

Pleasant Views

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Important Dates to Remember



March

- 1—12 ISAT Testing
- 4 Rec Night 1-2 Boys 7-8 p.m.
- 8 Waste Free Lunch
- 9 PTA Meeting 7p.m.
- 10 Gino 's East Pizza Order Forms due
- 11 Grades 1-2 Musical 2:15p.m. & 7p.m.
- 12 Report Cards Issued Grades 1-6
- 14 Daylight Savings Time
- 22—26 Spring Break, No School



April

- 2 No School
- 8 Rec Night Kdg. boys & girls 7p.m.
- 9 Multicultural Fair 5:30-8p.m.
- 13 PTA Meeting 7p.m.
- 15 Chorus Concert 7p.m.
- 16 Moms & Munchies A-L 8:15 a.m.
- 23 Moms & Munchies M-Z 8:15 a.m.



Principal's Message

For the better part of February, I was feeling a bit dispirited; a bit negative. I was frowning more than smiling & I'd become a glass half-empty guy. I was sick of the snow, ice and the cold. Each time I turned on the TV in the hope of finding some relief, I was exposed to a plethora of real, and supposed, problems of others. Tiger's a cheating jerk. Toyota's are a death trap. Health care might never get sorted out. "Boner Stabone" was found dead. CNN was up in arms that a killer whale actually killed someone. And, as if world relief funds and charities hadn't been taxed enough with the events in Haiti, a record-setting earthquake in Chile will be sure to put more pressure on an already over-strapped system. Heck, the sun hadn't even bothered to come out in what felt like weeks. Life was pretty bleak, so I retreated to one place that I knew I wouldn't have to suffer through another "Brangelina" story; a book.

A book was the perfect escape, but what to read? I decided to re-read a book that a parent had given me at the beginning of the year entitled, *Outliers: The Story of Success*, by Malcolm Gladwell. I read the book back in August and thought it was interesting, and plus, what better way to lighten my mood than to read about success when so much focused on failure and depression? It'd be nice to have stories of success and accomplishments replace the myriad of meaningless details, like Jessica Simpson's new beau or Jennifer Anniston's bachelorette mansion, which had been clogging my brain! Gladwell's book attempted to explain why some people experience phenomenal levels of success in life while so many others fall short. In looking for answers, Gladwell refuted the idea that success is simply a matter of hard work. Rather, Gladwell argued

- Matt Palcer, *Principal* Kristy Seifert, *Assistant Principal*
- Margo Ban, *PTA Co-President* Donna Hirsch, *PTA Co-President*
- Jan Sieben and Penny Schmit, *Newsletter Editors*

that it was hard work *in conjunction* with other forces, such as cultural identity & history, IQ, and even birth date, which determined the level of success experienced by Bill Gates, The Beatles, and other fantastically successful individuals and groups throughout the world. It was really interesting stuff.

One particularly engrossing chapter dealt with our education system and some of the cultural hurdles that American students have to overcome, like summer break and shorter average school days, in order to be successful. In writing about education, Gladwell used Baltimore's inner-city through surrounding suburbs to explore yearly reading gains by students from low, middle, and upper socioeconomic class families. And do you know what he found out? That socioeconomic status has almost no bearing on first through fifth grade students' reading gains **during** the school year! The reason why kids from upper class families outperformed their low socioeconomic status counterparts was due to **summer gains!** In the interest of column space and your time, I'm oversimplifying Gladwell's data. However, his conclusion couldn't have been simpler - if schools do an equally good job in helping students from the wealthiest of families & students from the poorest of families (along with everyone in between) to achieve at relatively the same level during the school year, then it is reasonable to conclude that schools do in fact "work". In summary, Gladwell stated:

"Schools work. The only problem with school, for the kids who aren't achieving, is that there isn't enough of it."

Once again, please note that I am oversimplifying a pretty complex topic, but that's not the point. The point is that in reading Gladwell's one sentence, I found myself marveling at the audacity of a someone making a positive argument for, what is

generally regarded as a pretty negative topic. When was the last time the media highlighted the success of the American education system? "Schools work"? Really? I know **our** school works, but the idea that schools as a whole work? I was surprised, encouraged, and, low and behold, I found myself feeling a bit better about life. And because feeling good is contagious, I found myself seeking out other positives in the world. And believe it or not, they exist! Sure, they aren't publicized with the fanfare and headlines reserved for calamities, but there is good out there, if you are patient enough to find it.

Whatever positives occurring in the world that you decide to seek out is up to you. However, waving the banner of what is good and right at Pleasant Hill is up to me, and so here is just a sampling of the many good things that happen every day, that go largely unnoticed.

