



# PANTHER'S ROAR



PICKERING VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

## Spring Fair 2008

Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

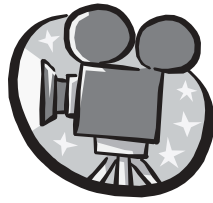
## Pickering Valley Goes to the Movies



### Game Tickets for the Spring Fair

20 tickets for \$5, 40 tickets for \$10, 80 tickets for \$20

Spring Fair Raffle Basket Tickets are also available  
\$1.00/ticket for a chance to win.



# Spring Fair Raffle Baskets

Have you had a chance to stop by the school cafeteria to check out the 18 amazing raffle baskets yet? You should! Thanks to the hard work of all our homeroom parents, these baskets are something to see!

Earlier this month, your children brought home the *Spring Fair Raffle Basket Newsletter* with 10 pre-sale raffle tickets attached. These raffle tickets cost \$1.00 each and can be sent into school prior to the fair. With each ticket you buy please select which of the 18 PVSA Raffle Baskets you wish to have a chance to WIN! Be sure to review the Raffle Basket Newsletter to learn about all the awesome prizes being raffled off. If you need more tickets, stop by the school office. Remember your ticket purchases support our children's activities provided by the Pickering Valley School Association.

On March 29<sup>th</sup> during the Spring Fair, the Raffle Basket Committee will be selling raffle tickets in the cafeteria in front of the stage from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. We will draw 18 lucky names around 1:30 pm that day. You do not need to be present to win. Good Luck!

F.Y.I. —Here's a sampling of this year's hottest raffle basket items : a Wii gaming system with tons of accessories, a Kodak EasyShare digital camera, a Disney DVD Gift Express Movie Pass, Phillies tickets, a PhotoShare 7 XL Photo Viewer, a Foosball table, two Nintendo DS Lites, a Disney Television and DVD player, an iPod Shuffle, a Razor electric scooter, a Schwinn bicycle, a Twin-Monitor Road Theater System, a telescope, and the iPod Touch with lots of accessories. Those are just a few of the exciting donations in our Raffle Baskets!! Don't miss out!

## Spring Fair Concession Stand Thank You

PVSA would like to thank the following businesses for providing food for our Spring Fair:  
*Spring Fair Food Co Chairs: Sara Armstrong, Melissa Geoghegan, Kathleen Wachsmuth, Francesca Wells*

Super Fresh of Lionville

Lionville Beverage 75 E. Uwchlan Ave. Exton

**GIANT** of Exton

TD Alfredos of Phoenixville [www.tdalfredos.com](http://www.tdalfredos.com)

Parkside Pizza 180 Little Conestoga Road, Chester Springs 610-458-8200

Dutch Village Soft Pretzels Rt. 100, Eagle 610-458-1230



SOMETHING DIFFERENT

of Exton



of Lionville 610-594-0122

Wawa

## Spring Fair Menu

Come enjoy a day of fun at the Pickering Valley Spring Fair on March 29<sup>th</sup> and don't forget to come to the cafeteria for a wide assortment of snacks and lunch items! Food served from 10am to 2pm. Two lines open to serve you faster! Remember, food is cash only - tickets cannot be used to purchase food.

### Food Items from Serving Lines

#### Entrees

4" Italian Hoagie for \$2.00 or 8" Hoagie for \$4.00

4" Turkey Hoagie for \$2.00 or 8" Hoagie for \$4.00

*All hoagies made with lettuce, tomato and oil*

Cheese Pizza Slice \$2.00

Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich \$3.25

Chick-Fil-A 8 count Nugget Pack \$3.25

*NOTE: Chick-Fil-A cooks these items in peanut oil*

#### Side Orders

Large Soft Pretzel \$0.75

French Fries \$1.00

Cheese Fries \$1.25

Potato Chips, Assorted Flavors \$0.75

4" Chocolate Chip Cookie \$1.25 each or 2 for \$2.00

*NOTE: Cookies by Design cookies may contain trace nuts*

#### Beverages

Water Bottle \$1.00

Coke/Diet Coke \$1.00

Iced Tea \$1.00

Lemonade or Orange Drink \$0.50

### Food Items at Stations

Popcorn \$0.50

Dutch Village Soft Pretzel Sticks \$0.50

Dairy Queen Dilly Bars \$1.50

Lemon Sticks \$1.00





## Used Book Sale at Spring Fair!



It's not too late to donate your gently used children and adult books to the Used Book Sale being held during the Spring Fair. Collection boxes are located in the front lobby and in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade hallway. Books are being collected the week of March 24 and the morning of the fair. Please, no textbooks, magazines, technical or religious books. All proceeds benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class trip to Williamsburg. Thank you in advance for your support. See you at the Book Sale!

