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PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Message - Tim Brantley



It is my privilege to invite you to our second term **Parent Teacher Conference** on **Wednesday November 28th from 3:00 until 7:30 pm.** Parent Teacher Conference is a great way to answer questions regarding the DATA in Skyward. Skyward is a great tool for students, parents and teachers and we believe it does increase student learning. Therefore, I strongly encourage parents to track their student's progress on Skyward at least weekly.

There are many great opportunities coming up in the next few weeks from our music and drama departments. We are performing "**Peter Pan**" the week of November 12-17th.

Mr. Shelley does an amazing job with our theatrical productions. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

As we approach the holiday season, we will have some wonderful concerts from our choirs, bands and orchestras as well. We hope these performances will help you feel the joy of the Holiday Season.

Pleasant Grove High School is a great school because of the excellent faculty and staff, families, community members and most of all students. If I can ever be of help, please let me know.

*kindest Regards!
 Tim Brantley*

PGHS DEFEATS LONE PEAK FOR THE TITLE!!

Once again, the PGHS Girls Volleyball team **DOMINATED** this year's UHSAA State Volleyball Tournament at the UVU McKay Center as they literally "swept" through the tournament, (12-0) NOT losing a single game in four matches to capture the State Championship Title!

Pleasant Grove entered the tournament as the second seed from Region IV. Rival Lone Peak went in as the first seed after sweeping PG 3-0 in Region play. After their third loss to Lone Peak, our team decided that it wasn't going to happen at state! With an incredible work ethic and the necessary adjustments in practice, the Vikings were fully prepared for the tournament. The first round defeat of Brighton 3-0 (25-16, 25-21, 25-6) led to a quarterfinal win



over Northridge 3-0 (25-17, 25-14, 25-11). The semifinal match was the big challenge against #1 ranked Davis. The Vikings had split with them previously during pre-season and were excited for another rematch. Once again, they played outstanding volleyball by **sweeping #1 ranked Davis 3-0 too!** (25-20, 25-19, 25-21).

Going into the state championship match, the Vikings were ready for the Lone Peak rematch. With a fiery sense of confidence and energy visibly noticeable, the **Vikings stunned Lone Peak 3-0 as well** (25-16, 25-14, 25-19). The Vikings ended with a team total effort of 27 aces, 146 kills, 34 blocks, 132 assists, and 179 digs in their perfect finish at the state tournament. **Congrats to the Viking Volleyball team on their 2012 State Championship!** What an amazing accomplishment!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



PGHHS offers an **AFTER SCHOOL DRIVER'S EDUCATION** course this winter from January 28 - February 14. Class will be held Monday through Thursday from 2:30 - 5:00 pm in room 128 w/ Mr. Sampson. This course requires a fee of \$135. Please see LaRaine Montgomery in the Financial Office prior to attending the first day of class. Enrolment is on a first come, first serve basis. (Maximum of 34 students)

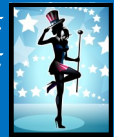
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSE: Student **MUST** present a current Utah Learners Permit. By signing up for this class, you will be expected to attend **EVERY CLASS**, which is the required number of hours by the State! (Statewebsite: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dld/index.html>)

The Pleasant Grove High School Dance Company & Ballroom Team will be holding their annual Winter concert at 7 pm on November 29th and 30th in the Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$5 for adults, \$15 for a family pass. Come one come all!



Just a friendly reminder: **PGHS PARKING PERMITS** are only \$5, but tickets are \$20! Do yourself a favor and get your permit right away. Remember to always park in the appropriate designated areas. **VISITORS**, you are welcome to park in the front circle. Thank you!

The Pleasant Grove High School Vikettes will be holding their annual Parent Preview Night at 7 pm on December 5th in the 'C' gym. This is your chance to get a sneak peek at the Vikettes' competition routines for the season. **FREE Admission!**



PTSA "NEWS & THANK YOU!"



Thank you to all who have supported the **PTSA!** We have had so many wonderful parents help with Parent Teacher Conference Dinners, Birthday Baskets, Viking Store, and many other areas. We appreciate everyone!

It's easy to find sign-ups for upcoming activities by going to our new PTSA website. The PTSA website can be accessed from the school's webpage (look under Parents/Students) or <http://pghsptsa.weebly.com>. You can find links to help sign up for Teacher Birthday Baskets, Teacher Conference Dinners, and Viking Store help.

With the holiday season fast approaching, check out the **Viking Store for gift ideas** for your student. We are open 11:45 am to 1:00 every

Tuesday through Friday. Come check out the awesome hoodies, the popular sweats and the other gear we have for sale. All the money raised goes right back into the school. We sure appreciate the volunteers who help run this during lunch!

Remember, you are welcome to attend our PTSA Board Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:15 am in the PGHS Viking Room. We would love to see you! If you have any questions, please contact **Shauna DeBuck** (801-785-6489) or **Juliet Guillott** (801-796-0780). You can also e-mail us anytime at PGVikingPTSA@gmail.com. As your PTSA co-presidents this year, we are excited to serve and invite you to help support our great high school. **Thank you to all who have supported our PTSA!**

COUNSELORS CORNER



2012 ACT TEST DATES

December 8th February 9th March 5th April 13th June 8th



MAIN OFFICE

7:00 am - 3:30 pm
(801) 610-8170

ATTENDANCE OFFICE

7:15 am - 2:45 pm
(801) 610-8172

COUNSELING OFFICE

7:00 am - 3:30 pm
(Counselors available)
7:15 am - 2:45 pm
(801) 610-8171

FINANCE OFFICE

7:15 am - 2:45 pm

Open to Students: Before and after school, lunchtime .

