



# Valley View Elementary PTA Post

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## May & June at a Glance

*Please check the Calendar of Events for more info!*

May 9	PTA General Meeting
May 11	4th Grade Chorus Concert
May 16	3rd Grade Field Trip
May 17	Elementary Art Show School Board Work Session
May 18	5th Grade Field Trip 5th Grade Band Concert
May 19	4th Grade Field Trip
May 22	School Board Meeting
May 24 - 1st & 2nd Grade Play Day	
May 25 - Kindergarten Play Day	
May 26	12:15pm Dismissal
May 29	School Closed
June 2	2nd Grade Send Off 5th Grade Farewell
June 5 - 3rd Grade Play Day	
June 6 - 4th Grade Play Day	
June 7 - 5th Grade Play Day	
June 15	Last Day of School!

Dear Valley View Elementary and Intermediate Parents, Teachers, and Administration,

Happy May Everyone! This month our general meeting has been set for Tuesday, May 9th at 7pm in the Elementary school gym!

This month will be packed with some exciting events! 2nd graders will enjoy a field trip to the Lackawanna County Environmental Center, 3rd and 4th graders will take a trip to the movies, and 5th graders will attend a Railriders baseball game. May 12th will also be an exciting day, as we will have the pleasure of "The Rainforest Show" come to both schools! There will also be a show open to the public May 12th at the high school starting at 6:30pm with a \$5 admission.

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we are busy planning our "2nd Grade Send Off" and "5th Grade Farewell" as well as Play Days for all grades! If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please sign up at the meeting.

Read on in our newsletter for more information on our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Janel Smith  
2016-2017 VVEPTA President



## May 12th at 6:30pm High School Auditorium

Join us for a special event! Come learn about the rainforest and the animals that live there. The Rainforest Live will bring a large assortment of live animals, including but not limited to kinkajous, monkeys, birds and snakes. Fun for all ages. Admission is \$5 per person.

Students at both schools will enjoy this show during the school day.

## Volunteer Opportunities WE NEED HELP!!!

Signup sheets will be available at the general meetings. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact the event chair.

**2nd Grade Field Trip - May 3 & 9**  
Kristin Moran - fieldtripselementary@vvepta.org

**3rd Grade Field Trips - May 16**  
**5th Grade Field Trip - May 18**  
**4th Grade Field Trips - May 19**  
Tim Rogers - fieldtripsintermediate@vvepta.org

**1st & 2nd Grade Play Day - May 24**  
**Kindergarten Play Day - May 25**  
Debra Cosenza - playday@vvepta.org

**2nd Grade Send Off - June 2**  
Jill Kaszuba - kaszuba95@comcast.net

**5th Grade Farewell - June 2**  
Pam Sherwood 570-575-1997  
psherwood711@gmail.com

**3rd Grade Play Day - June 5**  
**4th Grade Play Day - June 6**  
**5th Grade Play Day - June 7**  
Debra Cosenza - playday@vvepta.org

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Online!

Website [www.vvepta.org](http://www.vvepta.org)  
Facebook Valley View Elementary PTA

## 2nd Grade Field Trip

Lackawanna College Environmental Education Center

May 3 – Geoffroy, Gowat, Mancuso, Castellani

May 9 – Mason, Scagliotti, DiGregorio, Mariani

The students will participate in the Habitat Explorations program. Afterwards, weather permitting they will enjoy lunch and play time at Covington Park.

Any questions please contact Kristin Moran at [fieldtripselementary@vvepta.org](mailto:fieldtripselementary@vvepta.org)



## 3rd Grade Field Trip

“Smurfs: The Lost Village” @ Cinemark

Tuesday, May 16



## 4th Grade Field Trip

“Smurfs: The Lost Village” @ Cinemark

**\*\*Date Change\*\*** Friday, May 19

The field trips will take place in the morning at Cinemark in Moosic. The students will be provided a kid size movie snack.

## 5th Grade Field Trip

SWB Railriders @ PNC Field

Thursday, May 18



The students will take part in the Strike out Drugs and Alcohol game which features: DARE, Local Police and Anti-Alcohol Organizations. There will be Anti Drug & Alcohol Themed Games and activities. Students will take a bagged lunch into the stadium. Students will NOT be permitted to bring money to purchase food.

Any questions please contact Tim Rogers at [fieldtripsintermediate@vvepta.org](mailto:fieldtripsintermediate@vvepta.org)

## 5th Grade Farewell

Friday, June 2 from 1-3pm

Students will enjoy an afternoon of fun!

We are looking for small basket & gift card donations (small denominations). We want to have lot of small prizes instead of only a few large prizes. Also we will give each student a t-shirt to wear that day.

