



# Community Newsletter

## Plateau Valley School

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### Plateau Valley Students Attend Western Slope Economic Leadership Conference

Plateau Valley Juniors had the opportunity to attend the Western Slope Economic Leadership Conference hosted at CMU and sponsored by FEE, Foundation for Economic Education, an organization focused on the education of young people in the ways of economic freedoms and free markets.

Students heard from Keynote Speaker T.K. Coleman, CMU Professor Nathan Perry, and a panel of small entrepreneurs from around the valley. The content was superb, applicable, and intriguing. Topics included free trade, leadership potential, and the application of leadership in business and economics. And of course, it didn't hurt when they handed out an assortment of prizes (two Kindle Fires were won by PV students) and students had their pick of the CMU lunch room, including the soft serve ice-cream machine.

Students left inspired, whether it was in their leadership potential, their interest in economics, or just because it was a new opportunity to learn in a new and fun environment.



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Top Row: Steve Langley, Abby Detwiler, Melanie Lee, Jordan Miner, ShyAnne Forrest, Logan Butterfield, Tucker Wiltse, Josh Meyers, Stevenson Reynolds.  
Bottom Row: Taryn Pease, Cheyenne Lampshire, Tristan Danks, Aubree DeFilippo, Hannah Piland, Malachi Wilson, Rachel Schowalter.

# An Evening of Improv and Melodrama Did Not Disappoint

By: Rachel Schowalter

On Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, a few Plateau Valley Students wowed the audience with an evening of Improvisation and Melodrama. The Plateau Valley High School Theatre Class worked diligently all semester to prepare for their performance and it was evident to all who attended. Twelve students in all dazzled the audience. The evening began with students in their matching class sweatshirts performing five various improvisation games, some seen on the popular show "Who's Line Is It Anyway?". Improvisation means there is no script and the students themselves do not even know the topics of the games until the audience creates them. This is a recipe for hilarity and the group did not disappoint.

After the games, there was a brief intermission where desserts and refreshments were served and the cast changed into their costumes. The melodrama performed was "The Old Cookie Shop" or "Nellie was a Baker because She Kneaded the Dough". Garrick Holmes was the hero who won the love of Nellie O'Grady, the heroin, played by Alexis Grundy. And no melodrama would be complete without an ailing mother, played by Madison Dole, and of course an evil villain, played by Brady Curtis. If you missed their performance this year, be on the lookout for future performances by the school's theatre class. You won't be disappointed.



The Old  
Cookie Shop



## Staff Alumni Game Tucker Wiltse

The PVHS Basketball Season and Thanksgiving Break were kicked off recently with the fifth annual Staff vs. Alumni Basketball Games. The Staff vs. Alumni Games are a men's and a women's basketball game between Plateau Valley alumni and Plateau Valley staff. The first game was started by the introduction of the PVHS women's basketball team and the debut of PVHS's new cowboy mascot! The women's game was an extremely close one, which was kept close by an equal amount of sizable bribes. The alumni team pulled through though, winning by one glorious point at the final buzzer.

In between basketball games, door prizes were given out, chili was served and both a silent and live pie auction were held. After the short break, the men's Staff Alumni game was started. Intense coaching and hefty bribes pulled the Staff team to the top, but not without a fight from the alumni team. Overall, this year's Staff Alumni Basketball Games was a great deal of fun and a major success. Through the auction, dinner, and bribes, over \$700 was raised for Student Council. This money helps Student Council fund projects throughout the year. In the past, this event helped the former Leadership Class put in refillable water fountain stations throughout the school, the soon to be school sign at the 'Y', and the new mascot costume.

Student Council would like to give a big thank you to all who helped make the event possible. Kris Melnikoff, Joyce Chicco, Luanne Wallace, Becky Showalter, Deb Terwedo, Meloni Miller, Judy Schowalter, Tracy Holmes and Tilda Evans donated baked goods for the auction, PV Times, Heather Jenkins, and the PV Booster Club donated prizes, and last year's Leadership class donated the shirts to the alumni. It truly is a community effort and the students truly appreciate the support. Plateau Valley is excited to see what happens in next year's Staff Alumni Game.



