



Cruise on over to the PTA and help to brighten a student's day!

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A note from our president...

Dear Friends,

I would first like to thank those of you who joined us at our Rainforest event. It was wonderful to bring the Valley View Community together as we did that night. I would also like to thank those who came out to our First Annual Take Your Family to School Week. This event was a great way to bring Parents and Teachers together and to help provide a more enriching educational experience for all students.

As many of you know, the PSSA testing has begun. We wish all of the student's good luck and good health during this challenging time.

I would like to leave you with a few words to live by from Benjamin Franklin. "The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."

Happy Spring Holidays to everyone!

Sincerely,

Kim Johnson 876-6402

Source: <http://en.thinkexist.com/quotations/respect>



'Egg'cellent Easter Event



This year's 'Egg'cellent Easter Event will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the Intermediate Center Gymnasium. Doors will be open from 1-3pm.

There will be crafts, games, refreshments, an easter egg hunt and much more! You can also get your picture with the Easter Bunny, so come join the fun!!!

Admittance price is \$5.00 for any child age 1 and over. Adults are free!

Tickets will be on sale at the March 10th PTA meeting. All ticket proceeds help support the day's fun-filled activities!

If you have any questions, please contact either Amy Borgacci at 876-0603 or Jodi Tomassoni at 876-8315.

If anyone is interested in donating a basket to the 'Egg'cellent Easter Event please call Kelly McLaughlin at 499-8924.



Spring Book Fair

The Valley View Elementary PTA is happy to announce our upcoming Spring Book Fair! The event will be held in the Elementary and Intermediate schools on Thursday, April 30th and Friday, May 1st. The times of the event will follow in a memo to the students.

If you would like more information about the Spring Book Fair, please visit the Valley View PTA website @ www.vvepta.org and click on the Spring Book Fair link or visit our Scholastic webpage @ <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/valleyviewelementarycenter>.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help during the event, please call Kristal Clifford @ 487-1705.



Easter Bunny Photos



Easter Bunny Class Photos are Tuesday, March 3rd at the Elementary Center and Wednesday, March 4th at the Intermediate School. Angela Ceccarelli will be taking the photos, and they will cost \$5 per photo. Students can wear holiday tops on the day of their photos.



Kindergarten Fingerprinting

The Blakely Boro Police Department will provide Free Fingerprinting for our Kindergarten students.

This event is scheduled for April 6, 2009 during school hours at the Elementary Center.

PTA Meetings for the 2008-2009 School Year

The Valley View Elementary PTA will conduct its monthly meetings at 7:00 PM at the Valley View Elementary Center in Peckville. All are welcome! The meetings will be on the following dates: **March 10th, May 12th and April 14th.** Child Care is available for children ages 3-11.

Hospitality Table

First grade parents are asked to donate to our Hospitality table for the March meeting and Kindergarten parents are asked to donate for the April meeting.

We are looking for healthy snacks such as fruit juice, granola bars, fruit, cheese and crackers. If you can bring something, please contact Kristal Clifford at 487-1705.

Raffle Winners

The February 50/50 Winner was Deb Kohut. She won \$17.00. The \$20.00 gift card to Tiffany's went to Jaclyn Carrotto.



Field Trip News: K thru 5th Grade

Chaperones will be randomly selected for this year's upcoming field trips at the March 10th PTA General Meeting. As a reminder, you must qualify as an active PTA member to be eligible to submit your name.

In order to qualify as a chaperone, you must attend a combination of four PTA meetings or volunteer events, one of which must be a volunteer event.

Please note that as of this year, a member must have met at least three of these qualifications by the March 10th meeting and must meet all qualifications by the time of their class field trip.

Below are the field trip locations and dates:

Kindergarten & LifeSkills	Wednesday, April 21, 2009	Scranton Cultural Center Rainbow Fish Performance
1st Grade	Wednesday, May 20, 2009	Claws 'N' Paws
2nd Grade	Wednesday, April 29, 2009 Thursday, April 30, 2009	Roberson Museum & Science Center (4 classes each day)
3rd Grade	Wednesday, May 6, 2009 Thursday, May 7, 2009	Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour (4 classes each day)
4th Grade	Friday, May 8 2009 Friday, May 15, 2009	Roberson Museum & Science Center (4 classes each day)
5th Grade	TBD	
Intermediate LifeSkills	Friday, April 17, 2009	Irem Shrine Circus

Detailed information will be sent home with the students regarding these field trips. If you are unable to attend the March 10th PTA meeting and would like to sign up as a chaperone, please contact our field trip coordinator, Jodi Tomassoni, at 876-8315.