Any questions, call or text:

Pam Sherwood 570-575-1997 or

Christy Healey 570-983-6633

## Yearbook Sale

2016-2017 Yearbooks Are on Sale Now! Order forms were recently sent home. Prices for the yearbooks are \$20 for non-personalized and \$26 for personalized. All personalized yearbooks will have your child's name, picture, school and year on the cover. All checks can be made out to VVEPTA. Please send your payment and order form in to your child's teacher.

Yearbooks can also be ordered on-line. Please order at [YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPay.lifetouch.com) with Yearbook ID Codes:

**Elementary:** 10480417

**Intermediate:** 10480717

Online orders ONLY can be paid with Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express

All orders are due no later than May 31, 2017. Order yours today!!

### Play Day Elementary

Kindergarten - May 25 in the morning

1st Grade - May 24 in the morning

2nd Grade - May 24 in the afternoon

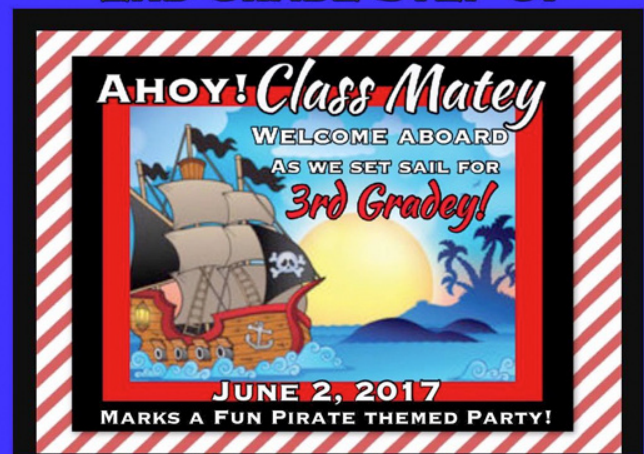
### Play Day Intermediate

3rd Grade - June 5

4th Grade - June 6

5th Grade - June 7

### 2ND GRADE STEP UP



**ARGH, YA READY!**

Print this and share with as many people as you can!



# Fundraising

## Dine to Donate

All proceeds benefit:

**Valley View Elementary PTA**

Wednesday June 7, 2017

3:00pm-10:00pm

### 10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting  
this invitation to the listed

Texas Roadhouse® location and

Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!



570-383-5358

1255 Commerce Blvd-Dickson City, Pa. 18519



# VVEPTA Board Positions

Please consider volunteering your time to our VVEPTA Board. You can take a more active role in the decisions that are made for every child in our school district. Our volunteers are what makes us a successful group - and we need all the help we can get!

## Open Positions

**Anti-Bullying:** Coordinate anti-bullying themed activities quarterly and plan anti-bullying assembly for students in grades K-5

**By Laws/Legislation:** Gather information on PTA legislation and distribute as necessary. Ensure PTA follows all By Laws. Coordinate any By Law changes as needed throughout the year

**Child Development:** Coordinate child care for General PTA meetings

**Field Trip Coordinator - Elementary:** Work with teachers and general membership to choose/approve field trips and enrichment day themes for each grade K-2. Coordinate dates/prices with trip/program provider. Coordinate chaperones/buses/water for field trips and volunteers/crafts/station activities for enrichment days.

**Field Trip Coordinator - Intermediate:** Work with teachers and general membership to choose/approve field trips and enrichment day themes for each grade 3-5. Coordinate dates/prices with trip/program provider. Coordinate chaperones/buses/water for field trips and volunteers/crafts/station activities for enrichment days.

**Fundraiser:** Coordinate any fundraisers in the necessary amount of money to cover PTA budget throughout the school year.

**Homeroom Activities:** Coordinate homeroom parents and activities for Holiday Parties.

**Membership:** Work with president on ideas/themes for membership drive. Organize and keep track of all membership. Send in membership dues to state by required due dates. Coordinate with donations/raffles chair for monthly prize. Ensure membership booths are available at all appropriate PTA functions (meetings, Get Acquainted nights, etc)

**Newsletter & Webmaster:** Gather information and create/distribute monthly PTA newsletters and keep website updated.

**Photography/Publicity:** Taking photos of PTA events for future reference and/or newspaper/newsletter submission. Submitting necessary photos/events to the newspaper. Assisting with taking photos for the yearbook

**Play Day:** Coordinate contest for theme and artwork printed on t-shirts. Research bids on t-shirts for general voting. Gather t-shirt sizes from all children/school staff needed. Coordinate ordering/distributing t-shirts. Coordinate volunteers/water for play day. Coordinate with school/Gym Teachers for each grade play day

**Programs:** Research and book Arts and Education programs for all grades throughout the year. Coordinate payment reimbursements from the NEIU. Coordinate with administration regarding scheduling and coordinate any volunteers needed.

