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NEWS OF THE WEEK

STUDENTS:

- **Pleasant Valley Elementary announces that Joey Bates**, (grade 5) is the winner of the 2005 Earth Day Poster Contest sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. There were 640 entries for 8 grade levels. Joey's poster will move on for state judging. Congratulations Joey and Good Luck. **Mrs. Dumont, teacher**, coordinated this project.

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Hillside's PTA and Guidance Department** are presenting to adults only, Meg McIntrye, The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center's Middle School Education Coordinator, who is speaking on the problems kids have in establishing healthy relationships with the opposite sex, and helping kids learn the differences between flirting and sexual harassment. The program is **free and open to adults only** on **Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.**
- **Fourteen students in the Tech Prep Electronics program at PSH have passed the World Class Customer Service Specialist Exam!!** Certified individuals instill confidence in their clients, their supervisors, and the world; thereby commanding a higher income and respect. Hundreds of educational institutions incorporate the Electronic Technicians Association's exams in their courses. The ETA's World Class CSS Certification exam is professional recognized as upholding high interpersonal and business standards. Joe Delio teaches the course.
- **Valley Forge High School** will host a new student orientation program for all students who will be enrolling at VF for the first time in the 2005-06 school year on **Wednesday, February 2nd at 7pm.** Registration is available from 6-7pm and after the program.
- **Students at Pleasant Valley Elementary** are quickly reaching their goal of 10,000 points for the second quarter. They have continued to set and read their increasingly higher goals.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS:

- Cox Communications will air a **Public Service Announcement** regarding our upcoming school levies (Issues # 5 and # 6) at various times on the following channels: Cox 45, Hallmark, American Movie Classics (AMC), Discovery Health, Game Show Network.
- **Please refer to our web site for a list of academic cuts, pending new money passage. "Budget 2004, and the link is listed under "What will Happen"**

- **Please join the Back The Schools Committee** for a “Levy Watch” and potluck dinner on Tuesday, February 8th, 6:30 pm at the Red Rees Professional Learning Center (PSH). Call Bev Sara at 440-885-8305 for information and potluck offering.
- **Academic Services** is conducting various reading sessions. The next one is on **Tuesday, January 25th** at the Red Rees Professional Learning Center at PSH from 7pm-8pm.
- Coming to our District on Saturday, January 29th, is the *Power of the Pen* competition at the middle school level.
- **Technology Thursdays:** February 3: Novell Groupwise (email, Calendar, etc); February 10th: On-Line Resources, Open Source, Linux, Freeware, and Shareware. February 17th: The Technology Benchmarks and Standards and the ODE-IMS. These workshops are open to all staff at no cost. Log on bilbo/staffdev. For complete descriptions, or email sharonjone@parma.k12.oh.us.
- Our **Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield Field Service Representative**, Theresa Brick is available at the Board Office on Tuesdays Noon-4:30, Wednesday and Thursdays 8am – 4pm. Call 440-885-8331 or email her in our employee database.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS:

- **From the Board of Elections: ALL Absentee Ballot request forms for the Tuesday, February 8th Special Election are due to the Board of Elections by Saturday, February 5th. “The earlier the better.” Contact: 216-443-3200 with any questions.**
- Get ready for a fun evening!!! The **PSH PTSA will be holding their Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle on Friday, January 28, 2005 at PSH from 3:30-7:00 pm.** Dinner tickets for age 4 and up are \$5.00 each. Dine in and take-out available. **Call: Jean at 440-886-6267** or send ticket request with name and phone number to PSH Attn: PTSA.
- Mark your calendars for the **Valley Forge Cluster Wing Ding** at Quotes on Ridge Road for the Back The Schools Committee is **Sunday, January 30th 1-4pm.** Tickets are \$15.00 and include: wings, hog dogs, pasta and various beverages. Contact a VFHS cluster building for tickets.
- **Monday night Pasta Dinner, January 31st at Normandy High School, sponsored by the NHS Wrestling Team. Carry out 4pm, Dine-in 5-7pm.** Tickets \$6.50 adults, \$3.50 ages 5 and younger. Contact Coach Vaughn at 440-885-2400 or 440-888-3129.
- **NHS’s All-Sports Boosters** is sponsoring a **Reverse Raffle on Saturday, February 19th** at St. Michael’s Woodside. The event includes dinner dancing and a chance for \$2,000.00 Tickets available at the NHS Athletic Department. Tickets: \$90 couple, \$65 single and \$40 for an absentee ticket.
- **The Cuyahoga County Library system is holding their “Families Reading Together” program in February.** The program is designated for families with children preschool through age 12. Registration begins Wednesday, January 19th at all 28 branches of the Library system. January 30th to February 26th registered families read for at least 60 minutes each week.

