

TIGER TIMES

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WELCOME BACK!

The beginning of the 2011-2012 school year was a very interesting one for sure. Hurricane Irene sent us all paddling from water. Many of our homes took in water, items were destroyed, power was lost, food perished, and on and on and on. For some of us, the power took a week to be restored. The week before school was an interesting one to those who work at the school. Since there was no power for a week, setup was a bit delayed. Thanks to our dedicated teams, however, everything was up and running for our first official day of school.

Then, just 60 days later, we had a surprise SNOW storm. Even though the storm hit on a weekend, it was so bad that the school was closed for 3 days. Again, people in our community were without power. This is a big issue in Putnam Valley as most of us have wells that supply our homes with water, and without power, there is no water. So, again, food perished, and this time, we were just really cold.

School resumed. Clubs, sports, and classwork in general, have all been affected as everyone scrambled to



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It certainly reflects all of the East Coast.

make up for so much lost time. Even this, our first edition of Tiger times for 2011-2012 school year was late. What is amazing is that it is already November! Guess it's true, after some setbacks, we pick ourselves up and we keep moving forward, together.

We all wonder what our winter months will be like. Only time will tell. We all hope that we won't lose power again anytime soon.



View from a local Putnam Valley house at the heart of the storm.



Damian Cossetto and Brandon Ivezaj hold their pickings from their visit to Barton Orchards.



Newspaper member, Angelo Vaseos putting some finishing touches on his article.



Drama practice is ongoing at PVMS for a performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" in May! Watch for ticket sales!

Putnam Valley Students Support Their Community

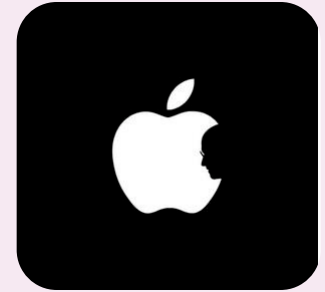


Why are we collecting Capri Sun containers?

Raven Kirby, Grade 5

We all might be wondering why we're collecting Capri Sun containers. Well, I decided to interview Mr. Carlin since he was the one collecting the Capri Sun

containers. He gave me a panel from the box of the Capri Sun that has a website on it. It told me when your school is finished collecting the Capri Sun containers, send them in to teracycle and your school will receive free money! But the best thing is that the Capri Sun containers you send in get made into awesome school gear [backpacks, pencil cases, etc]; and people learn about helping the planet. So, help Mr. Carlin collect these containers for this awesome cause!



In memory of
Steve Jobs.



Nick Brugnoli and Matt Scolaro
working hard!

Think Pink

Erika Seidman, Grade 6

Did you know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month? Putnam Valley Middle School participated in a few different ways to raise awareness for the disease. Mrs. Henkels and her volleyball team hosted a "Dig Pink" match to raise money for breast cancer research. The match included raffles, and "fan games" throughout the event. They raised over \$600 at the event.

On October 14th, many of us, students and teachers, in the school building wore pink to support a cure for breast cancer. All of the teachers were into it too. Breast cancer attacks men and women every year, more women than



men though. But it can be cured. When you see a pink ribbon, please support the fight against breast cancer.

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/breast>

Hey, what day is it?

Sonya Garcia, Grade 5

A-Day and B-Day...
where did that come from?

A and B are letters in the alphabet. We use A and B at school to let students, teachers, and parents know the daily schedule so they don't get confused. A and B-Day? Why isn't it P Day and V Day?

Guess what? I interviewed Mr. Hanna, the vice principal! He told me that A and B-day is to help the school community. Also, because it's just easier to remember; for kids and teachers that don't have a good memory, you should be glad. Anyway you need to alternate. It goes way back when they called it A and B-day, and your parents and/or guardians already know what A-days and B-days are. Also, it might get hard to get used to and for the parents and/or guardians it might get confusing to them too. So, keep up those grades and remember A and B... it's in the alphabet and we use it at school.

Congratulations, Mrs. Gallelo!

Raven Kirby, Grade 5

Over the summer Mrs. Gallelo gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, named Francesca! For the beginning of September and half of October, Mrs. Gallelo wasn't teaching because she was still taking care of Francesca. We all missed her, but we did have an awesome sub, Ms. Beladino. Everyone was excited for October 17, for that was the day that Mrs. Gallelo would come back. Now she's back again and teaching! WELCOME BACK, Mrs. Gallelo!



