



# Pleasant Avenue December 2009 Newsletter



## December 2009 Dates to Remember:

- 1 PTA Holiday Food Drive Begins
- 6 Winter Wonderland Dance for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders 6-8 PM @ St. Anthony's Hall
- 9 Winter Concert for students 2 PM
- 9 Santa's Workshop 5-7 PM—Please remember to bring in a food item to donate
- 9 Winter Concert for parents 7 PM
- 10 Santa's Workshop during recess
- 16 Holiday Food Drive Ends
- 17 Board of Education Meeting 7 PM at JHS
- 24-Jan.3 Holiday Recess—No School

## Principal's Corner

I would like to wish all students, parents and staff a safe and happy holiday season. We had a busy start to the year and have hit the ground running at the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. We are looking forward to the following holiday events. On December 9th from 5-7 pm the PTA's Santa's Workshop will be here and it will continue during recess on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Our band and chorus is working hard preparing for their winter concert, which will also be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. I would like to thank the parents and children who joined the Pleasant Avenue family at the holiday parade. Your hard work and dedication proves that it is "Just A Small World After All."

Parents, as you go through the holiday season, please remember how important it is to read to your children and the importance of literacy in your child's life. Please continue to encourage and support your child for reading at home. If you are struggling getting them started, would like a list of age appropriate books, or if they need more encouragement, I can help. Please call me or E-mail me any time at 762-8610 or [jvivenzio@johnstownschoools.org](mailto:jvivenzio@johnstownschoools.org)

## Chess Club

Chess club is coming back to Pleasant Ave. Mrs. Sepanara will be sending home a permission slip before holiday break and the club will begin on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.



## Outdoor Recess



When the temperature is above 20 degrees students will be going outdoors for recess. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. They should be wearing hats and gloves regularly and snow pants and boots when needed.



The Pleasant Avenue Faculty and Staff  
Wish You All  
A Safe, Joyous Holiday Season &  
Happy New Year!  
Winter Recess 12/24/09—1/3/10

## Winter Concert Notes



On Wednesday, December 9th, the fifth and sixth grade chorus and band will hold an afternoon concert for our students and staff. The fifth and sixth grade chorus and band will perform for friends and families at their annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Families attending are asked to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for our food baskets.



## Santa's Workshop December 9th and 10th

Let your children come in and do some holiday shopping for the loved ones in their lives. "Elves" will assist the students with their shopping and their budget. December 9th 5-7 PM before the winter Concert and December 10th during recess time. If your child has not turned in their Santa's Workshop form, please have him/her return it to school as soon as possible.



## PTA News

The PTA would like to thank everyone who made our recent fund raiser so successful. The continued support of parents enables the PTA to provide for the needs of children at Pleasant Avenue.

## PTA Playground Committee

The PTA is currently forming a committee to look into the purchase of a new playground. If you would like to be part of the committee, please contact Mrs. Truckenmiller via email at [gtrucken@hotmail.com](mailto:gtrucken@hotmail.com) or call her at 848-3938.

## Holiday Food Drive December 1—December 16, 2009



Please help the PTA help Pleasant Avenue families in need for the holidays. The PTA has begun collecting non-perishable food items through December 16th. Please note that the number of families that need our help this year has increased. Any and all assistance that you can afford will be greatly appreciated. We are asking for your help by having your children bring in any non-perishable food items for the baskets. There will be a box located in the main lobby of the school. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item to Santa's Workshop and to the Winter Concert.

## Helping Hospice

As the holiday season is approaching, we would like to take the opportunity to think of others in need. Our local Hospice is an amazing organization that always helps others in their times of need. As part of giving back to the community we will be collecting donations for Hospice from their Wish List. Beginning Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and ending, Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a box in the front hallway to place your donations. The following are items off of their wish list. Bird Food, Bird Feeders, Cracked Corn, Small Puzzles (50, 100, & 250 pieces), Match Box Cars, Barbie Doll's, Children's Videos, Books, and Disposable Cameras. Thank you for your help in supporting this great cause. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

## Mohawk Valley PTA Reflections Showcase

The reflections showcase will be hold on Tuesday, December 8th at Fonda-Fultonville Elementary School library from 6:30—8:00 PM.