- ✦ PAWS for Pride, recognition earned by students for exemplary behavior, have exceeded disciplinary write-ups four of the five months that we have been in school.
- ✦ According to the MAP test given in December, over 56% of our 2nd - 6th grade students have made a year's worth of reading growth (or more). Why is this impressive? Because these students made a year's worth of growth in **less than four months** (September-December)!
- ✦ PH students recycle 300+ milk cartons a day reducing PH's carbon footprint & promoting a green environment.
- ✦ Out of 1400 regional entries in the Reflections Art Program, six Pleasant Hill students advanced to the regional level, and four of those entries advanced to state!
- ✦ On their February 16th work day (a day where teachers have no responsibilities other than working in their rooms), Pleasant Hill teachers

elected to set up two training sessions to advance their knowledge of literacy instructional strategies and meeting the needs of students with ADHD.

- ✦ A parent volunteer is working to coordinate a walk to school initiative (provided that it ever stops snowing and warms up!).
- ✦ The Pleasant Hill family is growing with two teachers expecting children in the next few months, one teacher having got married in October, two of us are getting married this upcoming summer, and one more teacher getting married the following summer!
- ✦ The Palatine Park District, following the last two snowfalls, has plowed the pathway along the back field of the school!

I know that Tiger is still a cheating jerk, Toyota has a lot of work to do, and animals in captivity will most-certainly harm someone, somewhere, at sometime. However, I also know that the glass is half-full, the sun is going to shine, and spring with its warmer weather is just around the corner. And lest I forget these things, all I need to do is head out of my office, walk the halls of this great place I get to work at, and find some eager student who wants to read to me. After all, this school works, and for right now, that's more than enough to put a smile on my face.

~ *Mr. Palcer*

Nominations for Officers

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for the officers of the Pleasant Hill PTA for the 2010-2011 year. Posting of the Nominees is required by the bylaws.

<i>For Co-Presidents:</i> DONNA HIRSCH & SHERRI LAMERAND *	
<i>For First Vice Presidents-Legislation:</i> JAMES CARR *	<i>For Co-Second Vice Presidents-Membership:</i> KLAUDIA LANNOYE & ELIZABETH BARKER *
<i>For Co-Third Vice Presidents-Ways and Means:</i> JOANNE WOJCIK & CAROL WITUCKI	<i>For Treasurer:</i> WENDI RAKER *
<i>For Co-Recording Secretaries:</i> KRISTEN BERRYHILL & LYNN DAUGERDAS	<i>For Corresponding Secretary:</i> CINDY O'MARA

* Need to be voted in, all others are continuing on in their two year term.

Election of the newly nominated officers will take place on Wednesday, May 5th at the general PTA meeting (same night as the ice cream social and open house).

Thank you,

Rita Poklacki (Chairperson), June Sheehan, Marcia Thompson, Anna Fiore, Pat Murakami, Sherri Lamerand & Manjula Sriram. Alternates: Jennifer Johnston & Maria Knuth

Support Your School & Get Involved

How about giving back a little bit of your time to the school that gives us so much? As you know, the PTA coordinates a number of events, programs and clubs for the school. We are currently filling PTA Committee positions for the 2010 - 2011 school year. This is a great way to help the school, get to know others and maybe have some fun (even a lot) along the way! Listed below are the committees with openings. Keep in mind; you will not have to go it alone. We hope to have a team for each to be sure we share the work and benefit from multiple ideas. Also, many committees can be done in the evenings - so no worries if you have daytime commitments. Please take a look - you are sure to find something that fits you! Contact Donna Hirsch (gredonhirsch@yahoo.com) to sign-up or simply to ask some questions.

Beautification – coordinate volunteers to maintain plants, flowers and landscaping at school.

Bilingual Liaison – Help translate PTA documents for bilingual parents.

Birthday Book Club – Coordinate family purchases, photos and book checkout.

Box Tops, etc. – Identify and communicate “reward” programs that provide cash back to PTA. Coordinate regular collection drives. Collect, count and submit on behalf of PTA.

Cougar Carnival – Coordinate the winter evening family event.

Environmental Education – Coordinate Earth Club, Waste Free Lunch and environmental ed.

Fall Fest – Coordinate the fall evening family event.

Hospitality – Purchase refreshments for PTA meetings, Special Person’s Day, Volunteer Tea and other general functions.

Ice Cream Social – Coordinate ice cream social for families at spring Open House.

Make a Difference Club – Provide support to the club which focuses on community service.

MANNA – Coordinate gift card program that provides cash back to PTA.

Newsletter – Coordinate and publish the bi-monthly PH Views newsletter.

Parent Education – Collect information on parenting and schooling issues for publication in PH Views and website.

Publicity – Identify and coordinate recognition for PH students and PTA events.

