



# November 2011 Pleasant Ave. Newsletter



## November 2011 Dates to Remember:


- 3rd Education & Economic Development Summit @ HFM BOCES 6—9:30 PM
- 4th Popcorn Sale for Mrs. Meashaw's Class
- 4th 1st Marking Period Ends
- 6th Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall Back—Set clocks back 1 hour
- 7th SDM Meeting at 5:15 PM
- 7th PTA Meeting at 6 PM in Library
- 9th PTA BINGO Night 6-8 PM
- 10th Superintendent's Conference Day—**No School for Students**
- 11th Veterans' Day - **No School**
- 15th Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8 PM
- 17th Parent-Teacher Conferences—**Students will dismiss at 12:05 PM**
- 17th Post Prom Spaghetti Dinner 4:30—6:30 PM @ St. John's Episcopal Church
- 17th Board of Education Business Meeting 6 PM @ JHS
- 18th Popcorn Sale for Mrs. Ringer's Class
- 18th Report Cards are distributed
- 18th Johnstown Holiday Parade
- 22nd Emergency Early Release Day—**School Ends at 2:55 PM**
- 23rd-25th Thanksgiving Recess—**No School**
- 29th Picture Retake Day

## A Note from Mr. Vivenzio

October was certainly a fun-filled month. On behalf of the staff and students of Pleasant Avenue, I would like to thank the PTA from all three elementary schools for the Fall Festival. They provided a wonderful, fun-filled day for all to enjoy. November looks like it will also be a busy month, on Tuesday, November 9th at 1:30 PM we will be holding an assembly to honor our country's veterans. If you are a veteran or have a family member or friend who would like to speak at this assembly, please contact me at 762-8610. The first marking period ends on November 4th. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held 6-8 PM on Tuesday, November 15th, and afternoon conferences will be held on Thursday, November 17th. If you haven't set up a conference with your child's teacher, please contact them by calling the office, 762-8610 or emailing them. Their email address is the first initial of their first name, and last name @ johnstownschoools.com (i.e., Helen Reed's address is hreed@johnstownschoools.com).

## HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL ADDED TO DISTRICT CALENDAR.

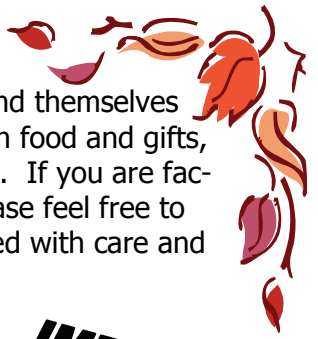
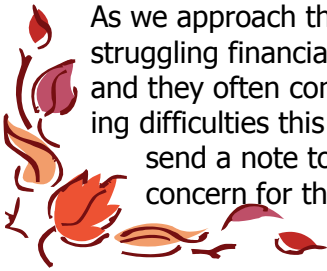
In order for parents to make plans regarding the care of their children, please note that the school calendar has been revised. There will be four ½ days of school for students. They are

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- Tuesday, January 31, 2012 dismissal at 11:45 AM\*
  - Thursday, March 8, 2012 dismissal at 11:45 AM\*
  - Wednesday, March 28, 2012 dismissal at 11:45 AM\*
  - Wednesday, May 2, 2012 dismissal at 11:45 AM\*

Elementary students will be dismissed at **11:45 am** while Junior High and High School students will be dismissed at 11:00am. **Lunch will be served at each building.**

The purpose of the revision is to allow the staff to receive professional development on the increased State Education Departments mandates in curriculum implementation. Ultimately, the work conducted by staff and administration will enhance the ability to meet the new increased standards which in turn positively affects your student. Our apologies for the change; however, some important timelines and expectations provided to the District were not available until the school year began. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to improve teaching and learning in the Greater Johnstown School District.

\* - **Please note that this dismissal time is different from the half day dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences. The Parent Teacher Conference Day, Nov. 17th will be at 12:05 PM.**



**Holiday Needs**

As we approach the holiday season, we often have Pleasant Avenue families who find themselves struggling financially. There are several community organizations ready to help with food and gifts, and they often contact the school for suggestions about families needing assistance. If you are facing difficulties this year and could use some help (or know of someone who is), please feel free to send a note to Mr. Vivenzio. All referrals will be strictly confidential and handled with care and concern for the dignity of the families and students involved.