Advisory Committee has been busy the past few months!

STARS and WISHES Report has been very successful!!

STARS (things we have accomplished)

- Bulletin boards are up and look amazing! Mailboxes will be installed soon and an email has been set up! All are ways to communicate with the advisory team and to send us your STARS and WISHES!! Email us at [advisoryteam@pvsd50.org](mailto:advisoryteam@pvsd50.org) if you have a STAR or WISH you would like for us to know about!
- Box Tops collection sites and volunteers to help
- Newsletters and communication from elementary teachers have been great!
- Grief Group started on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> with 18 students from kindergarten to high school participating and helping out!!
- Carrie Bevan has been preparing Science totes for elementary classes that include everything they might need in order to cover the state standards for each grade!
- Staff received E-cigarette and vaping education. Presentations and more information on the dangers and health risks of vaping will be provided to parents during teacher conferences on November 29 and to students through school assemblies.

WISHES (things we are working on)

- Ways to improve participation on state testing this spring. Including informational meetings about how the scores are used by our school and district and how participation and opt-out rates affect our school accreditation.
- Information was shared about the new state graduation requirement regarding Capstone projects!! Be looking for more communication and informational meetings about this coming soon!

A significant number of staff, representing each school, was on hand to provide reports from the classroom. So many great things are happening in our classrooms! Please join us at our next meeting to hear about some of the exciting things your children are doing!

Next meeting will be December 11 at 3:30 please join us!

Happy Holidays from Plateau Valley Advisory Committee!!!



# Upcoming Events

**Winter Wonderland**  
Job Corp.  
Thursday, December 6, 2018

**Winter Concert**  
Middle School and High School  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018

**Winter Concert**  
Elementary  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018

**Winter Break**  
December 24, 2017—January 3, 2018

**Have you ordered your yearbook yet?**

Buy yours now for a discounted price!  
\$35 before Christmas Break.

Price increases to \$45 after break.

Option to personalize only available until December.

Last year's yearbook also available for \$30

**PLATEAU VALLEY SCHOOL**

Find an order form at [www.pvsd50.org](http://www.pvsd50.org).  
Pay Tina in the main office.



## Superintendent's Views 11-16-18

By Mike Page

When we think of Thanksgiving, many things pop into our mind. Family, turkey, parades on television, eating too much (why do we do that?) and watching football are my first thoughts. The following are some facts about Thanksgiving and the hoop-la surrounding this glorious day:

- In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. The first one was in 1621 and the celebration lasted 3 days. Not sure if Tums were discovered then or not? There is no evidence that turkeys were served but lobster, seal and swan (YUMMY!) were reportedly served. President Lincoln made it an annual holiday.
- Green bean casserole was developed for Thanksgiving in 1955 by the Campbell's Soup Company. Pumpkin pies were first made in the 1600's. A surveyed showed that 8 out of every 10 Americans prefer the leftovers as opposed to the actual meal.
- On the average, a person consumes 292 grams of fat and over 3,000 calories during the big meal. Don't forgot to dress for comfort and I suggest sweatpants!!
- The Butterball's "Cooking Crisis Management Team" fields over 100,000 every year on Thanksgiving Day!!
- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 46 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the U.S. at Thanksgiving—that's one sixth of all turkeys sold in the U.S. each year. 88 million Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day. That statistic means that every American eat  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a turkey on Thanksgiving!! Seems like a lot, remember I just find the facts and I found them on the internet, so that means they must be true!! Turkey production has increased 104% since 1970. California leads the way in the US for turkey consumption per capita, while Israel is tops in the world per capita.
- Domesticated turkeys cannot fly. Wild turkeys, however, can fly for short distances at speeds up to 55 miles per hour. They can also reach speeds of 25 miles per hour on the ground. The average weight of a Thanksgiving turkey is 15 pounds, NOT big enough!! In my opinion, you need at least a 20-22 pound turkey to be able to enjoy a sufficient amount of turkey sandwiches over the next few days!!
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade held in New York City was in 1924.
- Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States commemorating the Pilgrims' celebration of the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony in 1621.  
Detroit Lions have played on Thanksgiving Day since 1934 and "THE" Dallas Cowboys have been a tradition since 1966.

