



Pleasant Avenue Elementary School January 2010 Newsletter



Important Dates to Remember

January 5th	School Banking resumes every Tuesday
8th	6th Grade Book Float Parade @ 2:00 PM
7th	Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM—JHS (Please note location change)
13th	Chess Club begins—8:30 AM (signed permission slips are required)
14th	The NED Show Assembly
18th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
22nd	Snowflake Dance 7:00—8:00 PM
22nd	Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 PM JHS Small Cafeteria
22nd	Elementary Second Marking Period Ends
25th	SDM Meeting @ 6:00 PM & PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM
27th	Pennies for Patients Kick off Assembly
February 2nd	School-Wide Spelling Bee

A Note from Mr. Vivenzio

Welcome back! I would like to thank everyone for making the holiday season of 2009 so great. Santa's workshop was a huge success. Thank you to all who made this event so successful. The families of Pleasant Avenue Students, the staff, along with area businesses, helped to make some of our less fortunate students enjoy their holiday even more by donating food and gift items. I thank everyone for their generosity.

With the start of the new year we will be kicking off some reading programs. We will have our school-wide program, "Just Scoop It! The Pleasant Avenue Showdown." This program will run January 11 through June 11th. This will be a competition between the staff and students with a celebration on June 18th. More information will be distributed at our kickoff assembly on January 11th.

Another reading program we will be participating in is the Six Flags "Read to Succeed" six hour reading club. This program will run January 4th—February 19th. All you need to do to earn a free ticket to Six Flags is read for six hours between now and February 19th, fill out your paperwork and return it to school by February 19th. All of the paperwork is attached to this newsletter.

We will be kicking off our character education program for 2010 with The NED show. NED teaches kids what it takes to become a champion at school and in life by **N**ever giving up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best. The NED show will reinforce good character and anti-bullying.

Just a few reminders: If you are picking up your child from school, please remember that parents should not enter the building until 2:55, unless your child is leaving early. At that time kindergarten and 1st grade parents should go directly to the cafeteria and sign their child out. All other parents should wait outside for their children to be dismissed at 3:10 PM. Please remember that this is for the safety of your children. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." **Martin Luther King, Jr.** On Monday, January 18th school will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Take time to reflect on the impact that Mr. King's life had on all Americans.

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be on Monday, January 25th at 6:30 PM. The PTA is requesting your help—we need volunteers for school banking. If you are available to help on Tuesday mornings from 8:30—9:30, please let Mrs. Donohue know via email sahmomnlovinit@yahoo.com.

Winter Concert

Our winter concert in December was fantastic. The students worked very hard and their effort showed when it came time to perform. Mr. Morton, Mrs. Tyler and Ms Healy did an excellent job preparing the band and chorus. Thank you to our music department for all that you do with our students. The following students performed in the concert:



2009-2010 Pleasant Avenue Chorus

6th Grade

Elizabeth Anderson	Devon Beekman Williams	Victoria Belknap	Felicia Benedict-Hillman	Casey Brower
Thea Dingmon	Timothy Brunetto	Alexis Fisher	Ricky Hemstreet	Kaeliegh Lozier
Carly Marotta	Addison Nellis	Hannah Pitcavage	Morgan Romano	James Soler
Daviannah Spencer	Alexandra VanAernam	Lilly VanAuken	Erica Wagner	Whitney Western

5th Grade

Alura Ambrosino	Skylar Anderson	Monic Fregin	Megan Fudger	Krystina Graham
Anna Heroth	Julia Marrone	Kassi Morehouse	Cecelia Mowrey	Laci Nellis
Randi Nellis	Eraina Roe	Emily Rose	Alexander Pratt	Macayla Razzano
Mikalla Sartin	Tatyana Rosario	Jasmine Vrooman	Angela Wolff	Clayton Yourn

Concert Band Members

Ryan Ammann	Victoria Belknap	Logan Brandt	Miranda Ernst	Patrick Fleming
Felicia Hillman	Alexandra VanAernam	Whitney Western	Jamal Vazquez	

Beginning Band Members

Kaitlyn Angus	Casey Brower	Mallory DeFrancis	Thea Dingmon	Paige Ellingwood
Lindsey Fiore	Krystina Graham	Brian Green	Anna Heroth	Nolan Hojohn
Mark Kilburn	Julia Marrone	Karlee Morehouse	Kassi Morehouse	Cecelia Mowrey
Brandon Mraz	Laci Nellis	Randi Nellis	Hannah Pitcavage	Christopher Pertell
Alex Pratt	Eraina Roe	Tatyana Rosario	Benjamin Russo	Jordan Spaid
Tyler Spaid	Patrick Sprouse	Jack Truckenmiller	Angela Wolff	Jasmine Vrooman
Benjamin Wager				

Pennies for Patients

Students will be participating in the Pennies for Patients campaign with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We will have a kickoff assembly on January 27th and begin our coin drive February 1st and continue until the 26th. Students are encouraged to drop their spare change in a collection box located in their classroom. This fantastic service-learning project will promote caring, citizenship, and team work amongst our students. We're looking forward to helping a great organization that helps so many kids. If you would like more information, please visit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's School and Youth Programs website at: <http://www.schoolandyouth.org/school/Controller?action=homepage>

PTA Reflections Program Update

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Mohawk Valley Reflections Showcase last month.

Good luck to the following students who are moving on to the state level competition: Hannah Pitcavage, Addison Nellis, Miranda Ernst.

Accelerated Reader Update

The Accelerated Reader program is going strong. The following are the top three students in each grade level.

Kindergarten—Shawn Ammann, Gigi Stefic, Maryann Austin

First Grade—Thomas Truckenmiller, Sebastian Russo, Emily Fudger

Second Grade—Abraham Miller, Zada Poulin, Julia Norris

Third Grade—Katherine Ammann, Ethan Wager, Lillian Nevins

Fourth Grade—Heidi Chamberlain, Zachary Ropeter, Heidi Chamberlain

Fifth Grade—Brandon Mraz, Ben Wager, Jack Truckenmiller

Sixth Grade—Erica Wagner, Morgan Romano, and

Tied for 3rd place—Ryan Ammann, Logan Brandt, Tim Brunetto and Miranda Ernst

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go."

Dr. Seuss

