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The Main Lobby Television

By Ava Broccolo

The PVMS main lobby has a TV mounted next to the front desk where Mrs. Scolpini works. It is updated daily with information about the day and upcoming events. The TV also shows when different clubs and activities, such as the Newspaper Club, meet. But the TV shows more than you think! It shows the local weather, sports that are going on, special events and our "Weekly Wednesday Dress Theme". The TV also shows any new and exciting news at PVMS. It also shows events that are going to happen later in the year. The TV makes it so easy to keep informed about all the happenings here at PVMS!

The Blood Drive

By Josef Wacaser and
Victoria Spitzer

The sixth grade here at PVMS hosts a blood drive every year. "Little Doctors" is the name of the program. What this program does is host blood drives but with "little doctors" or students participating. We are looking for plenty of donors. Since many people have reasons for not donating, we try to be very knowledgeable to try to recruit them. We have to state the facts to inform possible donors. For example, one pint of blood can be used for up to three blood transfusions. Also, you can't make blood; the only way people who need blood can get it is by blood donations. Out of the American population 75% of people will need a blood transfusion at least once in their lifetime. But only 2% of people will actually donate.

It was a marvelous experience attending the Blood Drive! It was also a very family friendly event. We learned so much and were able to experience a wonderful way to help save lives.





Chariots of the Sun

By Olivia Goncalves

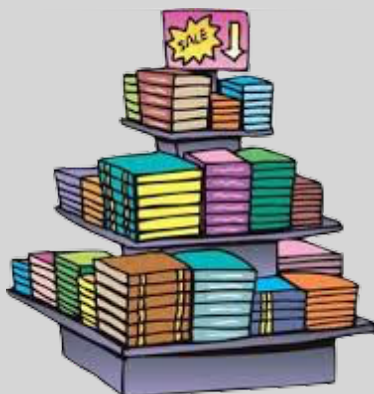
On Friday, March 18th, a program called "Chariots of the Sun" came to educate the 6th grade about ancient Greek culture through the art of theater. The talented man who brought us this knowledge acted it out using voices, props, costumes, and even the students themselves. He told us the greek myths of Pandora's Box, and Cyclops. We really enjoyed the performances. Including the students in the performances truly engulfed us into the stories and myths so we understood them. We enjoyed many laughs throughout the performance. It was a very interesting and educational experience and I am sure the 6th grade next year will enjoy it too.

iTeam

By Jon Fuchs



iTeam is a club run by Mrs. Sherwood at the PVMS. The members learn how to fix printers, computers, and SmartBoards. We also work on posters for the play. *iTeam* is a great club for kids who like to work with technology. Mrs. Sherwood takes the time to help us learn about computers and all the technology here at the middle school. But that's not all. We have fun because we work as a team. Hopefully this club will help us to become better students of the future!



Book Fair

By Julia Shala

On May 3rd – May 5th from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and May 6th from 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. the PVMS hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in the library! All books, posters, and miscellaneous items like book markers, erasers, pencils, etc. were buy-one-get-one-free! This is always a wonderful time to buy your summer reading materials!



The New NY Bridge Project

By Nick Lombardi



The New York State Department of Transportation and Thruway Authority has started a new project. They are building a new bridge next to the old Tappan Zee Bridge. We had a representative come to the PAC on Monday, February 8th to talk about this project. He told us that it is going to cost about 3.98 billion dollars to complete this bridge. It should be completed by 2020. The bridge is supposed to have giant lights shining up the bridge for different events like the baseball world series and other special events. The bridge is going to have four lanes going each way and it's also going to have a sidewalk for people to walk on. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful event happening in our lifetime!

Elevate Education, Inc.

By Tori Spitzer

Elevate Education, Inc. is an Australian education program that helps you with your studying skills. We had 2 sessions this year. One session taught us how to take better notes. The other session was about how to find time to study and do homework. Lizzy was the instructor for the better note taking session and Rob was the time management instructor. Both were kind and made jokes too. It was an amazing experience and it also taught us a lot of life skills like making a planner to plan time for schoolwork. We made schedules to stick to. Turns out, people don't really have much time. Another skill we learned was to take simple notes and use less time taking them. We made a box for our notes and were limited to it. It was quite minimal. Many people write too many notes and don't "cut the fat". Clearly, Elevate Education was an amazing experience and taught us a lot. Thanks so much to Rob and Lizzy for coming to talk to us.