Recreation Nights – Coordinate evening events of relay games for kids and their parents. Different nights occur for boys and girls in different grades.

School Kits – For 2010 – 2011, design a new school kits type program for implementation for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

School Pictures – Work with vendor and school to coordinate school picture and retake days.

Staff Appreciation – Coordinate staff appreciation events throughout the year and for the annual Staff Appreciation Week in the spring.

Variety Show – Participate on the team to coordinate the auditions, main rehearsals and show of the students.

Volunteer Coordinators – Coordinate the annual sign-up of volunteers for the PTA events and provide to committee chairs. Encourage volunteer participation throughout the year and compile volunteer hours.

Website – Publish and maintain information on the PTA website.

Welcome – Organizes new parent welcome event, Dads N Donuts and Moms & Munchies.

Yearbook – Organize volunteers to take pictures at school events. With a team, assemble materials for publication utilizing yearbook software.



The Multicultural Fest

Brought to you by the Pleasant Hill PTA

April 9, 2010, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

****Please note: Fest begins earlier than stated on PTA calendar****

Mark your calendars! You can't afford to miss this!!

If you liked the last one, you'll love this one!

We have 12 cultures scheduled to dine and entertain you!

New to this year will be raffle prizes donated by businesses within our community.

Cultures 2010:

Chinese Culture	Las Americas
Greece	New Zealand
India	Poland
Italy	Scandinavia
Japan	Turkey
Korea	USA

In addition, come and enjoy games, displays, performances and demonstrations from numerous cultures across the globe. Information and flyers about the event will be distributed soon. Keep a look out!

As with all PTA events, we cannot make this work without the help of many generous and wonderful volunteers. If you can and would like to volunteer please contact Rita Poklacki at rita.poklacki@bairdwarner.com or Yukari Lofton at yukari@lofton.net.

WATCH FOR THE PASSPORT ORDER FORMS COMING THIS MONTH

Boxtops, Boxtops, Boxtops

Our March 1st submission is in the mail. Nearly \$500 in Boxtops collected! Thank you, so much, to Linn Corfield—owner of the UPS Store at 1925 S. Plum Grove Rd, Palatine for handling our shipping costs this time. We appreciate every little bit that helps keep our costs down and more money in our pockets to help with the programs and activities at Pleasant Hill. Please think of the UPS Store when you have CLEAN packing peanuts to recycle. They will, gladly, take them and reuse them. Thanks, again, Linn!



Our “Win a Webkinz” contest was great! What a great effort by all those who dropped off their Boxtops for a chance to win a prize. Thank you, again, to the GANZ Corporation for their generous donation. Congratulations to all the students who won a Webkinz product:

Archie Cox, Garrett Kolderup, Kevin Blume, Keirra Menk, Natalie Schneider, Kyle Henson, Emily Hopkins, Lauren Berryhill, Michael Kuehn, Julia Leonard and Flore Zheng.

We’re not done yet—if anyone has their Campbell’s soup bonus certificates—for 200 points, turn them in. These should have come to you in the mail—so check your “to do” pile of paperwork for these post cards. Keep those UPCs from the soup products coming. There is no deadline on these. We earn points for all those little scraps of paper. Spring is coming—we may need to replace some playground equipment. Winter is a good time to eat soup!

If anyone has purchased Fast Fixins products, please remember to collect the yellow “Home Team Rewards” logo from the bag. Send these into school—we earn 30 cents each! You can also collect the UPCs and turn those in for a free product certificate. Tyson Chicken labels, with the 1-2-3 logos—are welcome, too!

I am always looking for ideas for contests and prizes. Don’t be shy. Email me any suggestions on contests, prizes, collection projects, etc (tell me what your kids think!). Also, keep an eye out for any additional “trash to cash” program that might be out there (I can only spend so much time on the internet!). These things are, usually easy and cheap, but require time and effort. I am a scavenger at heart—so I love these things. Let me know what you see!

. . did you know that people are actually SELLING Boxtops on ebay? . . .

Chris Howard-Menk, howardmenk@comcast.net

Gino’s East Pizza fundraiser

We have raised \$250.00 which includes November, January and February We raised it with \$2.50 going to District 15 Fund and \$2.50 going to Pleasant Hill. We will be conducting additional Pizza sales for March, April and May! Those dates are: forms due on March 10th, delivery on April 9th. Forms due April 21st, delivery May 7th! The pizzas are great and only \$12.00! See page 12 for order form.

