valley Community came together to collect items for those ravaged by Hurricane Sandy, administration, teachers, staff, students and community members were all involved. This community effort was set to receive donations. A list was created designating items that each school was responsible to collect. Items included cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and non perishable food. We then created a PSA that talked about the relief effort as well as the struggles that those who were hardest hit by the hurricane have had to endure.

Donations were collected and delivered to those in need in cooperation with the Putnam County Sheriff's office.

In addition, the PVMS Go Green Club, donated a check for \$1000 which represented money the club has collected after recycling bottles and cans in the middle school. Great job!



Mr. Carlin, the Go Green Club advisor with Ella Torregrossa and Mariana Silva, present a check for \$1000 to the community effort.



Sometimes we still choose old technology.
 A real hardcover Dictionary!

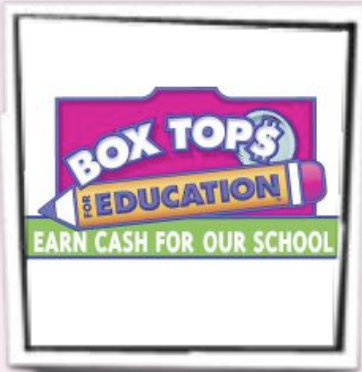


Our PVMS Elected Officials.
 See our article on the elections.



Mrs. Brynes' class studying
 the United States map

Putnam Valley Students Support Their Community



Box Tops for Education

The winner of this Box Top for Education raffle was 6th grader, Charles Broas. He was presented with a \$15.00 iTunes gift certificate from the PVMS Art Club.

The next drawing is December 21st! Be sure to bring in your boxtops!

DID YOU KNOW?

By Tristan Mazzocchi, Grade 5



Here is a list of Putnam Valley website addresses for your reference:

Putnam Valley Fire Dept:

<http://www.putnamvalleyfire.com/>

PV Schools:

<http://www.pvcsd.org/>

PV Library:

<http://putnamvalleylibrary.org/>

Parks and Recreation:

<http://pvpr.com/>

Town of Putnam Valley:

<http://www.putnamvalley.com/>

Wednesday Goes Wacky for Breast Cancer

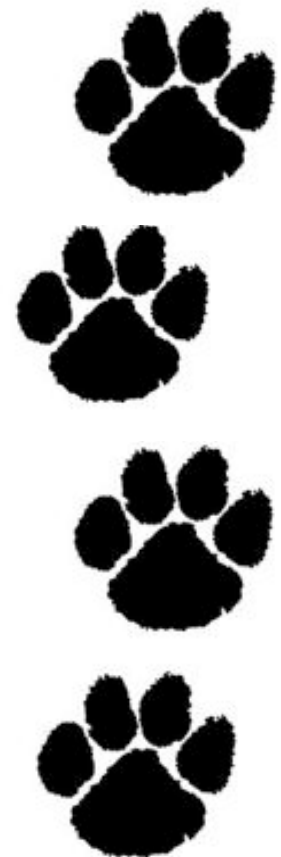
By Sonya Garcia, Grade 6



Wednesdays are "Wacky Wednesday" at PVMS.

Mr. Carlin picks a theme for the upcoming Wednesday and everyone can participate. Since October is Breast Cancer

Awareness month, Mr. Carlin told everyone to wear pink to show their support for breast cancer research. There were many people who wore pink and here are some pictures of them...



Obama or Romney

By Brandon Guerra and Tristan Mazzocchi
Grade 5

On Tuesday, November 6th, was the election for the president of the United States. The two people who ran for president of the United States of America were President Obama and challenger Mitt Romney.

Obama was voted into office four years ago. Obama has very good ideas but people are saying that he has not done enough.

Mitt Romney was the candidate who was trying to take Obama's place for president of the United States. Mitt Romney has some good ideas but some people don't trust him.

Romney had more votes in smaller states and smaller populations, but Obama had more votes in states with bigger populations. Obama won the national election but in the local, PVMS election, Mitt Romney was the winner.

VOTE



Before the national elections took place, Putnam Valley Middle School prepared for its own elections.

We here at the Tiger Times were lucky to have three students that were involved with the process of running for office. Our newspaper reporters prepared questions and had the opportunity to interview these students at the end of one of our meetings. While the setting was informal, the information shared was spectacular. We hope you enjoy the interview.

[Click here to see video interview](#)



From Left to right:
Front row: 6th Grade Congressman Illirjon Muriqi, 5th Grade Congressmen Adam Andreani and Michael Reichardt and 7th Grade Senator Angelie Tomais
Back row: 6th Grade Congressmen Joseph Garbowski, 8th Grade Co-President Satoshi Abe, Vice President Susanna Granieri, 7th Grade Senator Chloe Berger, and 8th Grade Co-Presidents Tim Chizzik.