- The **VF Drama Department** will present a musical review on Friday, February 4th and Saturday February 5th in the auditorium. Curtain time is 8pm, admission \$5.00
- Cox Communications is bringing **high school ice hockey action** to Channel 45 this season. Log on www.cox45.com for the games and broadcast times.
- **“What Parents need to Know” series from the Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center.** February 15th “Exploring Math and Science Through Differentiated Instruction.” 6:30-8:30 pm at the CSESC, Room 104. Recreational Fair on Saturday, February 26th 10am-1pm. Both events at Schaaf Community Center, 5983 West 54th Street in Parma. Call: 440-885-2685
- Community/Business/Schools (C/B/S) is holding their 6th annual **Read-A-Thon** “Reading is All-American” on **Saturday, February 19th 11am-2:30 pm** near JC Penney at Parmatown Mall. The event includes: celebrity readers, student’s skits, book give-aways, used-book exchange with community and business information tables. Bring the family; it’s a wonderful **ASSET-BUILDING** event.
- VF Instrumental Music Boosters presents their annual, “Night at the Duck Races” on Saturday, March 19th. Refer to www.vfbands.com for ticket information/sponsorship forms. Click on the “Boosters” link then the “Fundraisers” link. Make sure you order your tickets by March 11th.
- **The Parma Education Association (PEA)** is holding their annual Reverse Raffle on **Saturday, February 26th** at St. Michael’s Woodside from 6pm to Midnight. Tickets are \$60 for a single dinner and \$85 for a double. Email Connie Shirey at NHS. (440-885-2401) This benefits the student and staff scholarship fund.
- **Attention Guardians of our students:** You may be eligible for the Grandparent/Kinship Caregiver Initiative. This program is specifically for family members who have guardianship for grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. but have not adopted them. Contact Community Navigator, Barbara Terbanc at 440-826-3171.
- **Freeway Lanes of Parma** (12859 Brookpark Road) hosts their 7th annual **“Kops & Kids”** bowling tournament on **Saturday, February 12th 1:00-3:00 pm** for children age 4-17. Pre-registration is a must. Call Freeway Lanes of Parma at 216-267-2150.

Asset Corner: January is Constructive Use of Time: At School: Create a clearinghouse of community youth activities. Post information about community activities on bulletin boards, along with school activities. Call attention to both in daily announcements.

TIDBITS:

The Ohio Dept. of Education has launched a special Web site designed for students preparing for the **Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)**. The site contains short multiple-choice tests in reading and mathematics; a writing practice exercise; sample constructed-response papers in reading and mathematics and more. Log on: <http://ohio.measinc.com/Content.htm>.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 24

SCHOOL CANCELLED- - - INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY

- Parma Board of Education Meeting
PSH Little Theatre, 6285 West 54th Street 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 25

- “Room by Room” Literacy Series at PSH Red Rees Center 7:00-8:00 pm
- VF Boys Basketball vs. Holy Name at home 4:15 pm
- VF Hockey vs. Brooklyn at Ries Rink 8:30 pm
- NHS Swim Meet vs. VF at home 6:00 pm
- High School Mid-Term Schedule: 7:50-11:00 **following Thurs. 1-20 schedule

Wednesday, January 26

- Title I and ESOL International Fair at Dentzler 3:30-4:30 pm
- NHS JV/Varsity Girls Basketball at home 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 27

- Student’s Healthy Relationship Program at Hillside Middle School (adults only) 7:00 pm
- VF Varsity Wrestling vs. Lutheran West/Beachwood at home 6:00 pm

Friday, January 28

- PSH PTSA Spaghetti Dinner 3:30-7:00 pm
- Elementary student report cards sent home
- PSH Varsity Wrestling vs. Berea/Brecksville/Medina at home 6:00 pm
- VF Boys Basketball vs. Normandy at home 4:15 pm
- NHS Swim Meet vs. Padua at home 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 29

- PSH Girls Basketball vs. Brunswick at home 4:15 pm
- PSH Hockey vs. Olmsted Falls at Ries Rink 8:30 pm
- NHS Freshmen/JV/Varsity Girls Basketball vs. North Royalton at home 4:15/6:00 pm

Sunday, January 30

- VF Cluster Wing Ding at Quotes 1:00-4:00 pm
- VF Hockey vs. Parma at Ries Rink 3:30 pm

HOW TO SUBMIT INFORMATION

Please e-mail information for *The Weekly Bulletin* to Dianna Kall at diannakall@parma.k12.oh.us. Information may be edited due to space limitations. Items must be received by the Thursday prior to Monday’s publication date.

Important Web sites: www.parmacityschools.org www.ode.state.oh.us

Customer Service Line: 440-885-8329

School Safety Hot Line: 440-842-2220