What does the word thankful mean? The definition in Webster's Dictionary, is to be conscious of benefit received or an expression of thanks. We all need to be thankful because I'm sure we have experienced a time where we might have said that things couldn't get any worse. As we join with our families on this glorious occasion, let us be thankful for being able to be free to say what we are thankful for.

So if you don't mind, I would like to take this time to tell you my thoughts of thankfulness. I am thankful for:

1. Our freedom to live in this great country and have the rights that we have.
2. The soldiers that fight for that freedom on a daily basis. Thank you to these brave young men and women that are currently in the military and those who have served.
3. Being able to work with the best staff in the world. The entire staff at Plateau Valley School District make it enjoyable to come to work each and every day. Whether it is your job to manage the offices, cook and serve meals, drive the kids to school, aide a teacher, clean and polish the school and its grounds or make things run smoothly, you are the best!!!
4. The teachers here at Plateau Valley. From preschool to senior high school, this is a very dedicated staff with the student's best interest in mind on a daily basis. Thank you for setting high standards for your students and making them realize their potential. You are awesome!!!
5. The students of Plateau Valley. Thank you for setting your goals high and maintaining the excellence that has preceded you. Also, thanks to the student/athletes that represent our school in a positive manner.
6. A school board that is very supportive and always keeping the students first in your thoughts. After all, they are our most precious commodity.

7. The people of this wonderful valley. Thank you for welcoming me back. I have been amazed how many people have told me it was great to have me back in the valley. I will forever be grateful for all this valley has given my family. The stories I continue to hear about my parents will never grow old. This speaks highly of the friendliness of this great community. It was always a place I called home and now able to be a reality for Shona and me to call home.
8. To be able to see the growth of students that graduated from here and what wonderful people and great parents/grandparents they have become. If you walk the halls and look at the senior pictures, there are countless success stories that are proud to have graduated from here. Once a Cowboy, Always a Cowboy!!
9. My incredible mother, siblings and their families that have always been so supportive of everything I have done. Thanks!!
10. Shona's family. Thanks for all the love and support you have given us.
11. My wife Shona. She is absolutely the best thing that has ever happened to me. I am so lucky to have met the perfect person to spend the rest of my life with.
12. Our boys, Tanner and Tayte. You guys are the most important things in our lives. Thanks for being so great.

Hopefully, everyone will have a chance to spend some time with the people they are thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.



## Lost and Found

The school Lost & Found is located in the high school and elementary hallways. When found, articles (clothing, lunch boxes, backpacks, playground equipment, etc...) are placed in the bin behind the office door and bi-monthly these items are placed in the elementary and secondary hallways for students to claim. We strongly suggest you label your child's belongings as many sweaters, jackets, and backpacks look similar.

Smaller items or valuables, such as cell phones, glasses, earrings, etc. can be claimed at the main office. Plateau Valley School is not responsible for lost items.

We would like to encourage parents and guardians to occasionally check these locations for missing items. Also having your child's name on their coats, boots, gloves and hats is helpful.

**\*\*Items not claimed after 2 months will be donated to a local charity.\*\***

## Community Newsletter

We want to improve how our community members receive the Community Newsletter. It is our hope that everyone that would want to have a hard copy of our newsletter has the opportunity to receive it. In the past we have mailed the issues to all box holders in the community. Sadly many of the issues were thrown away without them being read. So in an effort to reduce the budget for the Community Newsletter, we decided to only mail out the May issue that celebrated our graduating seniors. All other issues will be posted on the school website. This year we have decided to include in each issue of the newsletter, a form that you can fill out that will let us know that you would like to receive a hard copy in the mail.