Student of the Month Honorees:

Congratulations to our 2012-2013 September Student of Month academic achievers! While enjoying a special breakfast, each student received a personalized letter of accomplishment for their academic efforts so far this year! Congratulations and keep up the hard work.



September

Standing: Assistant Principal, Michael Hanna, Guidance Counselor, Dina Castrillon, Nicholas Goodrow, Ashlyn Levinson, Mya Baksh-Bert, Antonia DiBullo, School Social Worker, Leighann Bale, School Psychologist, Jason Kane
Middle Row: Nicholas DeTorres, Bret Baudendistal, Gianna Patino, Cyera Daughtry
First row: Damian Kennedy, Kaiden Patterson, Jack Longdon, Adam Andreani, Ashley Dring



October

Standing: Social Worker, Leighann Bale, Guidance Counselor, Dina Castrillon, Sophia Lord, Samuel Jaffe, Ciara McGinty, Julia Leonard, Alex O'Brien, Travis Brescia, Michael Lopes, Ghaith Annabi, Principal, Ed Hallisey, Asst. Principal, Mike Hanna, Heather Olsen
Front: Angie Uribe, Jacqueline Vaccaro, Sara Delaney, Keith Wood, Adam Andreani, Lauren Seiler, Mya Baksh-Bert, Christine Courtman

Sunday Football

11/5 and 11/4

By Adam Andreani, Grade 5

Steelers beat Giants 24 to 20. Close game. Roethlisberger stats for the game: 216 yards and 2 touchdowns. The rusher was Redman with 147 yards and 1 touchdown. Some receptions were made by Mike Wallace with 66 yards and one TD. For the Giants their quarterback Manning 125 yards 0 touchdowns. Their rusher Bradshaw 48 yards and 0 touchdowns. Some V. Cruz with 67 yards and 0 touchdowns. No Salsa for him. That is all for that game. Jets and Patriots had a bye week this week.



<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/05/sports/football>



<http://www.newsday.com/sports/football/giants>



<http://www.ctpost.com/sports/>

11/11/12

By Adam Andreani, Grade 5

Well you probably don't care about these teams but they were very close. The first team was 49ers and Rams. The score was 24 to 24. The first tie since 2008. The Rams would've won in OT except for the 2 delay of games. On the 3rd try it wide right. Sooooo close. The Chiefs and the Steelers score was 13 to 16 Steelers

win. The Steelers won with a field goal in OT. Another close game.

touchdown was the highlight of the game for the Seahawks.

By Michael Reichardt, Grade 5

11/12/12

In the NFL this week the Jets lost 28-7 to the Seattle Seahawks. A wildcat play for a 20-yard

The Giants lost to the Cincinnati Bengals 31-13. Andy Dalton had a great game throwing 199 yards and 4 touchdowns. A 65-yard touchdown pass from Dalton led the Bengals to a great game. Eli Manning didn't have the best game throwing two interceptions and no touchdowns.

PUTNAM VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL INTRAMURALS

By Brandon Guar, Grade 5

Have you ever been to an intramural club? Intramurals is an action club; you have two sports to play. The club takes place in the Middle School gym. You can play Football or Basketball. 5th and 6th graders go to intramural on Monday and Wednesday every week and 7th and 8th graders go on Thursday and Fridays. The club starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 7:40 a.m. I like intramural club because I am a very energetic kid so intramurals is very fun and wakes me up in the morning.



I recommend this club to people who are very active and get up early. If you are a person who does not wake up early, I don't recommend this for you. I think people who are very energetic, this could be a fun club for you. Intramurals is an awesome club, in my opinion. Everyone is welcome to join. Remember to come early and be ready to sweat!

Red Ribbon Week

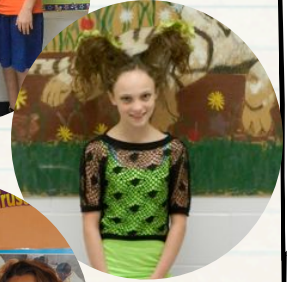
By Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6

Red Ribbon Week was an event at PVMS to support living a drug free life and to prevent bullying. Red Ribbon Week was created for a man that gave his life to a drug free world. Each day was a different theme:

Monday was to wear red to support Red Ribbon Week, Tuesday was wear a hat to “put a lid on drugs”, Wednesday was mismatch your clothes, Thursday was crazy hair day, and Friday was dress like your favorite superhero.

Many students and teachers participated in each theme. The costumes were great each day.

