



Pleasant Valley Elementary and STEM Program

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are happy to welcome you to Pleasant Valley Elementary School. This will be a wonderful experience for your child.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Testing Appointments

At the beginning of each school year, children in public school kindergarten programs are assessed using Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised (KRA-R). The KRA-R is aligned with Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards and measures a child's readiness to engage in standards-based kindergarten instruction. The assessment results provide a starting point for each child and are not used to prohibit any child from entering kindergarten. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ASSESSED.

KRA-R testing will be conducted at Pleasant Valley by appointment only on August 25 and 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and on August 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

If you have not yet scheduled an appointment, please call the PV office at 440-843-3867 to schedule a KRA appointment for your child after Wednesday, August 10th. On the day of your child's scheduled KRA appointment, plan to stay for 30 minutes. Our Title I teachers will have beginning-of-the-year details to share with you.

Kindergarten Orientation

- ★ Student last name begins with the letter A-L – Friday, August 28th from 10:00-11:00 AM.
- ★ Student last name begins with the letter M-Z – Monday, August 31st from 10:00-11:00 AM.

Kindergarten Orientation is also considered Open House for our Kindergarten Families. On your child's designated orientation day, the day will begin with a Parent/Guardian Orientation, which will last approximately one hour. Please bring your child's school supplies on this day. [Click here for our School Supply List](#). Please provide your student with a packed lunch or arrange for a school lunch from our cafeteria on Kindergarten Orientation Day. Kindergarten Orientation will begin in our cafeteria. Parking will be available behind the building. You and your child will enter through the doors at the back of the building, near the playground. Please plan to arrive by 9:50 AM with your child on their Orientation Day. You will leave after the Orientation, and your child will stay at school for the remainder of the day. Please consider carpooling or parking in the neighborhood behind Pleasant Valley and walking down the hill, as parking spots are limited.

On Kindergarten Orientation Days, bus transportation will be provided if your child is eligible. If your child will be a car rider, please plan to pick up your child at 3:40 PM, in accordance with our building's arrival and dismissal expectations. [Click here for the car rider dismissal procedures](#). If your child is scheduled to receive school transportation, they should practice this

Pleasant Valley Elementary School Administration

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routine on their first day to establish it. Parents cannot enter the parking lot for pickup until 3:00 pm. [Click here to read the Superintendent's message about this new procedure.](#)

STUDENTS IN ALL GRADE LEVELS (Kindergarten-Grade 4) WILL ATTEND TOGETHER ON Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Please [click here to review the updated district webpage for district Kindergarten information.](#)

While we invite you to attend our Pleasant Valley Open House for families with students in grades 1-4 on Thursday, August 24th, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, you will not know your child's teacher until the day of Kindergarten Orientation. The Open House will have school, district, and community resources available in the cafeteria.

This is an exciting time for you and your child, and I want to share some information to help your child prepare for Kindergarten. There are several weeks between today and your child's first day of school. Now is a great time to do some one-on-one work with your child to ensure they are ready for the adventures that lie ahead. Some skills to practice this summer include:

- ★ Personal care-toileting skills and handwashing
- ★ Zipping, tying, and buttoning
- ★ Following the 2-step and then the 3-step instructions
- ★ Repeating a sentence or phrase to demonstrate language development
- ★ Identifying upper and lowercase letters
- ★ Identifying the initial sounds of words through picture identification
- ★ Identifying numbers 0-10
- ★ Identifying basic colors
- ★ Some independence and responsibility

We always recommend reading with your child for a few minutes daily throughout the year. Additionally, we suggest a few websites where you can find fun readiness activities to help your child get ready to learn in school. There are undoubtedly many others; below are just a few.

- ★ www.starfall.com Letter recognition and sounds, beginning reading books, and much more!
- ★ www.education.com/resources/games/math/kindergarten This site has online games to teach kindergarten math skills.
- ★ www.pbskids.org This site has a selection of great stories read aloud by famous people.
- ★ www.internet4classrooms.com Many resources to build language, reading, and math skills!

Again, this is an exciting time for you and your child, and the Pleasant Valley Staff looks forward to meeting our newest Pleasant Valley Stars, the Class of 2039!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Boka, Principal