## Awards Room - Prizes in the Library

Come visit the 'Awards Room' which is located in the Library this year. Trade in the tickets you win playing games for wonderful prizes! We have a large assortment of stuffed animals, inflatables, gags, tattoos, candy and other fun awards! Make sure to check in early to see what you want to earn and then come back to redeem your tickets and take home that special prize! Good Luck!!!



SAVE THE DATE!  
Muffins with Mom  
P.S. There will be donuts, too!



Four dates will be open:

Friday May 2, Friday May 9, Wednesday May 14, Friday May 16

**SIGN-UP FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME IN APRIL**

ANY COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER?  
email them to [panthersroar@verizon.net](mailto:panthersroar@verizon.net)

FINAL DEADLINE DATE IS: May 16, 2008  
FINAL PUBLICATION DATE IS: May 29, 2008

Thank you, Noreen Davish, editor of the Panther's Roar

**SPRING FAIR GAMES!!**

**Where YOU are the star of the show!  
Come have a fun-filled day with your family  
and friends!**



<b>Game Name</b>	<b># of Tickets to Play</b>	<b>Game Name</b>	<b># of Tickets to Play</b>
Lord of the Rings	2	Brother Bear's Teddy Toss	1
H. Potter's Magic Candy Wheel-2		Teacher Hall of Fame Game	2
Sebastian's Crawl	2	Shrek's Swamp Drop	2
Minnie Mouse's Putt-Putt	2	The Oz's Lollipop Tree	2
HS Musical Spin and Win	1	Transformers Spin Art	4
Airbud's Hoops	2	Hollywood Glamour Spa	2
Blockbuster Ball	2	Hollywood Bowl-evard	2
Game Plan Football	2	Celebrity Walk of Fame	4
Star Wars Stackers	2	Celebrity Walk of Fame Jr.	2
Flushed Away Toss	2	Hannah Montana Memory Game	2
Finding Nemo Fishing	2	Backstage BINGO	1
Ariel's Treasure Pong	1	A Night at the Oscars Craft Room - Oscar Trophy or Tissue Paper	
		Flower	4
Jack Sparrow's Floating Pirate Fleet 1		Willy Wonka's Sandy Candy Factory	6

**SHOW NOTES:**

**Weather permitting, visit Hairspray! for your new hair color (in the tent outside).**

**Rain or shine,-visit the Hollywood Glamour Spa to get your award-winning looks!**

**Give a BIG round of applause to all the volunteers...because, "the show must go on!"**



**\*\*This is our first Fair in the new building! This is also the last Fair for some of our beloved Pickering Valley families who will be attending other schools next year. Let's make this the best and most memorable Fair ever! Haven't signed up to volunteer? We still need YOU (parents, grandparents, middle, high school and college students!!) to make ALL of the GAMES and ACTIVITIES HAPPEN! Please contact Beth Madarang ([pvsapresident@dasd.org](mailto:pvsapresident@dasd.org)) or Dorene Guistwhite ([guistwhite@comcast.net](mailto:guistwhite@comcast.net)) now! All proceeds go to PVSA which sponsors the events and programs that your child and you have been enjoying all year!**

# Kudos Corner

-A huge thank you to Erin Flexner, Jill Pirhalla, the Raffle Basket Committee, and all the Homeroom Parents for collecting, organizing, assembling, and displaying our extraordinary raffle baskets!! Will you be a lucky winner?

-Our students' amazing creativity and inventiveness came to life at our **Annual Invention Convention** thanks to **Sara Armstrong, Diana Urbanski**, and their committee! We appreciate the generosity of the Armstrong family for their donation of the Invention Convention banner, also!

-Our PV students danced, sang, and acted their hearts out at the **Annual Variety Show** thanks to our experienced team of Variety Show Directors and Producers: **Paula Hallenbeck, Kelly Burton, and Jenny Campbell**. Way to go, ladies!! We appreciate all of the parents who helped behind the scenes, at practice, with the program, and with refreshments, too!

