



# November 2009 Pleasant Ave. Newsletter



## November 2009 Dates to Remember

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| 3rd         | Election Day                              | 18th      | Report Cards Distributed  |
| 5th         | BOE Meeting @ JHS 7PM                     | 18th      | PTA BINGO Night @ 6:30  |
| 6th         | Elementary First Marking Period Ends      | 19th      | BOE Meeting @ JHS 7PM   |
| 10th        | Veterans' Day Assembly 10:30 AM           | 24th      | Emergency Go Home Drill Dismissal @ 2:55                                  |
| 11th        | Veterans' Day—No School                   | 25th—29th | Thanksgiving Recess   |
| 16th        | SDM Meeting @ 6:00 PM                     | 29th      | Class of 2010 Sundaes with Santa at<br>Immaculate Conception Hall 12-3 PM |
| 16th        | PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM                     |           |   |
| 16th        | NYS 5th Grade Social Studies Test Part I  |           |   |
| <b>17th</b> | <b>Dismissal at 12:05</b>                 |           |   |
| 17th        | Parent Teacher Conference Day             |           |   |
| 17th        | NYS 5th Grade Social Studies Test Part II |           |   |



**Ice Cream is Back! The Cafeteria will be selling ice Cream treats for \$1.00 on Thursdays**

### A Note from Mr. Vivenzio

On Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30 AM we will be holding an assembly to honor our country's veterans. If you are a veteran or have a family member or friend who would like to speak at this assembly, please contact me at 762-8610.

This month our fifth graders will be taking the New York State Social Studies Assessments on Monday, November 16th and Tuesday, November 17th. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep the night before the exam and has a nutritious breakfast the day of the exam.

On behalf of the staff and students of Pleasant Avenue, I would like to thank the PTA for the Fall Festival. They provided a wonderful, fun-filled night for all to enjoy.



### Thank you Veterans!

We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude. Wednesday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. We will have an assembly on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30 AM to honor our veterans. Parents are welcome to attend. **Students please wear red, white and blue on November 10th.**

### School Closing/Delay Announcements

When weather emergencies or other problems cause school to be closed or delayed, announcements will be made on the following radio and television stations: WGY 810 AM WIZR 930 AM WENT 1340 AM WRGB Channel 6 WNYT Channel 13 WTEN Channel 10

School will start at the following times when school is delayed:

**Two Hour Delay—School Starts at 11:00 AM—Breakfast is not Served**

**Students should not arrive before 10:30 AM**

**One Hour Delay—School Starts at 10:00 AM—Students should not arrive before 9:30 AM**



### First Grade Native American Culture Night

The first graders are planning their Native American Culture Night for Monday, November 23rd. If anyone has any type of wild game they would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Sepanara or Ms Edel.

### [www.johnstownschoools.org](http://www.johnstownschoools.org)

Remember to visit Pleasant Ave.'s page on our district's website for up-to-date news and events at our school. Also, many pictures of our current activities are posted there.

**The Pleasant Avenue Staff would like to wish you a  
Happy Thanksgiving!  
School will be closed  
Wednesday, November 24th through Friday, November 27th  
Have a happy and safe recess.**



## **School Banking**

School banking takes place every **Tuesday** from 8:30—8:50 AM. If you haven't signed up for school banking, you are still able to do so. Banking packets are available in the office. Children are able to make deposits every Tuesday. The minimum deposit is \$0.25. This is a great opportunity to teach your child about saving money.



## **Holiday Needs**

As we approach the holiday season, we often have Pleasant Avenue families who find themselves struggling financially. There are several community organizations ready to help with food and gifts, and they often contact the school for suggestions about families needing assistance. If you are facing difficulties this year and could use some help (or know of someone who is), please feel free to send a note to Mr. Vivenzio. All referrals will be strictly confidential and handled with care and concern for the dignity of the families and students involved.

## **Emergency "Go Home Drill"**

Tuesday, November 24th, is the annual countywide Emergency Go Home Early Drill. Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early (2:55). This drill is to provide students and parents the opportunity to discuss and practice what should happen when school must be dismissed early in the event of an emergency.

Please review the following procedures with your child. Questions which should be answered include:

1. Where should your child go if no one is home?
2. Who should the child call if no one is home?
3. Does the school have accurate information for emergency phone numbers?
4. If your phone number or address have changed, have you notified the school?

Please note: On Tuesday, November 24th, students are to leave the building promptly and go directly home or to the designated place. Students who need rides should make prior arrangements to be picked up promptly at 2:55. School personnel will also be asked to "Go Home," so it is very important that you make arrangements for your children to be picked up on time.



## **Parent-Teacher Conferences/Report Cards November 17**

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is Tuesday, November 17th. Students will be **dismissed at 12:05 PM** for afternoon conferences. If you do not have a conference scheduled with your child's teacher, please call the school to schedule one. First quarter report cards will be sent home on November 18th.

## **Winter Months**

Winter weather is rapidly approaching. Please be sure that your child is dressed properly with hats, gloves, boots and other apparel. Also, remember the building does not open until 8:30; therefore, there is no supervision for your child before 8:30 AM. Students will go outside for recess every day that the weather permits, as long as the wind chill temperature is above **20 degrees**. Students in grades 1-3 should wear snow pants, hats, mittens/gloves and boots. Students in grades 4-6 should wear, as a minimum—hats, mittens/gloves, and boots. We reserve the right to keep students indoors, if in our judgment, they are not adequately clothed for weather conditions.



**Perfect Attendance** The Greater Johnstown School District has chosen to suspend its Perfect Attendance Award for the 2009-2010 school year. This action is based upon the recommendation of the Fulton County Department of Health in an effort to protect students and staff from the H1N1 influenza virus.

Please assist in our efforts by keeping your child home if he/she exhibits flu-like symptoms. For more information on H1N1, refer to the link on the school district's web page at [www.johnstownschoools.org](http://www.johnstownschoools.org). Thank you for your cooperation.

If your child is exhibiting flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, upset stomach), please keep them home. If they are fever-free without medication for 24 hours, they may return to school.