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Principal Points - Chad Smith

I hope this note finds you and your family enjoying great summer activities!

Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, August 13th. A big thank you in advance to our PTO for all the hard work they do in organizing this event. The first student day of school will be Monday, August 17th.

For the upcoming school year, we will no longer be operating two main offices. Pleasant View Elementary has been one school (combined upper and lower) for over two years but still operating two offices. This past spring saw our pre-school relocate to Boone Meadow. At the same time, there was a projected decrease in our student enrollment for the coming year. Add to this, the open classroom space we have had vacant (last year we had five classrooms that were used as office space and small group work areas on the north side of our campus). As a result, this presented the opportunity to move a great majority of our classrooms.

As one would walk into our new building configuration, Kindergarten and some first grades will be located to the immediate left. As you pass our office and continue down the main hall, additional first grade classrooms will be to your left, and third grade classrooms to your right. At the end of the hall, second grade classrooms will be located on the west end and fourth grade classrooms on the east end.

On the south side of campus (traditional upper), we will still have a few classrooms for third and fourth grades in the outer pod facing the bus lot (closest to the cafe). All classes will still be able to use the LGI space, gym, and a new Adventure Center (located in the former upper). The Adventure Center will be housed in the old upper library. Students will use this space as a literacy lab and discovery center -- an area in which they can go and share in a common experience embracing literacy or discovery learning. For example, students might attend a story time on the ocean, hear the breeze, feel the sand and then go back to their classroom and write about this common shared experience. This is an evolving, exciting opportunity for PVE students and teachers.

The new physical layout of our school saves over $41,000 in heating and cooling costs alone. It allows for a much safer and secure campus with added corridor doors placed on the south side of campus as well as having one main office.

Please look for another update the week of August 7th in regards to parent pick up/drop off and student biking/walking information as well as additional information.

I look forward to the upcoming year!

Yours in Education,
Chad Smith

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Twelve PTO Parents spent 1.5 hours stuffing seven hundred and thirty PVE student folders recently. Please take a moment to thank the following volunteers when you pick up your child's folder at the Ice Cream Social:

Lesley Hargrave, Jen Kennedy, Kelly Huibregste, Jen Seeloff, Cindy Strachan, Jennifer Pratt, Roxanne Murphy, Jeanne Kreiger, Donna Hoftiezer, Tracy Pappas, Missy Pawlowski, Carol Suico, Kirsten Wujek

Student Arrival

All PVE students who walk, ride bikes, or are driven to school in the morning will enter at the Pleasant View office entrance, formerly known as the "lower" office. Students should arrive at school no sooner than 8:50 and should wait at the front entry until bus release. Only bus riders will enter from the bus lot in the interest of student safety. If a student is arriving late for school, please escort them into the building and check with the front office.

KINDERGARTEN MID-DAY DISMISSAL AND ARRIVAL
Morning Kindergarten dismissal and afternoon Kindergarten arrival will take place in the bus lot at the northeast drive, just as in years past. Please reference Kindergarten parent meeting handout for specific directions.

STUDENT DISMISSAL
At dismissal, all students riding in vehicles may be picked up at the front office entry.

PARENT PERMISSION NEEDED FOR CHANGE IN NORMAL ROUTINE
Please remember to send a note with your child if he or she is being picked up from school or is taking a different bus after school. Without your written permission, children must be sent home following their usual routine. Phone and email messages may not be received in time for adjustments to be made. If it is a change in bus procedures, please send two notes, one for the teacher and one for the bus driver.

Thank you in advance for your help and your patience as we work together to get children to school and back home again safely.

Kirsten Wujek - PTO President

Do you remember the opening scene in the movie High School Musical 2 where the students are watching the clock and singing, "summer, summer, summer…"? I had this silly vision of PVE parents sitting at the pool, work desk or park and suddenly the music starts up with us singing "school, school, school… ." Yes, the summer is almost over and another exciting school year is about to begin.

This time of year though becomes more bittersweet to me as my children get older and move through our school system. I'm calculating the number of summers left with each child and if we've done enough "stuff" to pack those memory books. What I'm finding out as I get older is that my connection with my children is directly related to my involvement and awareness of their activities. With this in mind at Pleasant View Elementary, we have many opportunities to get involved with our children. Through an active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to individual volunteering opportunities in your child's classroom you too can stay connected, even though the summer is now over.

Last year (2008-2009), your PVE PTO funded many programs for PVE students. These included when your child participated in Young Author's Night, Shark Dissection, Kokomo Beach Day, Indiana T-Shirts, States Fair, Arts Festival, and end of the year School Carnival just to name a few. We are again looking forward to another great year with our PVE teachers, staff, and students. Please take the time to read your monthly PVE PTO newsletter for information on programs that are coming up and opportunities for you to "stay connected."

Also, please mark your calendars for the PTO sponsored Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 13th. This year should be even more exciting as our PVE campus has been going through a reconfiguration of classroom space. A few weeks ago you should have received an e-mail from PVE Principal, Chad Smith outlining what has occurred within the PVE walls. We are looking forward to your being able to explore our PVE campus at the Ice Cream Social, meet your child's classroom teacher, and catch up on PVE families you haven't seen lately. PTO will also be available with Spirit Wear to purchase and information on volunteer opportunities and easy fundraising.

If you have any questions please contact me at norskewujek@tds.net or 769-7413.

Thank you for your support.
Kirsten

Spirit Wear Has Arrived At PVE!!

Look for the display at the Ice Cream Social. There are several hot new designs to choose from. Items range from $10 to $35 (cash and check only please). Show your school spirit! Get it while it's hot!