Environmental Education

You know you're an "old married couple" when you can parcel out the Sunday newspaper into two piles—one his, and one hers. Even the ads bundle can be split between the two of us. He gets the auto section, the front page section, and all of the electronic and home improvement ads. I get the arts section, the travel section (just a little wishful thinking!), nation (if it's not too depressing), and the Target and grocery ads. This past Sunday was so busy, however, that we never did get to the splitting up (or for that matter the reading!) of the paper . . . hence, my foray into the rides/auto section of the paper . . .

What tempted me? It wasn't even a really cool car pictured on the front page—it was the name of the car



that caught my attention. The Volt. I could've been thinking Jolt—I was in desperate need of caffeine at the time—but there was something about the name that made me think this vehicle was something different. And I was right—the Volt is a plug-in electric vehicle by Chevrolet that is supposed to be able to go 40 miles without using any gasoline—different from the current hybrid vehicles in the market. It is scheduled to be available at the end of this year. I did actually read the entire article—shocking when I normally am interrupted by any number of people or animals in the house needing something that they simply CAN'T get on their own—and of course, there was the usual analysis of the vehicle itself and whether or not it can really do what it says and whether or not Chevy can even hang on until it gets to market and how expensive it will be, etc. Or in the words of Seinfeld, yada, yada, yada.

To me, this is not the important stuff. The

important thing to note here is that a huge automaker in the United States (neither automakers nor our country really being known for their foresight in environmental activities!) is putting quite a bit of effort into manufacturing an environmentally-friendly car. That is significant! It's not always easy to get the attention of *individuals* when conveying environmental information or trying to change behaviors. It is quite an uphill battle to do so in corporate America. Now, here we are with more and more companies coming out with products that are environmentally sound.

The final frontier (think Star Trek!) is our acceptance of these products. So, be on the lookout for recycled-content products, organic products, and environmentally-friendly products, and purchase them when you can. We as consumers really do have the power to make this planet a better place for everyone, so exercise that power as often as possible and keep up the good work!

Margo Ban
Environmental Educator



Make A Difference Club

This past Valentine's Day cards made by club members were delivered to fellow students with candy attached to the cards. The exercise involved having the students demonstrate *Random Acts of Kindness* by expressing kind words about another student who they might not talk to very often. This exercise encouraged students to reach out to others.

Our next big project is underway as you will note in this newsletter. The Make A Difference Club members are spearheading the creation of a published-bound cookbook with proceeds from the sale going to the *Youth Hunger Opposition Palatine (YHOP)*. The mission of this youth driven project is to end hunger in Palatine. The club members will be involved in all aspects of creating Pleasant Hill's cookbook. They will be tabulating the preorders, performing initial proofreading of recipes, choosing the title for the book from student suggestions, and preparing the books for delivery. The students are very excited and ready to take on this project. We hope you will consider submitting your favorite family recipe for our first Pleasant Hill Cookbook. We anticipate delivery taking place by mid-May. Additional information regarding the school's cookbook can be found later in this newsletter.

Judy Benka (judybenka@yahoo.com)

100+ AR Points February

Sidharth	Addepalli		
Harper	Appel		
Patrick	Benka		
Gabrielle	Buccieri		
Pranav	Charkupalli		
Bailey	Dean		
Joseph	Fahey		
Arianna	Fiore	Trent	Mueller
Jacob	Gattuso	Shota	Nakagawa
Jonathan	Jandura	Madeline	Pasek
Zachary	Jordan	Julia	Peisker
Jordan	Kang	Eric	Power
Alexander	Kim	Amanda	Randunne
Samuel	Kim	Christopher	Schmit
Emily	Kivland	Amanda	Sedlak
May	Ling	Andrew	Son
Austin	Mei	Arvind	Sriram
		Emma	Vanek
		Camilla	Vasquez
		Michael	Yun
		Kylie	Zhang
		Alex	Zhen

Congratulations to the Pleasant Hill Cougar 2-ball basketball teams! They all did a fantastic job at the district meet. Overall, they won one-third of the medals in both the boys and girls competitions. What an accomplishment for both teams! The medal winning girls included, second place winners MacKenzie Bednarek and Julia Wacker, and third place winners Liz Carlson and Megan Benka. Also, ribbons were awarded to Cassie Rohan, Nicole Sygieda, Taylor Kistner, Anusha Thotakura, and Annie Cha. The medal winning boys included, second place winners Chris Sander and Jack Fox, and third place winners Riley Carlson and Jack Stedronsky. Ribbons were awarded to Kenny Benjamin, Danny Bellino, Timmy Zerfass, Patrick Benka, Andy Markantonatos, Tyler Larson, Will Schiraldi, and Zach Jordan. Their hard work and effort surely paid off. A big thank you to Mrs. Bauser for supervising the girls teams, and to Mrs. Willis for supervising the boys teams.

Way to go Cougars!



