

Pleasant Avenue December 2011 Newsletter



December 2011 Dates to Remember:

- 1-16 PTA Holiday Food Drive
- 1—Jan. 6 Six Flags Read to Succeed Program
- 2 Persevering Pioneer Breakfast 8:30 AM
- 2 Character Education Assembly 1:30 PM—our focus will be "Caring" this month.
- 5 Shared Decision Making Team Meeting 5:15 PM
- 5 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 8 Daytime Winter Concert for students and staff 9:30 AM
- 8 Winter Concert 7 PM—PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO HELP OUR FOOD DRIVE
- 9 PTA Holiday Movie Night and Pajama Party 6-8 PM
- 15 Board of Education Business Meeting, 6 PM @ JHS
- 24-Jan. 2 Holiday Recess

Principal's Corner


November was certainly was a busy month! We started with the Veterans' Day assembly, that I believe helped the students understand the importance of honoring members of the military. We also joined the Johnstown Holiday parade, which thanks to staff members, PTA, parents, the students and their families, was a huge success and a whole lot of fun.

We started some new programs at Pleasant Ave. this past month. The Success Maker program is now being offered to all students who wish to work on Success Maker. The program is offered before school from 8:30—9:00 AM and after school from 3:00—3:30 PM in the computer lab.



The parent involvement team started the Homework Club. This club meets after school until 4:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday. The club offers a quiet environment where the students can do their homework and ask for assistance when needed. Currently the club is only open to students who are recommended by their teacher. As we go forward and enlist more volunteers, we hope to open the club to more students.

We are also starting the Six Flags Read to Succeed Program. Flyers and tally sheets were sent home on November 30th. Students can earn tickets to Great Escape by reading for 6 hours and tallying their reading time.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who help to make all of our events and programs at Pleasant Avenue the successes they are. I wish you all a very happy holiday season and a very prosperous new year!



The Pleasant Avenue Faculty and Staff
Wish You All A Safe, Joyous
Holiday Season & Happy New Year!
Winter Recess 12/24/11—1/2/2012
School Resumes Tuesday, 1/3/2012



Winter Concert Notes

On December 8th, at 9:30 the fifth and sixth grade chorus and band will hold a daytime concert for our students and staff. The fifth and sixth grade chorus and band will perform for friends and families at their annual Winter Concert on Thursday, December 8th, at 7:00 PM. Families attending are asked to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for our food baskets.



PTA Holiday Movie Night & Pajama Party

The PTA Holiday Movie Night and Pajama Party will be on Friday, December 9 from 6:30—8:00 PM. The PTA will be sending out a flyer in the near future explaining this fun event.



Holiday Food Drive December 1—December 16, 2011

Pleasant Avenue students are showing they care by helping the PTA with their food drive this year. Please help the PTA help Pleasant Avenue families in need for the holidays. The PTA has begun collecting non-perishable food items through December 16th. Any and all assistance that you can afford will be greatly appreciated. We are asking for your help by having your children bring in any non-perishable food items for the baskets. There will be a box located in the main lobby of the school. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item to Holiday Movie Night and the Winter Concert.



Chess Club

Chess club is coming back to Pleasant Ave. Mrs. Sepanara will be sending home more information with a permission slip before holiday break.



International Club's Snowflake Dance 5th & 6th Graders, Sunday, December 4th

The JHS International is hosting a dance for 5th & 6th Graders on Sunday, December 4th 5-7:30 PM at the Johnstown Eagles Club. Suggested dress is semi-formal. If you didn't purchase tickets in school, you may pay at the door. The cost is \$5.00.



Accelerated Reader Update

Congratulations to the following students, they are the top five Accelerated Readers

Tristan Zito Colemar Henderson Anne Ballou
Lillian Nevins Gigi Stetic



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There are four 1/2 days of school that were added for students this school year. Lunch will be served. The dates are:

- Tuesday, January 31, 2012
- Thursday, March 8, 2012
- Wednesday, March 28, 2012
- Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Dismissal for these days will be 11:45 AM.

Outdoor Recess

When the temperature is above 20 degrees students will be going outdoors for recess. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. They should be wearing hats and gloves regularly and snow pants and boots when needed.