Please direct any questions about PVE Spirit Wear to Jill Bonnell, ebonnell@indy.rr.com.

PVE Ice Cream Social - Thursday, August 13

Pleasant View Elementary PTO Invites you to our Open House & Ice Cream Social
Thursday, August 13th • 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Kindergarten Meeting 7:00 pm in your child's classroom

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to hand out ice cream, please contact Becky Culp (873-0930 or beckyculp@netzero.net or Kim Nurkiewicz at 769-5960 or knurkie@yahool.com.)

Visit your child's classroom and meet their new teacher! Join your neighbors and classmates for refreshing ice cream in both the upper and lower cafeterias. Parking is a premium, so please enjoy a walk to school if you are close.

Box Tops for Education

PVE is collecting box tops again this year to raise money for our school. Box tops for education can be found on many different products. To find out what products have box tops visit www.boxtops4education.com. We will be having two "competitions" this year (one in this fall and the other in the spring) to see which class can bring in the most box tops for school. The winning class will be able to use a portion of the money to buy something fun for PVE. The fall competition will begin on Monday, August 31, and will run through Friday, October 2. There will be a designated bag in your child's classroom when the competition is on. You are welcome to bring in box tops at ANY time throughout the year. A box will be near the office area designated for box tops. Please remind any older neighbors, grandparents or friends that they can help your child's school receive money by collecting them also. We already have over $1,000 coming from our efforts from last year. Thanks again for your help, and be looking for more information as August 31 approaches.

We continue to collect Campbell's soup labels for education also. For more information please see their website at www.labelsforeducation.com Tyson chicken labels are also being added to cut out and collect. Their website is www.tyson.com/projectaplus

You can help raise money for PVE to buy some educational equipment just by going to the grocery store! Just go to www.Marsh.net after August 1st and go to the fresh ideas for education link. Register your fresh idea card to be linked with Pleasant View Elementary and then PVE earns credit points for educational products. Thanks!

Innisbrook Fundraiser Set to Kick-Off!

Welcome Back! Hope you all had a wonderful summer! It's about that time for our biggest fundraiser of the year….our Innisbrook Wraps catalog sale. Our sale will kick off on August 28 and run through September 18th! This year, Innisbrook has put together an amazing prize program for the kids, and the products are phenomenal. Over 83% of Innisbrook's products are made in the United States! The fabulous gift wrap is by far, the BEST quality, and value around. Just one roll of Innisbrook wrapping paper will wrap 12 shirt boxes and several small boxes, compared to the major retail stores and specialty stores that will only wrap ***half*** that amount in most cases!

Innisbrook is a GREEN company! All of their specialty gift wrap is printed on premium recycled paper, that offers exceptional weight and whiteness for brilliant results! All brochures, order forms, envelopes and catalogs are printed on recycled paper. All school orders are entered on our website, using our EZ Order Entry Program…eliminating tons of wasted paper!

WHAT IS THE EZ ORDER ENTRY?

- It is an order/data entry program for parents to enter their child's orders…that's it! It is NOT where you order Innisbrook products online.
- No order forms returned to the school to be reviewed or processed!
- EZ Order Entry is required for kids to get the brand new video game downloads!
- Instant win cash prize opportunities for everyone who enters their orders! Using the EZ Order Entry reduces paper waste by 65%!!

This year our goal is to raise $26,000! PVE gets to keep HALF of that amount! When we achieve our goal, our principal, Mr. Smith will wear a pink gorilla suit to thank the students and parents for their efforts!

PVE PTO Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 1st • 9:15 am in the PVE Teachers Lounge

6 ways to CLIP, SHOP, and earn $ for PVE

1. **Box top labels**
   Clip label and turn in at PVE office in brightly colored marked box.
   PVE gets 10 cents for each label.
   The school receives money twice a year.
   Two classroom competitions will be held in September and February.
   Participating products and other info can be found at www.boxtops4education.com.
2. **Campbell's soup labels and caps**
   Clip UPC label or find participating caps and turn into label box at office.
   Points accumulate to buy merchandise for PVE.
   Two classroom competitions will be held in October and April.
   Participating products and other info can be found at www.labelsforeducation.com.
3. **Tyson (chicken) Project A+**
   Clip label off boxes/bags of chicken and turn into label box at office.
   PVE gets 24 cents for each label.
   The school receives money from total labels collected.
   Participating products and other info can be found at www.tyson.com/projectaplus/
   the school ID number is 3178732376 (school ph. w/o dashes).

Label box is for all three types of labels. We collect all three all year, not just during competition times!

4. **Marsh**
   1. Go to www.marsh.net.
   2. Go to the Fresh Ideas for Education link on the lower left hand side.
   3. Go to the bottom of the page and click on parent sign up.
   4. Enter your Fresh Idea card number and submit.
   5. Enter PVE school code which is 28513 and submit.
5. **Target**
   Go to www.target.com/tcoe
   Apply for one of the following :
   1. Target Visa credit card (accepted where VISA is)
   2. Target credit card (accepted only at Target)
   3. Target check card
   Enter PVE's ID number: 49160
   Shop at Target and earn money every time you shop!
   March 2009 donation was $1, 473.28 Thank you!
6. **Meijer**
   Go to www.meijer.com/rewards.
   Sign up for a Meijer 1 card (NOT a credit card) or a Meijer Mastercard credit card.
   Enter PVE's ID number: 796374
   Shop at Meijer and earn money every time you shop and use the card!

Please contact the following with questions regarding a particular fundraiser.

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