The **Cougar Carnival Committee** would like to thank everyone for a great night! There were a lot of games, food and fun for all. We would like to thank all those who volunteered for the event. Whether you helped set-up, serve food, run a game, pass out prizes or provided the famous "PTA Security" - each and every one of you were critical to the success of the night. A special SHOUT OUT goes to the PH Staff who contributed your time. Once again - thanks to everyone for a great night!

Nicky Aftelak
 Meenu Agarwal
 Helen Baker
 Jackie Ball
 Margo Ban
 Chris Barto
 Sue Bellino
 Sam Bellino
 Mike Bellino
 Karrie Benjamin
 Sherri Berendt
 Kristen Berryhill
 Betty Buccieri
 Brenda Burman
 Mary Beth Caldwell
 Leigh Carlson
 Kathy Cassady
 Sheila Cassato
 Sonya Castella
 Allison Chamberlin
 Jennifer Chamberlin
 Caili Chiu
 Kelly Dean
 Chris DePau
 Pam DuSold
 Karen Fahey
 Kelly Fahey
 Debbie Fallico
 Chris Farrahar
 Mark Farrahar
 Karen Ferguson
 Anna Fiore
 Lisa Fleming
 Susie Fox
 Mary Gallup
 Trina Garcia
 Kelly Garro
 Michelle Gattuso
 Jacob Gattuso
 Lisa Ha
 Keith Haas
 Ryan Haas
 Kris Haas

Lezlie Hill
 Brie Hirsch
 Greg Hirsch
 Jack Hirsch
 Nancy Hyrczyk
 Greg Isaacs
 Joyce Johannsen
 Diane Johnson
 Susan Keegan
 Tricia Kehm
 Sherri Keller
 Donna Kennedy
 Matthew Kennedy
 Sue Kim
 Liz Kivland
 Maria Knuth
 Tom Knuth
 Rich Knuth
 Heidi Kolderup
 Steve Kolderup
 Garrett Kolderup
 Dianne Kraus
 Rowena Kuo
 Brandon Kuo
 Sherri Lamerand
 Kristy Larson
 Monica Leonard
 Yukari Lofton
 Kathy Marx
 Jennifer Mears
 Michelle Muldowney
 Pat Murakami
 Keeley Nauman
 Jim Novak
 Isabella Nowakowski
 Andrea Onuskanich
 Ken Ooka
 Akie Ooka
 Kathy Ottesen
 Kristi Pankratz
 Brian Ponte
 Sara Ponte
 Rosemarie Porto

Sally Rock
 Ben Sammons
 Lisa Sammons
 Susan Savage
 Kim Saxe
 Megan Schlobohm
 Ann Scholl
 Pat Shears
 June Sheehan
 Doug Sheehan
 Tricia Sheehan
 Jan Sieben
 Kim Skarstein
 Joyce Slavik
 Manjula Sriram
 Kelly Stevens
 Jim Stoesser
 Kristi Svec
 Ashley Teipel
 Sherri Thomas
 Marcia Thompson
 BJ Thompson
 Paula van Roon
 Fabio van Roon
 Alex van Roon
 Annie Victor
 Allison Voehringer
 Arlene Wada
 Finn Warren
 Griffin Warren
 Jackson Warren
 Brady Warren
 Joel Warren
 Brett Warren-Kim
 Allison Willis
 Carol Witucki
 Tom Witucki
 Brittney Wojcik
 Joanne Wojcik
 Dawn Wurtz
 Barb Zawadski
 Jenny Zhou

Your Cougar Carnival Committee

Sonya Castella, Donna Hirsch & Colleen Novak

Pleasant Hill Alumni

At Pleasant Hill, we continually refer to our motto, "Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow." However, not often enough do we look to see how are students are doing in "The Real World." We'd love to reconnect with our alum; those who have helped shape who we are today! An electronic copy of this form can be found on the PTA website at www.PHPTA.org or see page 15 of this newsletter.

The Monarch Book Award

Pleasant Hill Students in Kdg. -3rd grade, participated in the Monarch Book Award Program. After listening to the 20 nominated books, students voted for their favorite Monarch Book on February 12th.

In third place, was- Once I Ate a Pie

In second place, was- Nic Bishop Spiders

And the first place winner was- Scaredy Squirrel



We have sent in our votes for the Monarch Book Award. We will be finding out the state wide voting results in March.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Monarch Book Award Program.

Kelly Garro

Pleasant Hill Resource Center Teacher



Rebecca Caudill Book Award Winners

Pleasant Hill's votes have been counted for the Rebecca Caudill Book Award. Students in 4-6th grade, who turned in a summary of a Rebecca Caudill book were able to vote for their favorite book.