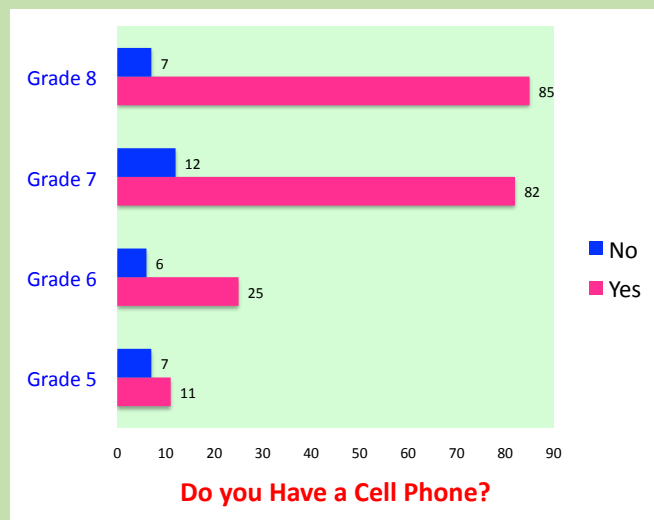
POLL RESULTS

Why do so many students have cell phones in this school?

Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5

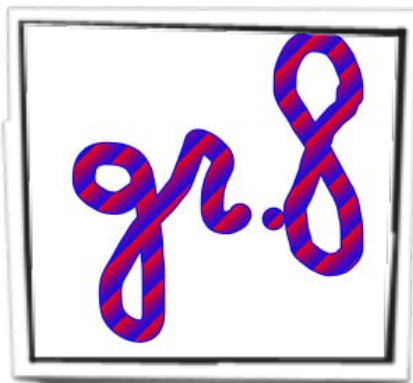
Many students have cell phones and they bring them to school. PVMS has a school policy that your cell phone must stay into the locker during the school day. We wanted to find out how many students here at the PVMS have cell phones. The graph shows the results of our Studywiz poll. From the students who responded to our poll, it looks like 7th & 8th grade students have lots of phones! Some people have AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and many other companies, maybe next time we will run a poll on what companies they use!

I interviewed several fifth graders who have cell phones. The first person that I interviewed was Raven Kirby, who is in fifth grade. She has a phone in case of an emergency or when her mom



or dad are late to pick her up from a club they can call her. Ellie Kirby and Kelly Kennedy, more fifth graders said that if they get lost they can call their parents and their parents can find them. Jackie Vaccaro has a cell phone too. She can call her parents whenever she needs a ride.

From my interviews, it appears that calling parents for rides is a main reason students have phones at school.



PVMS 8th Grade Specials

Tyrique Scantlebury, Grade 8

If you have been in PVMS for a while now (like me), you would know that each student in each grade has to go to a special every 7 weeks (10 weeks for kids in 8th grade). Specials range from Health, Technology, Art and Forensic Science in 8th grade. In the technology special, you do fun activities with your laptops and work with cool technology like printers, cameras and video cameras, Photoshop and more. Technology is a cool special where you'll have lots of fun. In the Health special you learn about your body and things that keep you healthy. You read articles and learn about nutrition,



diseases and how these things react with your body. In Art class, you relax and do fun projects like Pen and Ink (with actual colored ink!), a creative sign, barcodes, 3D shapes and more! In Forensic Science you learn about how to solve crimes, you learn about different blood

types, DNA and footprints that you see on the crime scene and lots of other cool stuff. Forensic Science is a cool class where you learn about what detectives and crime investigators do! As you can see, there are many cool 8th grade specials. You will have a lot of fun!

The i-Team

Victoria Clemente And Johnny Orlando, Grade 5

There is an after school club and it is called **i-Team**. There are 6-8 students in the group. But, if you are in 5th or 6th grade, you need to wait to be in the **i-Team**. You can only be in 7th or 8th grade to join the club. They meet on Mondays after school. Mrs. Sherwood is the advisor of the **i-Team**.



The **i-Team** helps fix computers, printers and other tech items in the school, but the club also collects old cell phones, used ink jet cartridges, and used toner cartridges!! This club recycles these items and receives money for each item it recycles. The club gives the school LOTS of money to buy things for the school like cameras.

Student Government

Matt Scolaro, Grade 8

The Student Government polls are wracking, but I got a nice in! The winners for 5th grade were applause from the crowd! Katherine McNamara and Illiron Afterwards, I started waiting for Muriqi. The 6th grade winners votes to come in. When I found were Summer Espinosa and David out that I lost, I was very Kahn. The 7th grade winners were disappointed but I was happy I Caleigh Jacobs and Kaitlyn tried anyway. Student Millicker. The 8th grade winners Government is definitely were Lily Beatini, Robert Phillips, something to try out.

and Jadyen Marshall. I ran for Student Government and lost! But I am all right with it. I wanted to experience being in the Student Government before I leave the school. The experience was very exciting. I had to go up in front of the whole school and give a speech! It was very nerve-



A Snow Storm *IN* October?

Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5

What, a snowstorm on Saturday, October 29, 2011? If you had power in the snowstorm, (not while in a hotel), you were very lucky! We had three snow days and had to come to school on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. At my house and probably all over the counties, trees were falling everywhere... Here, there and everywhere! Some trees even fell on houses, backyards and even pools. THE WHOLE NORTH EASTERN SEABOARD WAS COVERED WITH SNOW!

I think the reason the trees were falling was because of the leaves. The leaves hold snow and puts more pressure on the tree itself. Soon after all that pressure builds up, crack! Then the tree is just lying on the ground until someone picks it up. If you still have trees around your house, you better pick them up... NOW!

SMILE!



AJ Egel, Grade 6

Picture Day is a day that happens every year. The Irvin Simon Photography Company comes to our school to photograph every student. The worse photos were discarded, and the best photos were sent out to be developed. After development, the pictures are used in the yearbook for you to purchase. We had a wide range of backgrounds for our pictures, including a library, a forest, and a pastel rainbow. Next year, bring your comb!

Steve Jobs Father of Apple

David Kahn, Grade 6

Imagine if you only earned \$1 a year, well Steve Jobs did. Steve Jobs was the creator of all Apple products that were made. He was born in 1955 and died in 2011. Some people don't agree, but the reason he made so much is not his salary, but the income of his products. Next time you are on your Apple product, remember Steve Jobs.



6th Grader, Conor Van Riper accepts his Student of the Month Award for October, 2011. GREAT JOB, Conor!



Our 5th graders peruse the pages of their new Thesaurus given to them by our local PV Rotary Club!



Stage Manager, Ella Torregrosa getting ready to plan the activity at the Drama Try-outs.



Mr. Alsdorf shows off his shirt on "Destination Wednesday, Half Dome in Yosemite National Park"

Who Turned out the lights!

Nicholas Brugnoli, Grade 8

As you already know, we had a power outage a few weeks ago. This was because of a snowstorm, but it really wasn't a big storm. It wasn't snowing that hard, and it didn't snow that much. Even so, the power outage affected tons of people, especially in New York and New Jersey. NYSEG is the power company for Putnam Valley and Cortlandt Manor. It took forever to bring the power back, and some people were still without power for more than a week. Other people got their power back earlier, but it still took way too long. After people's power came back on, they still had to wait for their phone, cable, and internet. But it didn't matter, since they finally had heat and water. Let's just hope that next time the power goes out, NYSEG will fix it much sooner! ☺

The Box Tops Raffle

Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5

In the last week of November, the Book Fair at school started. So did the Box Top Raffle. The Box Top Raffle is where you go and put your box tops in the front office were the box tops box is. Then if you have the most box tops in the box, you can win a \$10.00 gift card to the book fair. The only problem is that the book fair lasts until December 2nd.

If you put in your box tops for the raffle, collect even MORE! Did you know that \$59 million dollars was collected nationwide last year? Maybe this year we can collect more!



Cool Math



Matthew Scolaro, Grade 8

If anyone does not know already, Cool Math is a fun website for kids to play fun games as well as take some math problems for a spin! Cool Math features math lessons ranging from 1st grade through 8th grade. Also, if you go to "math games" there is a wide variety of games available to play. I love trying out different games and seeing how fun they are. Another educational site that we are allowed on is called Spike's Game Zone. It is actually like Cool Math without the math. There are truckloads of different games to try out. Some are very easy and some are very difficult. All in all, this site is very fun to go to and is not blocked by SafeEyes. The links are located below:

- Cool Math Games: <http://www.coolmath-games.com/>
- Spike's Game Zone: <http://www.spikesgamezone.com/>
- Cool Math: <http://www.coolmath.com/>

Red Ribbon Week

Nicholas Brugnoli, Grade 8

The week of October 24 to October 28 is Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is about the prevention of drugs and alcohol. To celebrate it, each day of the week has a special theme. Monday was "wear red day." Tuesday was "wear a hat day." Wednesday was "mismatch your clothes day." Thursday was "crazy hair day." Friday was "superhero day." We wear red to, "be all we can be... be drug free." We wear red to support Red Ribbon Week. We wear hats to, "put a lid on drugs." We mismatch our clothes because, "drugs and us don't mix." We wear crazy hair day to say, "no to flair, wear crazy hair." We dress like a superhero to "be our own hero – be brave and strong everyday." As you