**IMPORTANT!**

**Emergency "Go Home Drill"**

Tuesday, November 22nd, is the annual countywide Emergency Go Home Early Drill. Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early (2:55). This drill is to provide students and parents the opportunity to discuss and practice what should happen when school must be dismissed early in the event of an emergency.

Please review the following procedures with your child. Questions which should be answered include:

1. Where should your child go if no one is home?
2. Who should the child call if no one is home?
3. Does the school have accurate information for emergency phone numbers?
4. If your phone number or address have changed, have you notified the school?

Please note: On Tuesday, November 22nd, students are to leave the building promptly and go directly home or to the designated place. Students who need rides should make prior arrangements to be picked up promptly at 2:55. School personnel will also be asked to "Go Home," so it is very important that you make arrangements for your children to be picked up on time.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences/Report Cards**



Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at night on Nov. 15th, and during the day on Thursday Nov. 17th. **Students will be dismissed at 12:05 PM on November 17th** for afternoon conferences. If you do not have a conference scheduled with your child's teacher, please call the school to schedule one

**PTA Notes**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Fall Festival. The day was a huge success and would not have been possible without you.

Come and meet our new superintendent, Mr. Robert DeLilli. He will be at our next PTA meeting on Monday, November 7th at 6 PM in the library. All are welcome to attend.

BINGO Night will be Wednesday, November 9th, from 6-8 PM. Participation is free, but we would like to ask that you donate a non-perishable food item for our holiday food baskets. A parent, guardian or responsible adult must accompany any student attending.

The Reflections theme this year is "Diversity is..." All Reflections entries need to be turned in to Mrs. Ammann by Tuesday, November 15th at 4:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ammann.

If you haven't joined the Pleasant Avenue PTA yet, please consider doing so. The PTA does many wonderful things for the students at Pleasant Avenue. Fall Festival, BINGO nights, Science and Art Fair are just some of the events they bring to our school. The cost is \$5. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school at 762-8610.

## Winter Months



Winter weather is rapidly approaching. Please be sure that your child is dressed properly with hats, gloves, boots and other apparel. Also, remember the building does not open until 8:30; therefore, there is no supervision for your child before 8:30 AM. Students will go outside for recess every day that the weather permits, as long as the wind chill temperature is above **20 degrees**. Students in grades 1-3 should wear snow pants, hats, mittens/gloves and boots. Students in grades 4-6 should wear, as a minimum—hats, mittens/gloves, and boots. We reserve the right to keep students indoors, if in our judgment, they are not adequately clothed for weather conditions.

## Thank you Veterans!



We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude. Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. We will have an assembly on Wednesday, November 9th at 1:30 PM to honor our veterans. Parents are welcome to attend. **Students please wear red, white and blue on November 9th. If you are a veteran or know a veteran who would like to participate please contact the office.**

## School Closing/Delay Announcements

When weather emergencies or other problems cause school to be closed or delayed, announcements will be made on the following radio and television stations:

WGY 810 AM WIZR 930 AM WENT 1340 AM WRGB Channel 6 WNYT Channel 13 WTEN Channel 10

School will start at the following times when school is delayed:

- **Two Hour Delay—School Starts at 11:00 AM—Breakfast is not Served**
  - **Students should not arrive before 10:30 AM**
- **One Hour Delay—School Starts at 10:00 AM—Breakfast is Served**
  - **Students should not arrive before 9:30 AM**



### **Johnstown High School**

#### **Post Prom Fundraiser Spaghetti Supper**

**Thurs., November 17,  
2011**

**4:30—6:30 PM**

**\$7.00**

**Dinner Includes:**

**Spaghetti and Meatballs**

**Salad, Bread and Dessert**

**All proceeds benefit**

**JHS Post Prom Party**



### **Education & Economic Development Summit Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011**

**6 to 9:30 PM**

**At HFM BOCES**

2755 State Highway 67

Johnstown, NY

For More information visit

[www.johnstownschoools.org](http://www.johnstownschoools.org)

Or call HFM BOCES At 736-4300

**The Pleasant Avenue Staff would like to wish you a**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**School will be closed**

**Wednesday, November 23th through Friday, November 25th**

**Have a happy and safe recess!**