The third place winner was: Elephant Run

The second place winner was: Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

And the first place winner was: Shark Girl

We have sent in our totals to the Rebecca Caudill Award Committee. Once all the votes are counted, we will be finding out in March the winner of the 2010 Rebecca Caudill Book Award.

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Rebecca Caudill Book Award Program.

Kelly Garro

Learning Resource Center Teacher

Safety

As the weather improves and more students resume walking and biking to school, don't forget to SLOW DOWN! This obviously includes the school parking lot, but also neighboring streets, particularly in light of Pleasant Hill's launch of Kids Walk and Roll to School. Please yield the right-of-way to kids, especially at crosswalks and at nearby intersections. Better yet, leave the car at home and join them! Fewer cars = increased safety for walkers and bikers. Let's BE SAFE out there!



Football in April ?

Join other Pleasant Hill families for the Chicago Slaughter Indoor Football League game. Special Discounted tickets for Pleasant Hill families and guests. Saturday April 24th. Team owner: Jim McMahon, team coach: Steve McMichael. See page 18 for details and order form.

PH Cookbook

Do you have a clever name for *Pleasant Hill's* first cookbook?

Well the Make A Difference Club needs your help.

Submit your cookbook title suggestions by Monday, March 15th by completing the form below.

Suggestions - imaginative title that says something positive and unique, shorter titles, something "catchy" -

For example, "*Good as gold*", "*A+ Recipes*"

The Make A Difference Club volunteers will make the final title selection. If your title is selected you will receive credit for title origination in *Pleasant Hill's* first cookbook.

If you have any questions please contact Judy Benka judybenka@yahoo.com



Pleasant Hill Cookbook Title Suggestion

Name of student: _____ Teacher: _____

Title Suggestion: _____

Parent e-mail: _____



Gino's East Pizza is coming to Pleasant Hill School!

District Fifteen Educational Foundation and the Pleasant Hill PTA are working together to "Raise Some Dough" for Education.

Serve your family delicious Gino's East 9" deep dish pizza. Select from 4 different pizza types for only \$12.00 each. The pizza's are made fresh for District 15 families, then flash frozen and delivered to our school. Ask friends and other family members to order pizzas or just order for your own family to enjoy!

Simply fill out the form below and return it to the Pleasant Hill Office with your payment in an envelope marked "Gino's East".

Student Name: _____

ORDER DUE DATE: March 10, 2010

Pick up Date and Time: Friday, April 9th after school

Pick up Location: Pleasant Hill Cafeteria

Name	Phone	Cheese	Sausage	Pepperoni	Spinach	Total Pizzas	Total Amount
Total Number							

Total Pizzas _____ **X \$12.00 = Total Amount**
Paid _____

Make checks payable to: **District Fifteen Educational Foundation**

PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER BENEFIT THE DISTRICT FIFTEEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND THE PLEASANT HILL PTA. THE FOUNDATION AND PTA WILL EACH RECEIVE \$2.50 FROM EVERY PIZZA PURCHASED.

Calling all Pleasant Hill Bakers and Cooks



The Make A Difference Club is publishing a cookbook filled with all of your favorite family recipes. The best news of all the profits from the sale of this cookbook will be raising money for the *Youth Hunger Opposition in Palatine (YHOP)* project.

These 5.5” x 8.5” cookbooks with plastic comb binding, will most definitely become a cherished keepsake on your kitchen shelf! Consider submitting your favorite family recipes to be included in Pleasant Hill’s first cookbook. We will select one or more of your recipes to be included in the cookbook. Your family name or child’s name will be printed in the cookbook with each of your chosen recipes. How about sharing your child’s favorite dinner recipe or even their favorite cookie recipe. All recipes will be submitted in an easy on-line process. Instructions for recipe submission is on the other side of this form.

We are anticipating a great demand for these cookbooks, so preorders are preferred. The estimated cost of the cookbook is \$12 (price dependent upon number of recipes submitted). **Please complete the lower portion of this form to reserve your *Pleasant Hill Cookbook* and return it to school no later than Monday, March 15th.** Payment will be due upon receipt of your cookbook(s). Anticipated cookbook delivery is mid-May.

Thank you in advance for making *Pleasant Hill’s Cookbook* a success. If you have any questions please contact Judy Benka at judybenka@yahoo.com.

Julia Wacker and Karis Lee (Club volunteers) and Mrs. Benka (Cookbook Chairperson)

Family Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Please reserve _____ copies of the *Pleasant Hill Cookbook* for my family.

I understand payment will be due upon receipt of cookbook and that I will be notified of amount of payment due. _____

Parent Signature

Pleasant Hill Cookbook Recipe Submission Instructions

Deadline for Submission Monday, March 15th

Thank you for your recipe contribution to our Pleasant Hill Cookbook and your support of the Make A Difference Club's efforts to help the *Youth Hunger Opposition Palatine (YHOP)*. Please follow the following instructions to submit your recipe on-line.