<http://imdrugfree.com/>



Wacky Wednesday goes for the TOUCHDOWN with NFL Football Jersey Day

By John Pecorino, Grade 5

On this Wacky Wednesday, students wore Jersey's of different football teams.

More students wore jerseys representing the New York Giants! There were some New York Jets too.

Some other teams that were represented were: The Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots, and the Green Bay Packers.

Mrs. Sherwood took pictures of any student who participated.



Halloween Bash

By Tayla Mazzocchi, Grade 5 and Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6

Mr. Hanna and the student government did a great job on the Halloween Bash. The new addition to this event was snacks and like last year, a bottle of water. There were strobe lights and a D.J. with great music. There were a lot of great costumes that stood out. Once the gym turned dark, hoops of light flew every which way because Mr. Hanna and other teachers handed out Glo-Stix to everyone. Everyone had an awesome time. Hopefully, another hurricane will not wipe out the bash next year. It is just too much fun.



Our 7/8 grade Winners:
First prize, Olivia Schmidt (left),
runners up Erin Pederson, and
Victoria York.



Our 5/6 grade Winners:
Matthew Drinovac,
Meaghan Hoyt, Emily
Capossela





Top Ten Halloween Costumes

By Jaclyn Pedoty, Grade 6

On Halloween, all you think about is tasty candy and the costumes. But have you ever thought about which of the costumes on the shelves are most popular? First, there are the costumes about the presidential campaigns like the Obama and Romney costumes. Then, ever since Romney said that he would stop funding the “PBS” show “Sesame Street”, people have been uprising by wearing the “Big Bird” costumes for girls and boys. Next, there are the costumes from the new movies that just recently came out like “Iron Man,” “Batman,” the “Avengers,” “Spiderman” and the girl from the movie “Brave” named Meredith. Have you ever seen the commercials about the dolls from “Monster High?” Well, those are popular too. Lastly, there is the classic pirate costume that at least some of us wear every year. So, the next time you are wearing a Halloween costume think about how popular it is.

<http://www.cnn.com/id/49375411/>

[Big Bird Costumes Romney Masks Are Hot This Halloween](#)

<http://www.target.com/c/halloween/-/N-5xt20>

POLL
RESULTS
HERE!

HALLOWEEN TIME

By Sonia Garcia, Grade 6

Before Hurricane Sandy came to town, all of the kids in Putnam Valley were preparing for trick-or-treating time. Thank goodness we had a Halloween Bash before the storm so everyone could wear their costume. Before the dance, I decided to ask our students, “What are you going to be for Halloween” using Studywiz to gather the information.

There were a lot of students who answered my poll. 276 students answered. Since there would be too many possibilities for anyone to pick from a short list of halloween costumes I could think of, we decided to allow anyone who answered the question, to type in their unique response. I had to go through the responses to figure our the most common answers.

The most popular costume was pirate. The next most popular costume was a costume of creepy characters. Bravo third place, and next on the poll listing was people dressed as police men and women, and fourth most popular was **animals**, peacock, cat, tigers.

Sorry but, people dressed as **objects** was the most uncommon costumes. Examples of this is a box and a table. Uncommon but very good! Congrats and hope you had a great Halloween but most of you probably didn't because it got rained out and there was no power.

GUITAR CLUB

By Adam Andreani, Grade 5

In Guitar Club you learn how to play the guitar. You learn chords. Once you get really good at the chords you learn how to play a song. They meet every Thursday in the Dining Hall. You can bring your own guitar if you have a case for it.

Mr. Buecke and Ms. Kraus are the teachers of Guitar Club. Mr. Buecke is the main teacher. He teaches you the chords. Soon he'll teach us a song.

Please join soon!



TIGERS

Tigers are very interesting animals. They are also the team name for all of the Putnam Valley sports teams. Tigers are fierce animals. (just like our sports teams) So, I am going to tell you some facts about tigers.

Tigers vary in colors from orange with black stripes to white with black stripes. They are the largest wild cats in the world. This big cat can weigh up to 720 pounds and stretch up to 6 feet long and can have a 3-foot-long tail. This powerful predator hunts alone, and can bring down prey such as deer and antelope. Tigers will hunt in the dark. The tiger sneaks up on their prey and then sprints at the unsuspecting animal. Tigers are known to eat up to 60 pounds of meat in one night. It can sometimes take days to eat the prey. Tigers live in the southwestern part of Asia. (India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Burma, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, and Russia)

I hope this story has interested you and given you some information about tigers.



<http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asnewzzz.gif>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tiger_map.jpg
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/tiger/>

PUTNAM VALLEY PARKS AND REC TEEN NIGHT

By Adam Andreani

Teen night was a fun night. There was a foosball table, basketball, food, drinks, and nok hockey. You will see a lot of your friends there. The people who ran Teen Night were nice because they played with us. Even though it was my first Teen Night, and I only stayed for an hour, it was sooooo much fun.