Parents welcome any time!

Registration for the ACT test generally needs to be completed a minimum of 5-6 weeks in advance of the test date. **Students can register on-line** at www.actstudent.org. **ACT prep classes** are offered 4-5 weeks before each test date for \$45.00. If you are interested in taking an ACT prep class, please contact the Counseling Office. Once again, **there will be an ACT test for all juniors on March 5th... FREE of charge!**

December 14th: ASVAB Test offered at PGHS 8:00 am. This is a free test and a great option for students who would like to **learn what careers might be a good match** for them, and for students who are considering a career with any branch of the armed services. Contact Moises Aguirre in the Counseling Office for more information and sign-up details.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Many scholarship applications are available in the counseling office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15-20: Utah Futures Presentation for US History classes

December 6th: Career Fair in the Student Center



2012-13 SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Nov15 Dec 13 Jan 17 Feb 21 March 21 April 18 May 16

If you would like to attend these meetings, you are more than welcome to do so.

Innovative Student Assistance

I.S.A. offers after school open homework labs, one-on-one assistance, instructional videos, ACT/AP study sessions, and an e-mail hotline: isa.pghs@gmail.com or visit their website: isa.pghs.blogspot.com

We are also on **FACEBOOK@ISA PGHS**.

We're here to help YOU!!



Alpine School District Special Education Department and the Utah Parent Center PARENT NIGHT

WHEN: Thursday, November 15 6:30-7:30 p.m

WHERE: Legacy Elementary Media Center
28 East 1340 North, American Fork

Dana Wilson, the presenter for this evening, is a Special Education teacher leader with over 20 years of experience. As a special education teacher, she addressed the academic, functional, and behavioral needs of students with mild/moderate to severe disabilities. Her current responsibility as the Life Skills teacher leader is to support elementary small-group life skills teachers and their students. She loves the challenges and rewards of working in the field of special education. Dana will be presenting on **Accommodations and Modifications** that parents can use to support their children's homework efforts. Her insights can empower parents with ideas to help their children find greater academic success.

PLEASE COME JOIN US!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov 19 Angel Tree begins
- Nov 21 THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Nov 28 Parent Teacher Conference
3:00—7:30 pm
- Dec 3 Mid- Term
- Dec 6 Career Fair (10:30 am - 1:00 pm)
- Dec 7 Cap & Gown orders with Jostens
- Dec 8 ACT TEST

Preference Dance
(Girl's Choice)
- Dec 13 SCC Meeting—Viking Room

Christmas Collage Concert
(Instrumental Music Dept.)
- Dec 14 ASVAB TEST
- Dec 17-18 A Cappella Capades
(Choir Concert)
- Dec 20 –Jan 2 CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Jan 14 Term Two ends
- Jan 17 School Community Council
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King Day
NO SCHOOL
- Jan 22 JUNIOR CCR's BEGIN
(Formerly SEOP's)
- Feb 4 Minimal Day -
(Professional Development)
- Feb 9 ACT TEST
- Feb 13 Parent Teacher Conference
- Feb 15 Mid-Term
- Feb 18 President's Day
NO SCHOOL
- Feb 21 SCC Meeting-Viking Room

"SAVE FERRIS" CANCER RESEARCH DANCE

The Pleasant Grove High School Student Council will be holding a fundraiser for cancer awareness in January. The Saturday Evening Dance will be an 80's theme—boy's choice— and will be called "Save Ferris." All proceeds from the dance will go to cancer research. We are excited to be able to get involved with helping others since we, in Alpine School District, are so very blessed with great teachers, administration, staff, and facilities. Plus, with an 80's dance, we won't have to hear "Call Me Maybe." Instead we'll have Cyndi Lauper singing 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun'. We think that's a choice we can all get behind. **SAVE THE DATE!!**



"MATHLETES" are BACK!

For the first time in a decade PGHS is renewing a legend. Students are joining the Viking Mathletes - a math club sponsored by IM Flash. Every high school in Alpine School District has been given the opportunity to create a math club. Money from sponsors will go toward incentives for students to tutor and participate in competitions, and to pay teachers/students to run math tutoring labs before and after school. **The main focus of the club is to promote progress of students towards advanced mathematics** and also to develop stronger tutoring programs. As of the end of first term, the club had over 100 students signed up to participate. Throughout the year the club will listen to guest speakers and take tours of local businesses and organizations to show students how math is used in our community. The club will also attend 5 district level math competitions this year with the option of attending at least one at the state level as well. The PGHS Math Club placed 3rd in the first Alpine District Math Competition (Individual All-Around) in September, and plans on dominating the next Team Scramble Competition on November 8th at American Fork High School.



PGHS ART STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "CHALK THE BLOCK"

PGHS Art students, along with other high school students from the Alpine District, exhibited their art talent during the Gallery Stroll held in downtown Provo on October 5th.

Art students from PGHS participated in the "Chalk the Block" Sidewalk Art Festival held at the Riverwoods in Provo. Students who participated in these events were: **Ani Henricksen**, (our Sterling Scholar nominee), **Josslynn Barton**, **Monika Robinson**, **Lian Lane**, **Desiree Short**, **Karina Richardson**, **Brittany Wolferts**, **Paige Millett**, and **Parker Peterson**.