**Donations/Raffle:** Soliciting donations from business in the area for all PTA Events

**Reflections:** Publicize information on the Reflections Program to ensure all students are aware of the program, rules, due dates. Encourage children to participate. Coordinate with teachers who are participating. Coordinate judging at the local level and local awards ceremony. Prepare all winning entries for council level judging. Be available for questions at subsequent levels of judging. Assist in preparing for the council awards banquet.

**Safety & Health:** Researching and booking Health & Safety programs for all grades throughout the year. Coordinating with administration for scheduling and coordinating volunteers.

**School Board Liaison:** Attend school board work sessions/meetings to communicate information between school board and PTA

**Telephone/Sunshine:** Send appropriate card/small token to any child, PTA member, or school staff who has been sick for over a week, is in the hospital, or who has had a death in the family. Call all board officers to remind them of meetings, Coordinate call tree for board/officers when information needs to go out.

**Yearbook Elementary:** Working with Lifetouch to operate their online yearbook designing program. Coordinate ordering of yearbooks and distribution of yearbooks. Encourage parents to upload photos in order for the chair to design the yearbook. Working to get all students in the yearbook. For Grades K-2.

**Yearbook Intermediate:** Working with Lifetouch to operate their online yearbook designing program. Coordinate ordering of yearbooks and distribution of yearbooks. Encourage parents to upload photos in order for the chair to design the yearbook. Working to get all students in the yearbook. For Grades 3-5.


**Teacher Liaison (Elementary) \*\*\*MUST BE A TEACHER** – Represent teachers of school. Bring suggestions/questions of the PTA to teachers and questions/suggestions from teachers to PTA. Position for a teacher representing grades K-2.

**Teacher Liaison (Intermediate) \*\*\*MUST BE A TEACHER** – Represent teachers of school. Bring suggestions/questions of the PTA to teachers and questions/suggestions from teachers to PTA. Position for a teacher representing grades 3-5.

## VVEPTA Officer Positions:

President	2nd Vice President	Historian
1st Vice President	Secretary	Parliamentarian
	Treasurer	

# Calendar of Events - May & June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>May 1</b> PSSA Science - Grade 4	2	3 2nd Grade Field Trip Grandparents Day 5th Grade 3rd Grade Chorus Concert @ 7pm High School	4 5th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7pm High School	5	6
7	8	9 2nd Grade Field Trip  PTA General Meeting @ 7pm Elementary Gym	10	11 4th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7pm High School	12  THE RAINFORESTive 6:30pm High School Auditorium	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b>	15	16 3rd Grade Field Trip 	17 Elementary Art Show @ 6pm School Board Work Session @ 7pm High School	18 5th Grade Field Trip  5th Grade Band Concert @ 7pm High School	19 4th Grade Field Trip 	20
21	22 School Board Meeting @ 7pm High School	23	24 1st Grade Play Day (morning) 2nd Grade Play Day (afternoon)	25 Kindergarten Play Day	26 <b>12:15pm Dismissal</b>	27
28	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	30	31	<b>June 1</b>	2 2nd Grade Send Off 5th Grade Farewell	3
4	5 3rd Grade Play Day	6 4th Grade Play Day	7 5th Grade Play Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!</b> 9:05 Dismissal		

## Valley View Elementary PTA Board Officers

President	Janel Smith
1st Vice President	Erika Santarelli
2nd Vice President	Kerri Pienkowski
Secretary	Mary Ann O'Shea
Treasurer	Tom O'Donnell
Historian	Jodi Tomassoni
Parliamentarian	Kristal Clifford-O'Donnell

## Valley View Elementary PTA Board Members

Anti-Bullying	OPEN POSITION	Photo & Publicity	Janine Biondo
By-Laws/Legislation	Kat Miller	Play Day	Debra Cosenza
Child Development	Jennifer Russell	Programs	OPEN POSITION
Field Trips-Elementary	Kristen Moran	Raffle/Donations	Cherokee Sprague
Field Trips-Intermediate	Tim Rogers	Reflections	Lisa Conniff
Fundraiser	Barbara Munley	Safety and Health	OPEN POSITION
Home Room Activities	Anna Marushock	School Board Liaison	Cherokee Sprague
Membership	Christina Sheerer	Telephone/Sunshine	Denise Daiute
Newsletter/Website	Kelly Sewack	Yearbook-Elementary	Jaime Gibbs
Photocopy	Holly Mancuso	Yearbook-Intermediate	Amy Szorak

The first VVEPTA Meeting of the 2017-18 School Year will be on September 12, 2017

Deadline for September newsletter content is August 29. Please email to: [newsletter@vvepta.org](mailto:newsletter@vvepta.org)