



PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MISSION STATEMENT

PVE will focus on student centered learning and promoting the education of the WHOLE child! We will ALL work together in a collaborative manner to promote student success.

September 2020

Parent Right to Know Information as Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance (ESEA) [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Your child attends Pleasant Valley Elementary School, which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

At Pleasant Valley Elementary School, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA), also includes right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
 - subject matter tested,
 - purpose of the test,
 - source of the requirement (if applicable)

- amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

There will be a meeting on September 21, 2020 at 9:30 am via Zoom. The link will be posted on the district website. At this meeting, we will further discuss the Title I program, share achievement data, revise the Three-Way Compact and review the Parent Policy. The current compact and policy are attached for you to read. Please consider attending the parent meeting and offering your feedback regarding our program, the compact, and the policy.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Mr. Roger Pomposello, Pleasant Valley Elementary School at 570-402-1000 ext. 6003 or via email at pomposello.roger@pvbears.org. If you have any questions specifically concerning Title I, you may contact Mrs. Lori Hagerman at 570-402-1000, ext. 1311 or via email at hagerman.lori@pvbears.org.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roger Pomposello

Mr. Roger Pomposello
Principal
Pleasant Valley Elementary

Mrs. Lori Hagerman

Mrs. Lori M. Hagerman
K-12 Reading Supervisor
Pleasant Valley School District



AGENDA
Title I Parent Meeting & Schoolwide Plan Review
September 21, 2020
Pleasant Valley Elementary School
Zoom Link: [PVE Fall 2020 Title I Parent Meeting](#)
9:30 – 10:30 am

- Welcome/Introductions
- Sign-in/indicate your role (Parent, teacher, etc.) -Use Chat Room in Zoom
- What is Title I?
- How does Pleasant Valley receive the funding?
- Parent input on budget and funding
 - Ideas for future expenditures
 - Parent and Family Engagement requirements
- Parent compact Review/ Revision
 - revised and sent home
 - Review the compact
 - Found on PVE website
- Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - ❖ District Policy (918):
 - On district website:
 - ❖ Administration
 - ❖ Board Docs/Policies
 - ❖ Policies (at top)
 - ❖ 900 Community (on left)
 - ❖ 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement
 - Updated with ESSA changes and School Board approved August 22, 2019
 - Overview of Policy
 - Parent input on policy (District Parent and Family Engagement Plan)
 - ❖ PVE Building Policy
 - Updated with ESSA changes
 - Was School Board approved on January 23, 2020
 - Was sent home and found on PVE website
 - Parent input on policy (PVE School Parent and Family Engagement Plan)
- Curriculum Overview

- Student Assessments/ Proficiency Levels
- How you can become involved in Title I?
 - SPAC conference – usually held in July
 - Participation in the creation/revision of parent compacts, policies, the Title I Schoolwide Plan, etc.
 - Share ideas for parent programs/family engagement
- PVE Building Title I Information/ Events
 - What does our School-wide Title I program look like?
 - Schoolwide Plan Overview
 - Schoolwide Plan found on district website
 - Building events
- District Title I Information/ Events
 - PVE and PVI are Title I Buildings
 - District Events found on website
 - Events, such as “Ready Set Learn,” will be recorded and posted on website
- Title II information
- Title III information
- Title IV Information
- Questions
- Ms. Liddic – K-12 Math Supervisor liddic.shavonne@pvbears.org ext. 1311
- Ms. Hagerman – K-12 Reading Supervisor hagerman.lori@pvbears.org
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Pleasant Valley School District
TITLE I
SCHOOL – PARENT – STUDENT COMPACT

The School-Parent-Student Compact will be jointly developed with parents and family members. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and the parents will build and develop partnerships to help children achieve the State's high standards (*ESSA, Section 1116(d)*).

