



# Pleasant Avenue Elementary School January 2012 Newsletter



## Important Dates to Remember

- 1/6 Popcorn Sale— bags are 25 cents to benefit Mrs. Reed's class.
- 1/6 Persevering Pioneer Breakfast
- 1/6 Character Education Assembly—1:30 PM—our focus will be "Fairness."
- 1/9 SDM Team Meeting—5:15 PM
- 1/9 PTA Meeting—6:00 PM
- 1/13 PTA Dance Party
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day—No School
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Assembly
- 1/20 Popcorn Sale—bags are 25 cents to benefit Accelerated Reader
- 1/24 Chess Club Starts 8:30 AM—9:00 AM in the Library
- 1/26 PTA Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) Kick Off



## A Note from Mr. Vivenzio

Happy new year and welcome back! I would like to thank everyone for making the holiday season of 2011 so great. The families of Pleasant Avenue students, the staff, along with area businesses, helped to make some of our less fortunate students enjoy their holiday even more by donating food and gift items. I thank everyone for their generosity.

Our Character Education Program is up and running. During the month of December, twenty students were "caught caring." These students will be honored at our Character Education assembly on Friday. Also, this month's character trait is fairness and will be announced at our assembly.

As we start the new year, its always a time to set new goals and resolutions. Please continue to promote the importance of reading every night. Remember, the more we read the more we know. This is also the time of year that we should be encouraging our children to have strong study habits as we prepare for state testing. Please make sure that your child studies and does their homework in a quiet location away from any distractions.

As a school district, we continue to face challenging economic times as less money is being provided to small rural districts, like ours. The local voting public needs our elected officials to stand up for and speak on behalf of our children. Our children deserve a well rounded public education and the same opportunities that are given to children in larger districts. Our officials have to act in order to slow the gap between the districts with means and those without in order that the whole state of New York may prosper. Your voice is important and needs to be heard by our local officials.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." **Martin Luther King, Jr.** On Monday, January 16th school will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Take time to reflect on the impact that Dr. King's life had on all Americans.



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Help make a difference in a child's life!

The Homework club of Pleasant Avenue is seeking volunteers.

For more information contact Heather Ward

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## Winter Concert



Our winter concert in December was fantastic. The students worked very hard and their effort showed when it came time to perform. Ms Poling and Ms Healy did an excellent job preparing the band and chorus. Thank you to our music department for all that you do with our students. The following students performed in the concert:



### 2011-2012 Pleasant Avenue Chorus

#### 6th Grade

Breanna Beekman	Nicole Booth	Cody Brewer	Gabriella Cannizzaro	Heidi Chamberlain
Jillian Martelle	Jaycee McSpirit	Samuel Miller	Jacob Miller	Josephine Mowrey
Jasmine Pechtel	Elizabeth Peters	Emma Rizzo	Bethanie Roe	Zachary Ropeter
Dominoque Rosario	Andrew Sitterly	Megan Tesiero	Joel Thomas	Maddie Willett
Lauryn Wilson	Roza Zarrelli			

#### 5th Grade

AimeeLynn Ahumada	Faith Beagle	Arianna Becton	Skyler Bronson	Brianna Case
Lane Daley	Elizabeth Festa	Chad Finch	Andrew Frasier	Caylee Fregin
Emily Fudger	Siara Hellijas	Isabelle Henderson	Joseph Himes	Emma Kilmer
Molly Lake	Cassandra Loveless	Lillian Nevins	Shaelyn Oathout	William Phillips
Devon Pinckney	Gevin Sitterly	Kaylee Smith	Andre Stanfield	David Truckenmiller
Taylor Vose	Lindsay Yesse			

### 2011-2012 Concert Band Members

Breanna Beekman	Heidi Chamberlain	Ethan Ernst	Christian Esposito	Ethan Hadcock
Griffin Klena	Ben Lake	Jacob Miller	Samuel Miller	Jasmine Pechtel
Michael Penny	Elizabeth Peters	Benjamin Poitras	Emma Rizzo	Zachary Ropeter
Peter VanDenburgh	Lauryn Wilson			

### 2011-2012 Beginning Band Members

AimeeLynn Ahumada	Katherine Ammann	Joseph Belknap	Noah Bowne	Brianna Case
Hailey Crusan	Christian Davie	Jacob DeFreest	Elizabeth Festa	Emma Fiore
Andrew Frasier	Emily Fudger	Zachary Hayes	Isabelle Henderson	Joseph Himes
Emma Kilmer	Molly Lake	Avanti Lauzon	Gevani Lauzon	Grayden Mickel
Joshua Morton	Lillian Nevins	William Phillips	Dominoque Rosario	Gevin Sitterly
Brady VanAernam	Ethan Wager	Roza Zarrelli	Tristan Zito	



## PTA Reflections Program Update

★ Congratulations and good luck to the **Peter VanDenburgh, Lauryn Wilson**. They have PTA Reflections entries that will be going on to the New York State level for judging with thousands of entries across the state. ★

## Reminders...



- School starts at 9:00 AM—students should not arrive until 8:30 AM.
- If your child arrives after 9:00 AM, they need to be signed in by an adult.
- School Ends at 3:10 PM—K-1 parents should not enter building until 2:55 PM—Parents of students in grades 2-6 should wait outside for their child to be dismissed
- Recess is outside if the temperature is 20 degrees or above—**all students should dress appropriately for recess. Hats, gloves and boots are necessary, and snow pants if needed.**

## Chess Club

Chess Club will begin on Tuesday, January 24th at 8:30 AM in the library. Mrs. Sepanara will teach the fundamentals of chess Tuesday mornings at 8:30 to all students who would like to participate. If your child is interested in joining, have them ask their teacher for a permission slip. All students who participate must have a signed permission slip turned in before January 24th.