Please mail all further issues of the Plateau Valley School, Community Newsletter to the following address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Families,

We have come to the time of year to expect cold and flu symptoms. Some of these are unavoidable but, there are several things you can do at home to help prevent illness and keep everyone feeling healthy. Here are some tips to remember:

**WASH, WASH, WASH YOUR HANDS!** This is still the best defense against illness. Encourage your children to wash, especially before meals, using soap and warm water. To ensure they are taking enough time to adequately kill germs, have them sing the ABC song while scrubbing.

Get plenty of rest. School age children should get 9-11 hours of sleep each night. Grownups should try to get 8 hours.

Drink lots of fluids and eat a balanced diet - especially breakfast! I'm seeing a lot of children with stomachaches and headaches due to hunger.

Dress appropriately for cold weather. Please help your child choose warm, comfortable clothing for school each day, including socks. Make sure they are wearing a coat and you may want to consider a hat and gloves as well. Even in cool weather they need the exercise and fresh air during recess.

Unfortunately, even with the best care, a virus can make us sick. Cold symptoms are best relieved with rest and fluids and may last as long as 10 days. If symptoms persist longer than this, the child should see a physician. Please keep in mind the guidelines below when deciding if your child should come to school. Any child with the following symptoms should stay home:

-A fever 100 degrees or higher. A child should not come back to school **until the temperature is normal for 24 hours without medication.**

-vomiting or diarrhea

-a frequent cough

-any rash accompanied by a fever

-ear pain and/or eye drainage

-sore throat with a fever and/or rash

Please call if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's illness. If you have a change in address or phone number, remember to contact the school office. It is very important to be able to reach you in the event your child becomes ill at school. Have a safe and HEALTHY winter!

School Nurse

## I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I have a Fever	I am Vomiting	I have Diarrhea	I have a Rash	I have Head Lice	I have an Eye infection	I have been in the hospital
						
Temperature of 100.4	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, &/or crusty drainage from eye	Hospital stay &/ or ER Visit.
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. i.e. Tylenol, ibuprofen	Free from Vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and information is provided to school nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school

# Plateau Valley School

## HONOR ROLL

First Quarter 2018-2019

Only the following grades are acceptable: A, B & P - No incompletes.  
Includes only students whose complete records are available at this time.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL (All A's) in bold type.**

### ***Seniors***

Lauren Amos  
Michael Bieser  
**Trevor Brown**  
**Ethan Ellinger**  
Ian Ellinger  
Aspen England  
**Weston Hilgenfeld**  
Klayton Jenkins  
Lauren King  
Katrina Lang  
Keely Long  
Mackenzie Matarozzo  
**Brandon Melnikoff**  
**MaryClaire Nichols**  
Taylor Nichols  
Alayna Petersen  
**Jesse Squires**  
**Kassidy Wilkerson**  
Malachi Wilson

### ***Juniors***

ShyAnne Forrest  
Logan Butterfield  
Allen Casteel  
Mikaela Crites  
Abby Detwiler  
**Macie Holmes**  
Cheyanne Lampshire  
Melanie Lee  
Jordan Miner  
Taryn Pease  
**Hannah Piland**  
**Stevenson Reynolds**  
**Tucker Wiltse**

### ***Sophomores***

Emily Bailey  
**Asiana Barlow**  
**Scott Brown**  
Madison Clark  
Victoria David  
Cahlea Dennison  
Ashley Julius  
Codey Lee  
John Nichols  
Jack Shepardson  
Wesley Shiflett