Flower Power

By Julianna DeGiorgio and
Giovanna Cartategui

In Mr. Carlin's 5th grade science class, we had a flower PowerPoint assignment. Each student got to choose their own flower for their project. Mr. Carlin had index cards with names of flowers on them, and the cards were faced towards him so you couldn't see the name of the flower. Each student got to pick their card and see what flower they got. Then they did research on that flower. The students had to use a reputable site. And also WE HAD TO PUT A SOURCES CITED PAGE!!! If we did not put a sources cited page we were basically stealing information from the website we used. The whole class got a certain amount of time to work on their presentations. On the due date every student got up and presented their power point to the whole class. Mr. Carlin graded us by our presentation and the way we spoke by not fumbling over our words. We received 12 points for the presentation and 4 points for how we spoke. At first, it was very nerve-racking, but once it was over, you wish you could do it again.



5th Grade Book Review

By Tara Dolack

ESPERANZA RISING ★★★★★

By Pam Muñoz Ryan



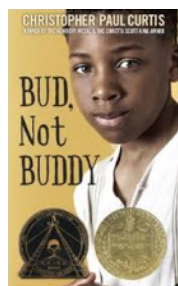
Esperanza Rising is a book that all of 5th grade reads. This story is about a rich Mexican girl who turns 13 when her father suddenly dies. She has to move with her mother, Alfonso, Hortensia, and Miguel to a relative's house in California. Then Esperanza's mother comes down with Valley Fever. Will Esperanza's mother get better? I recommend this book because it has a really good story behind it and I really enjoyed it. Also, the story is filled with mixed emotions; mainly sad and happy.

6th Grade Book Review

By Olivia Goncalves

BUD NOT BUDDY ★★★★★

By Christopher Paul Curtis



The book is set in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression. In this book a young boy named Bud, who lost his mother and doesn't know his father, travels from foster family to foster family. Finally, he had had enough and sets off to find his father. Along the way he met some people that helped him unravel his past and open his eyes to the truth about his family. This single trip changed Bud's life for the better. If you decide to read this book, it will certainly captivate you as much as it captivated the 6th grade.



Reverse Order

Julianna DeGiorgio

On April 25th the entire Middle School went over to the PAC to see a performance. An alternative rock band from New Jersey called Reverse Order came to talk to us about bullying, and what they did to solve their problems. There were three men and they each told their personal story of how they were bullied and what they did to solve their problems. These three men realized that by ignoring the bullying and doing things that they loved helped them not get so upset. It turns out that they all liked music a lot, and they found each other and decided to start a band and named themselves, Reverse Order. They were so successful that they actually got to be on "America's Got Talent"! The band came and sang, played the drums, and electric guitar. They even created a song of their own about their life and being bullied. The message that this band gave us was to just follow your dreams and never give up; ignore being bullied and talk to someone if you are.



Storyworks

By Julia Shala

The fifth grade ELA classes have a subscription to a magazine called Storyworks, by Scholastic. The magazine contains fiction and non-fiction stories. The fifth grade gets them every month.

One of the sections in the magazine is called Grammar Cop. This section teaches grammar and has different facts about things like animals and food. In the non-fiction sections, there are stories usually about geography. In the fiction section there can be cartoons. We read them every month and do the activities. Storyworks is a great addition to the ELA classroom!





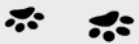
SPOTLIGHT



Our New Assistant Principal

By Nicholas Lombardi

Our new Assistant Principal is now Mr. McCarty! Mr. McCarty was the social studies teacher for the 6th Grade. He was a teacher for 12 years. He studied very hard to become our assistant principal. His 6th grade class was very sad to see him leave as their teacher, but so happy to have him as our assistant principal! Good luck, Mr. McCarty in your new position. We know you will do an excellent job!



A SHOUT OUT...

By Teresa France

*...to the Office Staff for
keeping us informed!*



**...to the bus drivers
for getting us to
and from school
safely**

**NICE JOB, PTA...THE
BOOK FAIR WAS
AWESOME!**

A special
shout out to Mr.
McCarty for being
a great Assistant
Principal!



**AWESOME JOB,
SAFE KIDS**

**THANK YOU, MRS.
SHERWOOD FOR ALWAYS
FIXING OUR LAPTOPS!**

**SHOUT OUT TO THE
LUNCH AIDES FOR
KEEPING US SAFE
OUTSIDE!**



**Thank you,
Custodians! The
school is always
clean!**

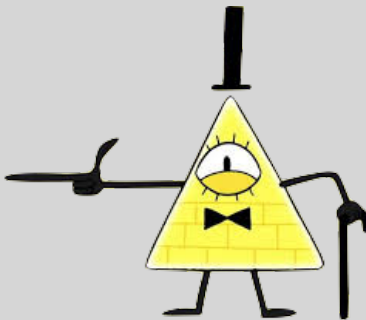




Geometry in 5th Grade

By Tara Dolack

In Mr. Carlin's math class we were learning about geometry using geo boards to make different shapes; both regular and irregular. We learned what an isosceles triangle is by just reminding yourself, "I saw soscele buying a pair of socks", because the isosceles triangle has a pair of even sides and one side is not the same. Geometry is fun!! It helps us create things like the character, Bill Cipher from Gravity Falls. He is an equilateral triangle!