School

Pleasant Valley Elementary School understands the importance of the school experience to every student and their role as educators and models. Therefore, the school agrees to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of their ability:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under this part to meet the challenging State academic standards
- Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum—
 - parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement
 - frequent reports to parents on their children's progress;
 - reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities; and
 - Ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand. (required) (*ESSA, Section 1116(d)(1-2)*)
- Treat each child with dignity and respect
- Strive to address the individual needs of the student
- Acknowledge that parents are vital to the success of child and school
- Provide a safe, positive and healthy learning environment
- Assure every student access to quality learning experiences
- Assure that the school staff communicates clear expectations for performance to both students and parents

Parent

The parent understands that participation in his/her student's education will help his/her achievement and attitude. Therefore, the parent will continue to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of his/her ability:

- Volunteering in their child's classroom
- Supporting their child's learning
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and positive use of extracurricular time
- Create a home atmosphere that supports learning
- Send the student to school on time and well-rested on a regular basis
- Attend school functions and parent/teacher conferences
- Encourage their child to show respect for all members of the school community and school property
- Review all school communications and respond promptly

Student

The student realizes education is important. He/she is the one responsible for his/her own success. Therefore, he/she agrees to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of his/her ability:

- Get to school on time every day

- Develop a positive attitude toward school
- Be responsible for completing homework on time
- Be cooperative by carrying out the teacher's instructions and ask for help when needed
- Do daily work that is neat and reflects the student's best effort
- Be respectful to all school members and to school property

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Title I Pleasant Valley Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The Title I Parent and Family Engagement section of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), Section 1116(b) requires each Title I school to develop a written parent and family engagement policy that describes the means for carrying out the requirements of Section 1116. The school must ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities are sent to the parents of Title I children in a format and in a language the parents can understand.

The policy must be:

- Developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents and family members of Title I children;
- Written in an understandable format and provided in a language parents can understand;
- Distributed to all parents and family members of Title I children;
- Made available to the local community; and
- Updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents, family members and the school.

Parent and family members will be involved in the planning, review and improvement of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy (*ESSA, Section 1116 (b) (1)*) by:

- Evaluating annually at Parent Title I meetings with parent and family input
- Posting to the district's publicly accessible website for review
- Distributing in writing to all parents and family members

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Pleasant Valley Elementary School will convene annual parent meetings at a convenient time:

- All parents and family members of participating members shall be invited through multiple means (phone call, flyers sent home, email) and encouraged to attend.
- The meetings will be used to inform parents of Pleasant Valley Elementary’s participation as a Title I school.
- The meetings will be used to explain the requirements of Title I, and the rights for parents to be involved. (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (1)*). Information about the School-wide Plan will also be shared. The information will be shared in a timely manner with meetings being held at the beginning of the school year, mid-year and in the spring of the school year.
- Information on the School-wide Title I program will also be distributed at the Parent and Family Engagement events held.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will offer meetings at varying times, in the morning and in the evening (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (2)*)

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will involve parents, in an organized and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school’s parent and family engagement program (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (3)*):

- The parent and family engagement policy will be reviewed during the Parent Title I Meetings.
- Parents will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the current parent and family engagement program as well as provide suggestions for future parent and family engagement events during the Parent Title I meetings. They will also have the opportunity to do so in the annual survey sent home to parents each spring (paper copy sent home and survey link on district website)

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will provide parents of participating children with timely information about the Title I Program (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (4) (A)*)

- Information in writing about Title I and the building Title I Program will be provided at Parent Title I Meetings as well as on the District’s publicly accessible website.
- Information about Title I and the building Title I Program will be explained at Parent Title I Meetings
- Information about Title I will be provided at Parent and Family Engagement Events.

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Pleasant Valley Elementary School will provide parents of participating children with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards (*ESSA, Section 1116(c)(4)(B)*):

- K-6 Student /Parent Handbook (sent home and on district website)
- Information provided at Parent Title I Meetings
- Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) results sent home to parents
- Benchmark Assessment Results sent home to parents
- Academic and assessment information shared during parent/teacher conferences
- Progress reports and report cards sent home

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will provide, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. (*ESSA, Section 1116(c)(4)(C)*)

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will involve parents and family members in the joint development of the School-wide Program Plan under Section 1114 per ESSA

(*ESSA, Section 1116(5)*):

- Parents will be surveyed annually for input on the building Title I Program via a survey. A paper copy will be sent home and will also be available on the district’s publicly accessible website.
- Parents will be invited to attend the School-wide planning meeting via invitational flyers, phone calls and emails to attend the annual review and revision of the School-wide plan. It is also listed on the district calendar.
- Parents will be provided a copy of the School-wide Plan at parent meetings.
- The School-wide plan is posted on the district website.