-A special thank you to our **Assembly Coordinator, Paula Hallenbeck**, for organizing a wide variety of educational, enriching, and entertaining assemblies for our students, teachers, staff, and families!

Kudos to all those parents who helped make these activities a reality for our children!

## PVSA OFFICER POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2008-2010

The PVSA Board is currently seeking interested candidates for the following two year terms: PVSA President, PVSA 2nd Vice President, and PVSA Secretary. Our PVSA by-laws recommend that all candidates for president and vice president have experience chairing a PVSA committee. If you would like to learn more about any of these positions, please contact any PVSA Officer. Thank you to those who have already expressed interest! Our election will be at the next PVSA Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 7:15pm, PV Cafeteria. We will also recognize our PVSA Committee Chairpersons at this time.

Beth Madarang President <a href="mailto:pvsapresident@dasd.org">pvsapresident@dasd.org</a>	Sara Armstrong 1st VP <a href="mailto:saraarmstrong@verizon.net">saraarmstrong@verizon.net</a>	Melissa Geoghegan 2nd VP <a href="mailto:mrsgeegs@yahoo.com">mrsgeegs@yahoo.com</a>	Carey Burke Treasurer <a href="mailto:carey_burke@verizon.net">carey_burke@verizon.net</a>	Kathy Klein Secretary
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PVSA would like to thank Sue Krasley and the

America Bar & Grill  
499 East Uwchlan Avenue  
Chester Springs, PA

610 280-0800  
americabargrill.com

for hosting our Homeroom Parent Meeting as well as our  
2007-08 PVSA Committee Chair Meetings!

**SPOTLIGHT ON THIRD GRADE**

## Spotlight on Luc

By  
Riley

Luc lives in Chester Springs. He lives with his Mom, Dad, little sister and 3 cats. Well, he didn't live there all his life. His favorite subject is math but his least favorite subject is language arts. Luc likes to play guitar and play Webkinz. He thinks cursive is a really cool thing too. His favorite sport is tennis. Luc likes Freddy's Final Quest because it's about hamsters. Everyone likes hamsters! That's all about Luc.

## Spotlight on Blake

By  
Maddy

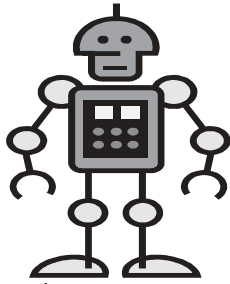
Blake lives in Chester Springs. He hasn't lived here all his life. Blake also had lived in Florida. He has a mom, a dad and his brother Adam. His favorite subject in school is math. The hardest subject for Blake is cursive. The thing that Blake thinks is coolest in schools is cursive because it's really hard. The most fun thing for Blake is going on vacation. He plays karate. His favorite book is Peter Pan. He thinks we should read it because it has lots of magic in it.

## Spotlight on Ryan

By  
Jordyn

Ryan lives in Chester Springs. He lives with his Mom and Dad and his two brothers. His favorite subject is cursive and his hardest subject is, well, he doesn't have a hardest subject. The cool thing he loves learning is cursive. He said it's fun and cool to write letters in different ways. He lives to play sports. His favorite hobbies are baseball, basketball and soccer. His favorite book is The Hobbit because there is a hobbit named Bilbo and these dwarfs come and go on a big adventure.

Apologies to Mrs. Burgos' son, Brian Thomas Burgos, who was not mentioned in the last Spotlight. Brian has been my favorite son (and only son) for the past 16 years.



## Invention Convention

by Sophie D.

From dog diapers to toy fixer and from mind readers to Velcro chairs, this Invention Convention had it all. All the inventors had the same thought to make the world a better place. I interviewed several inventors. One inventor was Lexi S. who had invented the no-wash body spray for your hair and your body. Another interview was from the book holder for elderly people and disabled people. Different buttons help you to be able to use it. One of my favorites was a product line about love and family. It seems like something we need. Every invention I saw will help make our earth a better place.

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Book Review by Megha R.