Super Bowl 50

By Evan Gutierrez

Super Bowl 50 was a matchup between the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos. The Broncos won 24-10, however, the win was more defense than offense. Peyton Manning, Broncos quarterback, was not very solid in this game; he was 13 for 23 with 141 yards, no touchdowns, and one interception. The Bronco defense forced three turnovers from the juggernaut Panthers offense. Overall, the game was all Broncos defensively and offensively, and this game put them in the books.



PVMS Art, Music and Technology Show

By Ava Broccolo and Giovanna Cartategui

The PVMS Art, Music and Technology Show happens every year in June. All Mrs. Racanelli's art students have a few pieces of art that go into the show. It is a very big hit! The show is on June 3, 2016. All of the artwork is placed throughout the cafeteria and hallways. The different displayed art pieces are watercolors, paint, clay, pastels, shading, and portraits. The school looks like an art museum. Along with the art class work, Mrs. Trchala's technology classes have work displayed as well. And for more enjoyment, the Middle School Jazz Band performs as well! Parents, friends, and grandparents enjoy this event! So we hope to see you there.



An Interview with Mr. Kane

By Dominic Mantilla



Q: How long have you been working at PVMS?

A: This is my fifth year but I worked at the High School for 11 years.

Q: What do you do as a school psychologist?

A: I talk with parents and teachers and run meetings about students' education. I do activities or "tests" to find out the best way for each kid to learn. I also solve everyday problems.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to the University of Buffalo. There I got degrees in psychology and sociology. Then I went to graduate school at Columbia University. There I went to the teacher's college and got a degree in school psychology.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A: I really like working with students because I feel like I make good relationships with them. Also, helping them is rewarding.

Q: What is the most difficult part of your job?

A: Probably giving bad news to students and guardians.

Q: What advice would you give a person who is thinking about

becoming a school psychologist?

A: They should really do their research to make sure they have a good understanding of the job.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I like to do yoga and I try to exercise often. I also like to read and go to New York City.

Q: What is your favorite quote?

A: I like quotes about being yourself, especially this one:

"There is only one you for all time. Fearlessly be yourself."

-Anthony Rapp

(an actor from the play, Rent)





HoverCam®

By Dominic Mantilla

There is a new and popular camera that we use here at PVMS called the HoverCam®. There are three main versions: The Solo 5, the Solo 8, and the Neo 3. The HoverCam is a document scanner. Ji Shen is the CEO and inventor of the HoverCam. Some teachers around the school use HoverCams. Mrs. Stein, a 6th grade ELA/AIS teacher uses a HoverCam in her classes. We asked her some questions about the camera.



Q: How long have you had the camera?

A: Since October of 2015

Q: Do you think the camera is useful in the classroom?

A: I do; I think it enables the kids to see work that is theirs or is going to be theirs. It's great for modeling to show the students what they can do... also it can zoom in like a magnifying glass.

Q: Any general comments about the HoverCam?

A: I love it! I also use it to create videos to show other teachers how I grade student work; if they want to grade similarly.

Mrs. Stein uses a Solo 8 while Mrs. Sherwood uses a Neo 3, Solo 8, etc.

Clearly, HoverCams help teachers and students alike.

TECHIE TIPS!

- *to type accents like the "e" in café, hold down the "e" key until options pop up*
- *to look up the definition of a word, select the word t and press the Cmd + Ctrl + D keys*





Mrs. Weyn

By Teresa France

You may have read some of Suzanne Weyn's novels. She has written numerous books such as the The Haunted Museum series, Distant Waves and The Bar Code Tattoo, to name a few. Along with her writing career, she plays a big part here in PV schools. She lives in Putnam Valley and comes to sub at our schools! We even have some copies of her books her at the Middle School. She recently subbed in Mrs. Aquilino's class. There, she talked about her career and her life as an author. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Weyn here at PV.



Positive Phone Calls Home

By Giovanna Cartategui

When you get a phone call from your teacher, you know that you're in trouble. So you hand the phone to your mom and she also knows you're in trouble. Then she gets on the phone and starts to smile. You've been chosen for student of the month or, maybe the teacher just wants to inform your parents about how well you are doing in their class! Not all phone calls from teachers are bad. Teachers can call parents for positive reasons too! So remember, next time you get a phone call from your teacher... think twice.