Reflections 2008-2009 "WOW"

The Valley View Elementary PTA Reflections Program proudly announces this year's Northeastern PTA Council Level Winners:

Primary Division:

Literature:

Alec Buttner Julie Zadzura
Patrick Callis Emily Yontas

Photography:

Olivia Smith Ian Kovatch
Jude Kovatch

Visual Arts:

Amanda Sakulich Max Gillow
Julie Zadzura

Intermediate Division:

Literature:

Angelo Cerra

Photography:

James McKane Katrina Coviello
Elizabeth Fabri

Visual Arts:

Mason Black Tyler Grant

The Northeastern PTA Council will honor the above students at an Awards Dinner on Sunday, March 22, 2009 at Fiorelli's in Peckville. **Reminder to those attending: Registration is at 1:15pm; dinner and ceremony will begin at 2:00pm. Congratulations to all for your outstanding achievement!**



Pizza Hut Nights

The Valley View PTA will be sponsoring two Pizza Hut Nights.

Second Grade Pizza Hut Night will be on **Monday, March 16th from 4-8pm** at the Eynon Pizza Hut. The evening will feature a **St. Patrick's Day** theme. Marie Beggin and Mary Clair Rotell are chairing this event.

First Grade Pizza Hut Night will be on **Monday, March 30th from 4-8pm** at the Eynon Pizza Hut. The evening will feature an **Easter** theme. If you are interested in chairing the First Grade Pizza Hut Night, please contact Kim Johnson at 876-6402.

The Eynon Pizza Hut will donate a percentage of each evening's profits to the Valley View Elementary PTA. Volunteers are still needed for both events.

Play Day Contest Winners

The Winner of this year's **Play Day Theme Contest** was **Emily Jenkins** in Mrs. Angeli's 5th grade class with her theme of **"Exercise! Move your feet! Courgar kids can't be beat!"**

This year's **Art Contest** winner is **Brielle Chmiel** in Mrs. Turlip's 5th grade Class.

Both will receive \$25 Gift cards from Toys R Us along with both the theme and the art design appearing on this years **Play Day Tee Shirts**.

Congratulations to both on a job well done! And thank you to every student who participated! Every year you guys keep getting better, so keep up the good work and see you next year!

Candy Pick-Up

Candy pick-up for the Spring Fundraiser will be on **Friday, March 20th from 6pm-8 pm** and **Saturday, March 21st from 9am-12 noon** at the **Elementary Center Gym**.

Please make sure to note the pickup dates on your calendar. The PTA will not be responsible for items not picked up by **March 21st at 12:00 noon**.



For up to date information, please see our website at www.vvepta.org

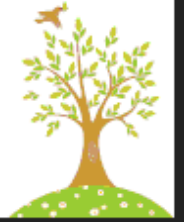


Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 24th. All students will receive a tree that they can take home and transplant.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that helped make the "Let's Grow Together" event a great success!



March 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day	3 Elementary Bunny Photos	4 Intermediate Bunny Photos	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10 PTA Meeting 7PM Elem Ctr.	11	12	13 No School Teacher In-Service	14
15	16 Second grade Pizza Hut Night	17	18	19	20 Spring Begins GH Fundraiser Pick up from 6-8pm	21 GH Fundraiser Pick up from 9-noon
22	23	24	25	26	27 Dismissal at 12:30pm Teacher In-Service	28
29	30 First grade Pizza Hut Night	31				