Go to website www.cookbookpublishers.com and click on "U-Type –It Online".

Click on **Log-In** (top right of page)

Enter **Username:** Pleasant Hill-15

Password: Palatine

Click on **ADD RECIPE**

Follow step-by-step directions to enter your recipe

PROOFREAD your recipe carefully, then click **Submit**

Recipe contributors may view their recipes at any time, and may edit them as long as they have not been Verified.

If you should have any questions or problems contact Judy Benka at judybenka@yahoo.com



Entertainment Books—6th Grade Fundraiser

We still have 11 books to sell .. new price ... \$15.00 per book! Please help out the 6th graders ... and take one home today! Send in a check to Mrs. Fletcher ... check should be made out to Pleasant Hill School. Questions? Please email Karen Schutz at ks66@msn.com. Thank you for your support



You went to Pleasant Hill long ago....but where are you now? We want to know!

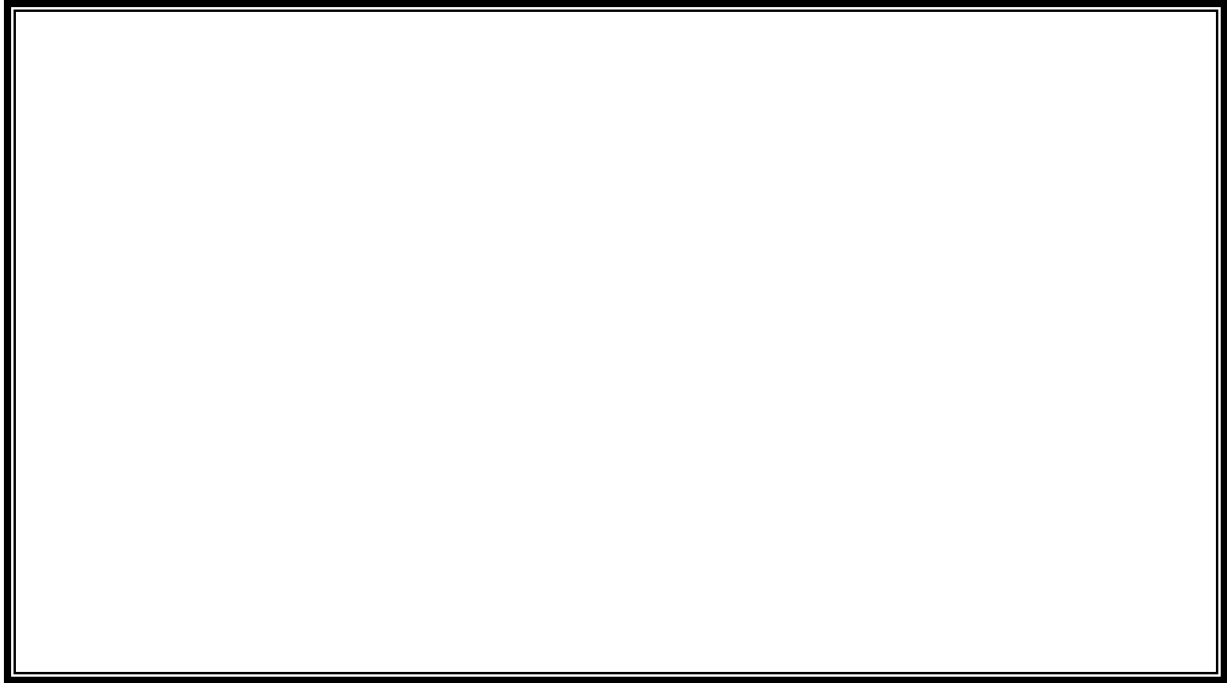
What are you doing now? (occupation, college, area of study, etc.)

Is there a teacher, lesson or experience from your time at Pleasant Hill that inspired you or helped you achieve your goals?

What is your fondest memory of Pleasant Hill?

Please complete this questionnaire and submit via email to Mrs. Fletcher FletcheD@ccsd15.net or drop off a copy in the Pleasant Hill office (434 W. Illinois Ave., Palatine, IL 60067). Your entry may be featured in a future issue of Pleasant Views or displayed around the school to inspire current students!

We'd love to connect a name with a face. If you would like, **please submit a picture** of yourself during your PH Days and NOW!