Presidential Election Results

By Jon Fuchs and
Dominic Mantilla

We posted a survey on MBC for the PVMS students to see whom they would vote for in the upcoming primary election for the President of the United States. 302 students took this survey.

P.S. This survey was before Ted Cruz and John Kasich dropped out

Here are the results:

Republicans:

Donald Trump 36%

Ted Cruz 5%

John Kasich 3%

Democrats:

Hillary Clinton 12%

Bernie Sanders 15%



N/A

29%

We would like to thank PVMS (you guys!) for taking this survey. We would also like to thank Mrs. Sherwood for setting up the survey for us.

Our Environmental Project

By Olivia Goncalves

Mrs. Brothers' 6th grade class worked on a project for our environmental unit. This project is unlike any project that most people have ever seen before. The student creates the project, designs the material and decides when it is due. The project must somehow, try to change the world. Mrs. Brothers is a very good teacher and very passionate about what she teaches. One of those things is keeping the environment safe and clean. She assigned us this project to teach us that we *can* change the world. Some students measured the amount of waste in the cafeteria to find the right amount of food to serve so that less food gets thrown out. Other students created a series of challenges on social media for people to do to raise awareness about the environment and how to keep it safe and clean. Mrs. Brothers hopes that we all will one day create something that will change the world. So from all of us in her class, we hope one day you too will help change the world.





The Spring Band and Chorus Concerts

By Olivia Goncalves



This year Putnam Valley Middle School had the pleasure of presenting all of the hard work and knowledge gained in our yearly Spring band and chorus concert. Our band teachers are Ms. Kraus and Mr. Beucke and the chorus teacher is Mrs. Craane. The band students in 5th grade played ***Legend, Sun Catcher, Valor, and Courtly Dance and Procession.*** The 6th graders played ***Edifice, Bunker Hill March, Newcastle Overture,*** and the theme song to ***Star Wars.*** The 7th graders played, ***Dorian Haiku, Superheroes R Us,*** and ***Tipperary March.*** The 8th graders played ***Camino De Sol, The Star Wars Saga,*** and ***Song for Winds.***

In the chorus concerts the 5th and 6th graders sang ***The Lion and the Unicorn, Putt'n on the Ritz, Clap yo Hands, Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet, Amani Utupe,*** and ***I am your Child.*** The 7th graders sang ***Here Comes the Sun, One Call Away, Ease on Down the Road, Bonse Aba*** and ***The Rose.*** The 8th grade sang ***Grease, True Colors, Tuimbe, Love Yourself,*** and ***When I'm Sixty-Four.*** The band and chorus classes worked very hard all year long. Many families came to see their children's hard work and talent.

The Drug Prevention Lady

By Josef Wacaser



Mrs. Strang, the Drug Prevention teacher teaches us about how **BAD** drugs are for you. First she had the 6th graders do a test with alcohol goggles. They are goggles that when you wear them it can give you the feeling of being intoxicated.

They make you feel off balanced and dizzy. It was really amazing to see how different things seem. Second, she taught us about how drugs can affect your thoughts. Lastly, she taught us about how drugs can affect our physical motions. Mrs. Strang taught us about how **BAD** drugs are for you. This class is so important for students.



All County Music Festival

By Jon Fuchs

All County Music Festival is a show that is about instrumental musicians and voice musicians from different schools who come together and perform. All County was held at the Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster on March 11th and 12th. Our group from Putnam Valley was really small but with all the other schools, we made a huge group. We practiced Fridays after school, and Wednesdays during lunch but it was worth it because everybody sounded great! On the day of the concert the band conductor gave us a new song. We were all surprised because we didn't practice it, but we all pulled it off and we sounded awesome. Joining the All County Music Festival was a great experience.



5th and 6th grade chorus group



5th and 6th grade band group



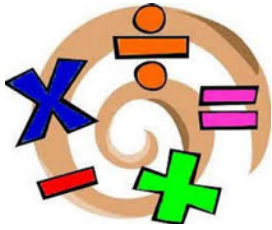
7th and 8th grade chorus group



7th and 8th grade band group

Fun, Fun, Funny!!!

By TaraDolack



math words

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MATH
ROCKS



ACUTE
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ANGLES
FRACTIONS
MULTIPLICATION
SUBTRACTION

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puzzlemaker.com



Fun, Fun, Funny!!!



*That gets me
thinking.....*

Did You Know that.....

By Tara Dolack

...11% of the people in the world are left-handed?

...August has the highest percentage of births?

...unless food is mixed with saliva, you can't taste it?

...the average person falls asleep in 7 minutes?

...bears have 42 teeth?

kids.niehs.nih.gov/games/jokes/trivia.htm



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