Wacky Wonderful Weird Wednesday

Sonya Garcia, Grade 5

Why do we wear wacky things on Wednesday? Do you know Mr. Carlin? Well, I interviewed him and he told me that it's just for fun? Here is how it works:

The teachers give suggestions, and then they choose which one is best. Here's the best part: we wear those ideas of what to wear on Wednesdays! Some of the things we wore were Hawaiian shirts, we wore orange one Wednesday, pink on another. We also needed to dress our best and we needed to wear sweats. I really hope you enjoyed all of these things and I'm pretty sure that Mr. Carlin does to. You never know what we will do next, total mystery. These are most of the things we do on Wednesday. So I hope everything stays wacky on Wednesday. I hope you've enjoyed this presentation about wacky wonderful weird Wednesday.



9/11: The Ten-Year Struggle

Matthew Scolaro, Grade 8

Ten years ago, September 11, 2001, two planes crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City. Another plane crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane, which was heading for the Pentagon, crashed in an airfield in Pennsylvania. This horrific event left the Twin Towers in ruins. 3,000 people were killed. This was later revealed to be a doing of the al-Qaeda terrorist group that formed in Afghanistan. The U.S. has been dealing with al-Qaeda very well and has killed the leader, Osama bin Laden. The U.S. has stayed strong through this time and now we are a country that is still standing today. We celebrate this day as a day of remembrance. This year was the 10-year anniversary of 9/11. This is a very important part in history. The U.S. now has blocked off the ruins of the Twin Towers. It is now called Ground Zero. We have made a memorial there with waterfalls to honor the people that died on that day. Here is a picture below:



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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mardi_Gras

Why did they give away the playground?

Angelo Vazeos, Grade 7

Do you know why the MS playground was taken? Many students were fooling around with it and that caused students to get hurt. There were broken legs and some head injuries. That's why the playground is gone... to keep us safe!

After that, the principal tried to find another playground that would not involve any injuries. He tried his best to find another playground, but he couldn't find one.

The principal did the right thing to give the playground away. If he didn't, a lot of students could have gotten hurt. That's why the principal took it away.



HALLOW'S EVE

Owen Gifford-Smith, Grade 6

Many people celebrate Halloween on the 31st of October, but few know how it originated. In times long gone, people believed that the spirits of the dead came back to walk the surface of the earth. Many dressed up to make sure spirits of their loved ones could



not recognize them. People placed pumpkins with candles in them to frighten these spirits away from their home. This is where the tradition of the Jack-o'-lantern originated. Halloween's Eve, over the years, eventually became known as Halloween. So, next time your friend says, "how did Halloween start?", you can say, "that's Halloween's Eve".

Thanksgiving

By Conor Van Riper and David Kahn, Grade 6



The turkey is on the table
The feast has just begun.
You better be able
To have lots of fun!
The night is young but not too old,
You better be ready for our story to be told.
The pilgrim, the Indian
Come from far and wide
Ready for a feast that isn't inside.
They came together to eat this meal
By foot, not by wheel.
There are still many courses to come
As the Indians play the drum.
After we finish our feast,
We settle down to rest.
We watch the sun set in the west.
That is the story I have told,
The story of Thanksgiving, it's pretty old.

New Teacher in our School, An Interview

Victoria Clemente and Katherine McNamara, Grade 5

There is an new teacher in the school. Her name is Mrs. Rose. She came from the Elementary school and she teaches 5th grade this year. *Welcome Mrs. Rose!*

Victoria: How do you like the middle school?

Mrs. Rose: I love working at the middle school!

Victoria: How is the middle school different from the Elementary school?

Mrs. Rose: It is different because I have my own class and I teach different subjects. The students are older and I teach with different teachers.

Victoria: You used to teach technology and now you teach S.S and ELA. What is your favorite thing about it, and do you like the earlier dismissal?

Mrs. Rose: I teach the subjects I used to teach years ago and yes, I like the earlier dismissal.

Victoria: What is your favorite thing about the middle school and why?



Mrs. Rose: So many things! I like how I have my own class room and have the same kids in my class for the whole year. "The class is like my family".

Victoria: Why did you change to the middle school?

Mrs. Rose: I was asked to move to the middle school because they needed a 5th grade teacher.

Victoria: If you could change one thing about the middle school, what would you change?

Mrs. Rose: I would like to make school later because I'm not a morning person!

Victoria: Would you want to change the grade you teach next year?