### ***Freshman***

**David Crowhurst**  
Brady Curtis Kathryn  
Ghilarducci **Alexis**  
**Grundy Garrick**  
Holmes **Korbin**  
**Kirby**  
Luke Meyers  
Colden Morse  
Landen Morse  
Cody Ridenour  
Paul Ross  
Clayton Shepardson  
**Ashlyn Wilkerson**  
**Hadassah Wilson**  
**Jeweliann Wiltse**

### ***Eighth Grade***

Dalton Crites  
**Genevieve Hill**  
**Kyla Julius**  
**Kaylee Lang**  
Caroline Limric  
**Maddisyn Miller**  
Danika Moore  
Rebecca Nedohon  
Denielle Parker  
**Destiny Perry**  
Kaylee Roswell  
Shea Satterfield  
**Caley Shiflett**

### ***Seventh Grade***

Samantha Addison  
**Rusty Junge**  
Kaiden Kirby  
**Ayva Lopez**  
**Meloni Miller**  
Nikole Moore  
Sierra Piland  
Bode Satterfield  
Timothy Scott  
**Christinamae Sheley**  
**Jenna Sheley**  
Benjamin Shiflett  
Zully Varela Castillo

### ***Sixth Grade***

Heston Bevan  
**Jackson Bevan**  
Johnathan Cotter  
Emaline Ealey  
Cody Gutierrez  
Daisy Lucas  
**Kora Marvin**  
Haylee Nichols  
Myles Salazar  
Peydon Siebert  
Lanae White  
Payton Wilkerson

### ***Fifth Grade***

**Cowboy Brinkmeyer**  
Keiara Butts  
Dalley Fifield  
Dimetra Garner  
Kyanna Himes  
Koooper Jenkins  
Calli Jones  
Riley Junge  
Mariyn Milham  
Lillian Morse  
Anna Perry  
Kayla Shepardson  
Brayden Silzell  
Kaelyn West  
Hunter White  
Ruthanna Wilson

### ***Fourth Grade***

Aiden Azcarraga  
Grant Bevan  
**Macyn Bevan**  
Wyatt Black  
**Kilee Gose**  
Austin Grundy  
**Mary K Hardin**  
Presley Hawkins  
Leksis Moore  
**Julia Murphy**  
Gracelynn Ortega  
Cash Salazar  
Zailyn Varela Castillo



Our school has the ability to send emergency messages to your landline, cell phone (both voice & text) and email. But we need your most up to date contact information for this to be effective. Here's what to do:

1. Please log on to your parent portal account and verify that all your contact information is correct. You do this by clicking on the family members tab. If you haven't set up your parent portal account, or don't have internet access, please call the school office.
2. Once logged on, you then need to choose under what circumstances you would like to be contacted and by what method(s) you prefer to be contacted. You do this by clicking on the contacts preferences tab and the notifications tab.

Simple to do! And we think it will be a very effective way to notify all of you of snow days, school closures or any other urgent or emergency message.

November 14, 2018

To: All parents and/or guardians of Plateau Valley students:

From: Superintendent Mike Page

**RE: SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

In the event the superintendent of schools and the transportation director deem the weather and road conditions bad enough to close school, we will post on our school webpage immediately and send it out on school messenger via text, voice, email and Facebook. The school website is [www.pvsd50.org](http://www.pvsd50.org). Also, the following radio and television stations will be notified as early as possible and will broadcast the closure and/or post it on their websites. **Please be advised that when a snow day is called, all other school sponsored activities will also be cancelled, including athletic events.**

**TV Stations:**

Channel 8 KJCT ABC Channel 8 or check their website at [www.kjct8.com](http://www.kjct8.com)

Channel 11 KKCO NBC Channel 11 or check their website at [www.nbc11news.com](http://www.nbc11news.com)

Channel 5 KREX CBS Channel 5 or check their website at [www.krextv.com](http://www.krextv.com)

Or check their Facebook pages, they will post to those as well.

**Radio Stations**

99.9 KEKB

MIX 104.3

95 ROCK

KOOL 107.9

KEXO AM1230