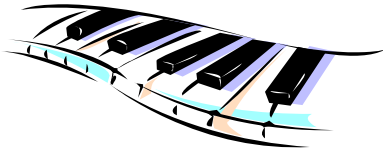


My Pleasant Hill Days – Class of _____



NOW

NAME: _____



The Music Room

Musical Mania

Program Schedule:

March 11th – 1/2 Musical

April 15th – Chorus Black Light Concert

All performances begin at 7:00 pm in the PH cafeteria.

Now that the 3/4 musical is over, it is time for the 1st and 2nd graders to start rehearsing for their musical called "The Cheese Stands Alone" about all the fun characters in the song "Farmer and the Dell". The musical is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th and we will be performing it during the school day so please have your child bring or wear their costume to school that day. If they do not have a specific speaking part, they are just to wear normal school clothing and everyone should try to bring a pair of sunglasses. If you would like to order a DVD of the performance, please send \$15 (cash or check made out to Pleasant Hill School) in an envelope with your child's name on it.

Musical Madness

The 3rd and 4th graders did a wonderful job with their musical 'It's Saturday' last month. They really worked hard and put on a great show. The show during the day for the students had a few glitches with the CD skipping, but the students all followed me and they got through it without a problem. What excellent performers to know 'the show must go on!' I must give another big thank you to Niko Bubaris, Jaret Carlsen, and Travis Ligon for helping out with the sound board.



New Email Address

I got married back in October and since then the students have been great about calling me by my new name, Mrs. Nauman. Finally the paperwork has gone through and the email matches the name. My new email address is: naumank@ccsd15.net The old address no longer works so please be aware of this change. Thanks!



Chorus Corner

Cougar Chorus really enjoyed their field trip to see 'The Music Man' last month. Some of the comments I heard from students were: "It was awesome," "They sounded so good for being so young," "After seeing that, I want to try out for CYT!" Clearly they really enjoyed the show.

We are plowing right ahead with our work for the Black Light concert next month. After school rehearsals have been scheduled for April 8th, 12th and 14th from 3:20-4:30. If your child has a conflict please let me know.

All students need to wear all black in the performance and at every after school rehearsal. Dancers also need to have bright white socks to show up in the black light.

Please contact me with any questions. Phone: 847-963-5935 Email: naumank@ccsd15.net





SPECIAL BONUSES!

Start your game day fun by tailgating in the parking lot at the Sears Centre!

VISIT THE FAMILY FUN ZONE!

- Face-Painting -
- Giant Bounce House -
- Sgt. Slaughter & MORE! -

POSTGAME AUTOGRAPHS DOWN ON THE FIELD with the players & dancers!

SPECIAL PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY OUTING!

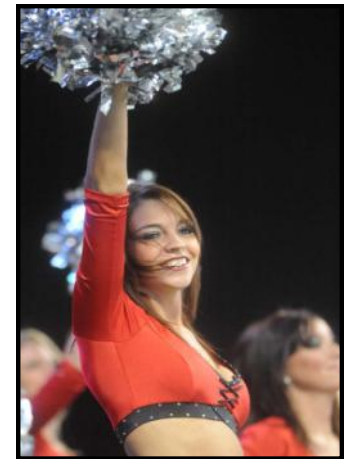
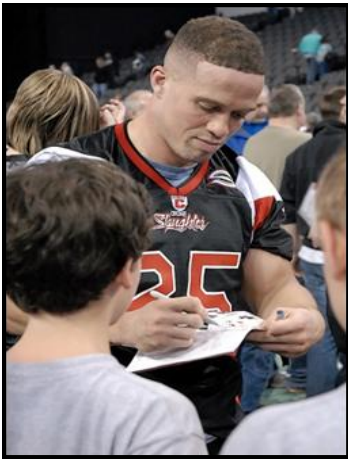
Saturday, April 24, 2010



Kickoff at 7:05pm
Gates Open at 6:00pm



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Special Discounted Ticket Prices for all Pleasant Hill Elementary Students and Guests!

- Special \$9.00 Lower Endzone seating for Pleasant Hill Elementary!
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- Meet Head Coach Steve "Mongo" McMichael and get pictures and autographs from the players & dancers on the field after the game!

Name: _____ School: Pleasant Hill Elementary School **AC-10-1**

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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Special Discounted Endzone Tickets ____ x \$9.00 = Total Cost \$ _____

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Credit Card Info: (VISA) (MASTERCARD) (DISCOVER) (AMEX) Card Number: _____ CVV# _____

Order Deadline: Monday, April 19th (subject to availability) Credit Card Exp Date: _____

Add \$2.00 Handling Fee for Mailing Tickets in Advance OR Tickets can be picked up at WILL CALL on game day.

Please Return Completed Order Form and Payment to your Child's Classroom Teacher.

Order Deadline: Monday, April 19th

Questions...or Ask About Fundraising Opportunities:
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