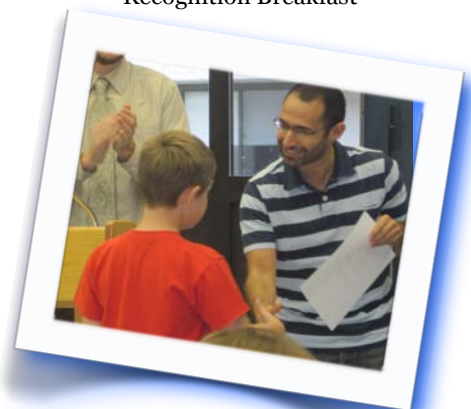
Mrs. Rose: I would like to stay in 5th grade, but if I was asked to move to another grade, I would.



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Student Of the Month
Recognition Breakfast



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One of the newest members of the Putnam Valley Middle School staff is Mr. Kane (pictured above). He is our new school psychologist. "Student of the Month" celebration was a great way for him to meet some of the PVMS students.

WELCOME, MR. KANE!





A Thanksgiving Feast

On November 22nd, Mrs. Petrillo's and Mrs. Aquilino's class cooked and served a complete Thanksgiving feast. The classes started out by making lists of ingredients and supplies. They then took a field trip to Wal-Mart and Sam's Club to shop for items needed for their very special meal. On the day of the feast students began slicing, dicing, baking and cooking all the trimming of a Thanksgiving meal. Students made everything from pumpkin pies, green bean casseroles, gravy, fresh rolls, mashed potatoes, appetizers and even a turkey. Support Staff and Administrators were invited to share in the feast as a gesture of thanks for all that they do. Students were responsible for seating and serving the adults. All had a great time!



COLUMBUS DAY, DID COLUMBUS FIND THE NEW WORLD FIRST?

Conor Van Riper, Grade 6

Columbus sailed the ocean blue but did he find America first? Some people believe that Amerigo Vespucci found America before any other explorer, since it's named after him. They are right. Columbus was the first to find the Bahamas. Others say about 600 years before Columbus, the Irish made it to America; this prediction came up when scientists found ancient Irish writing on stones in North America. They also found ancient stories in Ireland about a man finding the promise land and coming home to tell the story. Those are just theories though. But we'll just keep it, Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492.



Halloween in Putnam Valley

Erika Seidman, Grade 6



Do you celebrate Halloween? Even if you don't, many people in the town of Putnam Valley, celebrate it. Many people put out pumpkins and spooky decorations. Many include ghosts, spiders, and lawn posts. Some are spooky and others are entertaining. On the night of Halloween, all you see are kids with flashlights and big bags of candy. Why? Trick-or-Treating of course. Many kids look forward to go trick-or-treating, it is the only time of the year when you can go rob your neighbor of their awesome candy and treats! Enough to last you one month, maybe more. Enjoy your HALLOWEEN!!!!

This year was different in Putnam Valley. Because of "Snowtober" (snow in October), most of the streets in the town still had trees in the street and power was not fully restored. This year kids in certain parts of the town had to travel to other towns to go trick-or-treating!

Hopefully next year we will have a snow free Halloween!

A Gloomy Halloween

Nicholas Brugnoli
Grade 8

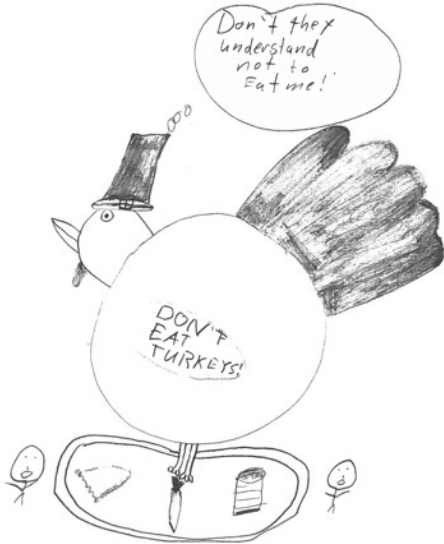
I hate to be a Bad News Bear, but something bad has happened! It's so bad that it might cause World War III. Yup, you guessed it, ... Halloween was on a Monday this year! Every kid likes to stay up on Halloween and eat a lot of candy, but this year they have to go to school the next day. Kids will be upset about this, but at least teachers won't give out that much homework. (I hope.) It would be great if Halloween was on a weekend this year, but kids will still have a lot of fun, because, after all, they still get to go trick-or-treating! And plus, kids will probably not get a lot of homework on Halloween!

Thanks to the Student Government we had an awesome Halloween Bash! Not a Dance, but a Bash! Here are some great pics taken of the night. Hope you enjoy!



Fun For All

Comic by Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5



Puzzle by Angelo Vazeos, Grade 8

Halloween

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