



“TAKE ME HOME”

*From the Office of the
Superintendent of Schools*

February 1, 2012

2011 Red Out Fundraiser – The American Heart Association would like to thank Pleasant Valley High School for their participation in the 2011 Red Out in honor of Will Kohn. Your efforts raised over \$1,200 to help raise awareness and support research.

Annual PVJH PTA Concert – The PVJH 7th grade Band, 8th grade Band, and Jazz Band will be presenting their annual PTA Concert on **Monday, February 27th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Junior High. Students should arrive by 6:30 p.m. that evening.

Wall of Honor Distinguished Alumni Award – **Jake Wood**, a 2001 graduate of Pleasant Valley High School and the son of Jeff and Christy Wood of Bettendorf, is the recipient of the 2012 Wall of Honor Distinguished Alumni Award and will receive this Award from the Pleasant Valley Community School District. He will be inducted into the “Wall of Honor” which recognizes current and past students for their academic achievements and contributions to society. Jake received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with majors in Business and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While at Madison, Jake played football on a full athletic scholarship, earning two varsity letters. Following his undergraduate studies, he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps, and served combat tours in Iraq in 2007 and again in Afghanistan in 2008. Jake was the top graduate of both the School of Infantry and the Scout Sniper Course, and was awarded the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a “V” distinguished device for valor. Following his military service, Jake cofounded Team Rubicon, a nonprofit veteran service organization that organizes and deploys military veterans at home and around the world for service following natural disasters. Team Rubicon has rapidly deployed disaster response teams to Haiti, Chile, Pakistan, Burma, South Sudan, Tuscaloosa, AL, Joplin, MO, Hurricane Irene, and Turkey. As the current President of Team Rubicon, he is overseeing the development and expansion of numerous domestic disaster response programs, and speaks at universities, conferences and events around the country on the issues facing returning veterans. In 2011, Jake was awarded the University of Wisconsin “Forward Under 40” Award; the Big Ten Conference “Live Big” Award; and the GQ Magazine “Gentlemen of the Year” Award. He was recently named one of the “33 Entrepreneurs Who Make This World a Better Place” by IdeaMensch. Jake sits on numerous national committees, including the VA’s Emergency Management Evaluation Committee, the Habitat for Humanity Military and Veteran Affairs Committee, and the Veteran’s Innovation Center Executive Operating Committee; additionally, he contributes to the Huffington Post on issues facing veterans and the military. A reception is being held in the high school library at 3:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 18, 2012**. Faculty, staff, students and the public are invited to attend. The Academic Awards program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Jostens Graduation Orders - Jostens will be at the High School on **March 6th**, over the lunch period (11:30am - 1:00pm), to deliver items ordered for graduation, announcements and other items. Graduation caps & gowns will be delivered sometime in May.

Senior Class Meeting - Senior class meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 24th**, at 9:50 am in the Large Gym at the High School. A senior class "Group Picture" will be taken at this time and important information handed out.

Visiting Our Schools – We welcome you to visit our schools at any time. For the safety and security of all, always remember to check in at the main office as your first stop.

Driver’s Ed – Students interested in taking Driver’s Education through the Mississippi Bend AEA are encouraged to pick up information at the high school main office. Classes are three weeks in length and run throughout the year. For more information, please click on <http://www.aea9.k12.ia.us/index.cfm?nodeID=11691&audienceID=1>, or call 563-344-6575.

Literacy and Parents

Have you ever explored the Pleasant Valley Literacy and Parents website? If not, take time to review the site. This site is updated three times a year by elementary teacher-librarians with featured authors, book reviews for various grade levels, reading tips and website recommendations for parents. The link to the site is found on the Parent Links page of our district website.

Congratulations to:

- ... the JV Academic Bowl team on their exciting 5th place win at the Geneseo Invitational, winning five of their seven matches. **Allen Wang** received an award for most toss ups questions in regular round play. **Ben Bruster, Brandon Lee, Shraddha Kumar, Deepon Sarkar** and **Abhishek Gowda** also contributed substantially to the team's success.
- ...the Large Group Speech team on their showing at the district competition. Two groups qualified for state.
- ...the Competition Cheer Squad on their 1st place win at the Midwest Championship in Peoria. This is the fifth year in a row that the team has taken first place.
- ...the thirteen members of the Pleasant Valley 6th grade bands who were selected for the Young Musician's Honor Band at College Community School District in Cedar Rapids. Students selected from **Bridgeview** include: **Cameron Reed**, trombone. Students selected from **Cody** include: **Kade Coudron**, trumpet; **Isabelle Davis**, flute; **Caroline Sharis**, oboe; and **Gretchen Strobbe**, flute. Students selected from **Hopewell** include: **Ben Fuller**, euphonium; and **Claire Thomsen**, flute. Students selected from **Pleasant View** include: **Cami Hunter**, clarinet; **Bethany Junge**, flute; **Abby Melbourne**, flute; and **Ellie Spelhaug**, trombone. Students selected from **Riverdale Heights** include: **Hannah Allen**, trumpet; and **Ben Piotter**, euphonium. The Honor Band Festival will be held on Saturday, **February 25th** at Prairie High School where they will participate in sectionals, rehearsals, leadership training, and perform a concert with other 1st and 2nd year band members from across Iowa.
- ...the five members of the Pleasant Valley 7th grade band who were selected for the Young Musician's Honor Band at College Community School District in Cedar Rapids. Students selected from the Junior High include: **Samina Abdullah**, flute; **Ryan Anderson**, horn; **Erin Sollars**, horn; **Maureen Thomsen**, clarinet; and **Alex Wong**, trumpet. The Honor Band Festival will be held on **February 25th** at Prairie High School where they will participate in sectionals, rehearsals, leadership training, and perform a concert with other 2nd year band members from across Iowa.

Dates To Remember:

<u>2/01/12</u> K-12 Early Dismissal 4:00 pm JH PTA Ski Prty @ Snowstar	<u>2/16/12</u> HW Spring Pictures
<u>2/02/12</u> 3:30 pm JH Conferences 6:30 pm HS Choral Bstr Mtg	<u>2/17/12</u> K-12 No School K-6 Records/7-12 Prof Dev
<u>2/03/12</u> JH Mid-Terms	<u>2/20/12</u> K-12 No School
<u>2/06/12</u> HS IHSMA Jazz Choir Fest @ Musc	<u>2/21/12</u> 4:00 pm HS Band Solo Fest 6:00 pm CO Sktg Prty 6:30 pm HW PTA Mtg 6:30 pm JH 6 th Gr Parent Mtg 6:30 pm RH PTA Mtg 7:00 pm HS Orchestra Bstr Mtg
<u>2/07/12</u> PLV Spring Pictures 8:30 am Supt/PTA Update 6:30 pm CO PTA Mtg	<u>2/23/12</u> HS St Ambrose Honor Band RH Spring Pictures 7:00 pm Dist Choral Fest @ HS
<u>2/08/12</u> HS NCACDA Honor Choirs @ WI 1:30 pm JH PTA Mtg	<u>2/24/12</u> Kindergarten - No School 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten Registration 5:00 pm PLV Winterfest 7:00 pm HS Winter Play HS No 8 th Period
<u>2/09/12</u> CO Spring Pictures HS NCACDA Honor Choirs @WI HS UNI Honor Band @ UNI	<u>2/25/12</u> JH Young Musicians Honor Band 7:00 pm HS Winter Play
<u>02/10/12</u> HS NCACDA Honor Choirs @ WI 7:45 am BV Muffins w/Mom 6:30 pm HW Variety Show @ HS 6:30 pm RH PTA Trivia Night HS No 8 th Period	<u>2/27/12</u> JH SEICDA Youth Honor Choir 12:20 pm JH Visiting Artist 6:00 pm HS Athletic Bstr Mtg 6:00 pm HS Drama Bstr Mtg 7:00 pm JH PTA Band Cncrt 7:00 pm School Board Mtg
<u>2/11/12</u> HS NCACDA Honor Choir @ WI	<u>2/28/12</u> 1:30 pm BV Visiting Artist 4:00 pm Elem/JH Solo Fest @ JH 6:00 pm HS Band Bstr Mtg – Agenda Band Trip
<u>2/13/12</u> 5:15 pm School Board Mtg 5:30 pm HS PTA Mtg 6:30 pm HS Winter Band Cncrt 7:00 pm PLV PTA Mtg 8:00 pm HS Winter Band Cncrt	<u>2/29/12</u> 8:45 am PLV Visiting Artist
<u>2/14/12</u> 2:30 pm Elem Valentine Prty 6:00 pm BV PTA Mtg	
<u>2/15/12</u> JH Spring Pictures	