Teen Night is a program sponsored by the Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation. During a Teen Night, kids are allowed to play basketball, drink as much soda as they can afford, and act crazy.

Teen Night usually happen on the first Friday of each month. The Nov. 2 one was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy.

The next T.N. is scheduled to be on Dec 7th. Hope to see you there.

Review of the PV Variety Show

By Tayla Mazzocchi, Grade 5



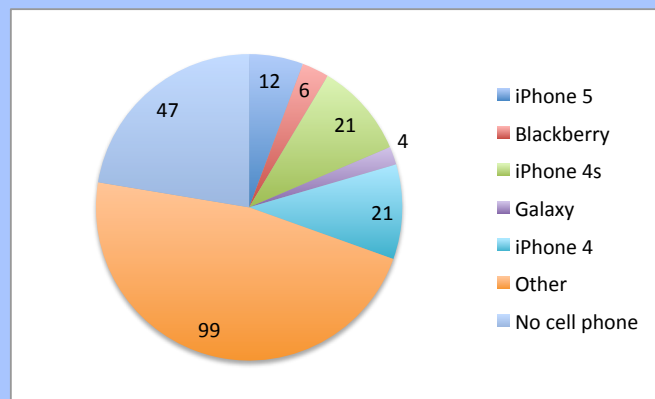
What an outstanding performance on October 19th, the Putnam Valley Variety Show. Both the host and the acts were amazing. The PVCSD staff did an awesome job! They really brought comedy to life. It must be really scary when you're performing in front of a lot of people. The host (Mr. Carlin) must have practiced extra hard; he did awesome. Some of the acts included a Gangnam Style dance routine, a man with duck tape on his mouth, vocals of "As Long as You Love Me", and "What Makes You Beautiful". The tickets were \$10 each. The show was sold out and the seats were filled with smiling people. The money went to the Putnam Valley Music Association. I hope everybody liked it because I know that I loved it!



Phones and Putnam Valley Students

By Jaclyn Pedoty, Grade 6

Did you ever think about what kind of phones or even any phone that your friends have? You would probably think that kids would have the fancy phones like the iPhone 5 while you are stuck with the lame-o phone or no phone at all. But you may find that the results are very interesting. These days everyone is usually scrambling for the newest phone, but surprisingly the iPhone 4 has only 12 users along with the iPhone 4s at 21 users and iPhone 5 at 12 users. Then comes the "old" Blackberry at 6 users.(People, this phone is not that old even though other people think that it is now.) Next, comes the Galaxy with only 4 people using it. (Wow!) The most surprising thing is that 99 percent out of 210 people have a phone that is "other!" Now, are the people who have no phones at 47 percent. Did you ever think the phone results would be like this?



PV STUDENTS LOVE THE MOVIES

Taken 2

By Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6



In the movie Taken 2 there is a dramatic twist in this thrilling movie. In the first movie, Taken, Liam Neeson plays Bryan Mills, a retired CIA agent, as he saves his daughter, Kim played by Maggie Grace. In the new movie, Taken 2, Bryan and his wife, Lenore, played by Famke Janssen are the ones kidnapped. Bryan contacts his daughter secretly and tells her what to do. Following her father's instructions, she finds her father and mother. Eventually, they live as if this never happened. The hardest and last obstacle in this movie is Kim's boyfriend, who Bryan is skeptical about. This could make a great Taken 3. Taken 2 is a great movie that keeps you on the edge of your seat.



<http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/taken-2/> (Cast Names)

Hotel Transylvania

By Paul Keesler, Grade 6



Hotel Transylvania was a good movie but the critics rated it three stars out of five but they said it was funny. They said that the parents should know that there might be mature audience material in this movie. They said that there is no educational value but there are three stars for positive messages. The critics gave violence and scariness two stars and they gave positive role models three stars. They gave language one star and they gave consumerism one star. So, some stuff about the movie might not be good for younger audiences.

How good is it?

The critics say that this movie earned three stars and that it was a good movie, but not as good as they thought it would be. They said that it was not as scary for little kids as Monster House and the movie ParaNorman. Some parents said that it would be too scary for their little children. As for older kids that are like 10-16, it is not as scary for them because they have seen scary movies before.

<http://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews/hotel-transylvania>

Best Songs to Listen to



Payphone by Maroon 5



Gangnam Style by Psy



Fire Flies by Owl City



We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together by Taylor Swift



Moves Like Jagger by Maroon 5

Fun For All

Puzzle by Tristan Mazzocchi, Grade 5

Red
Ribbon
Week

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