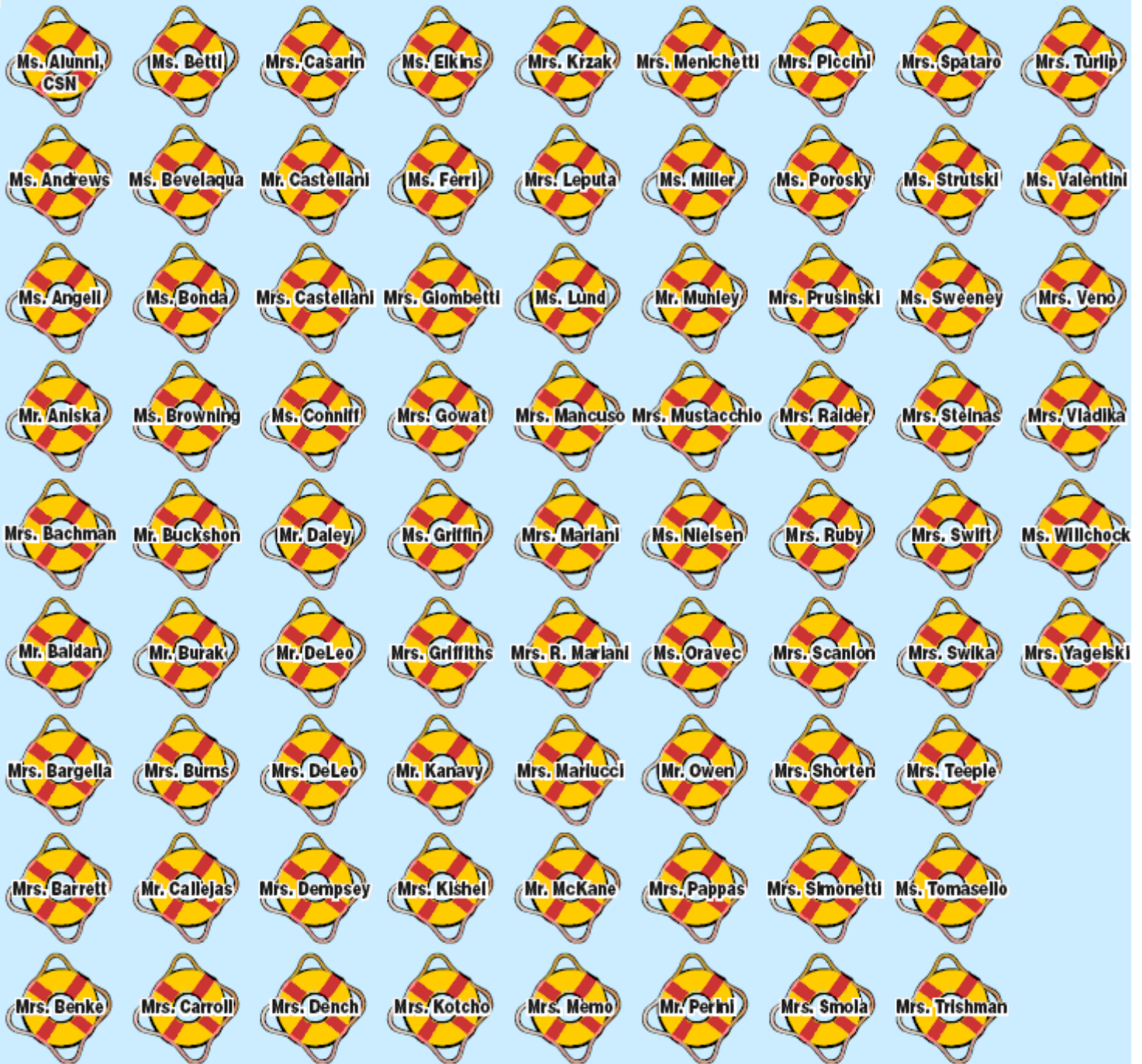


April 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Report Card #3	4
5	6 Kindergarten Fingerprinting	7	8 K-2 Easter Bonnet Parade 9:15am	9 Spring Break No School	10 Spring Break No School	11
12	13 Spring Break No School	14 PTA Meeting 7PM Elem Ctr.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Kindergarten Field Trip Grade 1 Musical	22	23	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27	28	29 Kindergarten Musical	30 Scholastic Book Fair during school day for students & in the evening		

PTA Teacher & Administration Members



Thank You to all of the dedicated teachers and administrators that have joined the PTA!
 We apologize if we missed anyone. If so, please let us know by dropping a note in our mailbox. Thank you.

2008-2009 Membership

Valley View PTA Elementary Membership Form 2008-2009

Name _____ Check here if you are a teacher

Address _____

Telephone _____

Dues: \$5.00 per person for 2008-2009

Child/Children Name(s)	Teacher(s)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Membership Card # _____ Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____