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A school parent-compact will be jointly developed with parents and family members. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and the parents will build and develop partnerships to help children achieve the State’s high standards. The compact shall:

- Describe the school’s responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under this part to meet the challenging State academic standards, and the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their children’s learning; volunteering in their child’s classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time (*ESSA, Section (d) (1)*); and
- Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum-
 - Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child’s achievement
 - Frequent reports to parents on their child’s progress
 - Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class, and observation of classroom activities; and ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the family can understand (*ESSA, Section 1116 (d) (2) (A-D)*)

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will assist parents and family members in understanding the challenging State Academic Standards, State and local academic assessments and how to monitor their child’s progress and work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children. (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (4) (A)*).

- Information on academics which address the state standards will be provided at the parent Title I meetings held in the Fall, Winter and Spring.
- Parent/ Teacher conferences held during the school day and in the evening
- Parents have access to the Home Access Center where they can view their child’s attendance, discipline and report card grades. An instruction guide for navigating the website is available on the district website.
- Resources for parents are available on the district website

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Pleasant Valley Elementary School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s achievement, such as literacy training and using technology including education about the harms of copyright piracy, as appropriate, to foster parent engagement (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (1)*).

- District Family Engagement Series offered to all parents and families of Pleasant Valley School District (covers topics such as substance abuse, overscheduling children, internet safety, bullying, stopping the summer slide, etc.) Information on these events is shared on the district website as well as by mass phone messages sent out to the district.
- Information will be shared with parents during Title I Parent Meetings on how to help their children improve their academic achievement
- Information will be shared with parents during Parent/ Teacher Conferences on how to help their children improve their academic achievement
- Resources available on the district website PVE section.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and family members, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and family members as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between family members and the school (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (3)*).

- Information will be provided and presented by Title I administrators
- State Parent Advisory Council Training Videos will be used to train teachers, specialized instructional support personnel and other staff

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Pleasant Valley Elementary School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate, and integrate parent engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State and local programs including public preschool programs and conduct other activities, that encourage and support parents and family members in more fully participating in the education of their children (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (4)*).

- Pleasant Valley School District will partner with local with local Pre-K providers to assist incoming kindergarten students and their parents with their transition into kindergarten.
- The district Social Worker is utilized as a liaison to local, state and federal resources.
- Pleasant Valley partners and collaborates with the following organizations, which assist in providing information and resources for parents as well as ideas for district family engagement opportunities:
 - Monroe County Suicide Coalition
 - Lehigh Valley Health Network
 - Monroe County Pathways Coalition- a unified effort to groom children for college or trade school
 - Redco-provides resources and information regarding counseling and current trends (substance abuse, vaping, etc)
 - State Police, FBI and Home Security (address issues such as internet safety)

Pleasant Valley Elementary School will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents and family members of participating children in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and family members can understand (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (5)*).

- The district website has a “Translate” option
- Translators are provided as needed
- Transact is used to translate forms

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Pleasant Valley Elementary School, to the extent practicable, will provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members who have limited English Proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children) (*ESSA, Section 1116 (7) (f)*).

- Accommodations are provided, as needed, by building administration and staff.
- We provide various means of communication (visual, verbal, and written)
- Transperfect is used to translate documents into any language and provide translators
- Staff members volunteer to translate.
- Google translate is used.
- Free adult “English for Speakers of Other Languages” classes are offered to parents of students as well as to the public. The goal is to help individuals become more proficient in English for everyday life in the community. Participants can join at any time and work at their own level and pace.