### Everest: Book Two: The Climb

The book Everest by Gordan Korman is about four teenage climbers hoping to climb Mount Everest. They would be the first people to do so. Their names are Perry, Sammi, Tilt, and Dominic. Dominic is 13, the youngest in the group, but he is also the strongest. Perry does not want to climb up Mount Everest, but his rich uncle makes him go. Tilt just wants fame, and Sammi is just a daredevil. Mount Everest is their final destination, but they have to climb other mountains to train.

During one of their mountain climbing sessions, the day before they are going to start climbing Mount Everest, a journalist gets hit by a rock. They are going to try to save him, but they are going to have to risk not being able to climb Mount Everest. The only problem is, they might not be able to save him!

Find out what happens in this wonderful book. I *really* loved it! I felt like I was climbing right along with them!



Thanks from the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Committee

Many thanks to all the families who 'dined-out' during the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Restaurant Fundraisers! We raised over \$1,153.49! These funds help subsidize the Williamsburg Trip. A special thanks to Nicole Ripper, who headed up this fundraiser, and to Meredith Parks, who helped us advertise!

## An Adventure in Alaska

by Miss McGraw

On February 25, 2008, Mrs. Burgos, Pickering Valley's own 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, took off for Alaska and the 2008 Official Iditarod Educator's Winter Conference. Each day was packed with new experiences and new friends.

She met John Van Zyle, the world renowned Iditarod artist. At his home, Mrs. Burgos got the chance to play with his Siberian Huskies. The Van Zyle's dogs all have their own little houses and a huge yard for recess.



According to Mrs. Burgos, the dogs have a "Big Toy" and the top of it is the prized spot. Once one of the dogs gets it, he will stay there until he hears Mr. Van Zyle say "go back to your house" at the end of recess. Upon hearing that, all the dogs will quickly get back to their house, exactly like our Pickering Valley students run to their lines when the whistle blows at the end of our recess.

Mrs. Burgos also got the chance to meet many of the mushers who will be racing in this year's Iditarod. She was lucky enough to hear stories all about their past experiences with racing and their prized possessions, their dogs. She was also able to experience the thorough vet check each dog must go through before the race begins. At Iditarod Headquarters, she watched as the mushers registered and prepared for the 1,049 mile race.

On Mrs. Burgos' final day in Alaska, she was fortunate enough to attend the Ceremonial Start of the 2008 Iditarod Race. She watched all the amazing people she had met during the week start off on their adventure through the wilderness in hopes of crossing the finish line in Nome first.

While Mrs. Burgos was in Alaska, those of us back here in Pennsylvania set up our own version of the Iditarod here at Pickering Valley. Upon Mrs. Burgos' return to Pickering Valley, she assigned each class of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders five of the mushers she had met and become friends with. While the mushers are out braving the cold of Alaska, our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are tracking their every move here in our warm school. Check out the front lobby of the school to see how the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade's 25 mushers are doing. Also peer in the lobby window to see Mrs. Marx's dog sled filled with our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders favorite stuffed puppies.

If you want to learn more about Mrs. Burgos' Alaskan adventure, check out her blog at <http://iditarodblog.weebly.com/the-race.html>.

**Need to know what activities are planned for Pickering Valley? Visit:**

[www.dasd-pv.org](http://www.dasd-pv.org)

click on "PVSA Information", then "Calendar of Events"

You can also visit us online for:

- Important Links
- Board and Committee contact information
- Specific details on all our Committees
- PVSA Board Agendas and Budget information
- Link to purchase Panther Spirit Wear
- Newsletters

Questions or comments? Contact Melissa Geoghegan at [mrsgeegs@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsgeegs@yahoo.com) or 610-827-7451

### Music Notes

Our Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 PM. Wear your red, white and blue as we celebrate America! The concert will end with all groups (strings, band, and chorus) playing "America, the Beautiful" together! It's sure to be a grand finale! Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to Christen B., Lexi B. and Christie H. for the outstanding performance at the PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association) Elementary Songfest on March 14th.

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**The Raffle Basket Committee also wishes to thank the following businesses for their generous donations. When visiting these businesses we ask that you personally thank them for supporting your child's school fund-raiser.**

Adventure Aquarium  
America Bar and Grill  
Amish Farm & House  
Art of Massage, Inc.  
Barbara Haas, Premier Designs Jewelry Consultant  
Basil Bistro and Bar  
Beach House Tanning Salon  
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Citadel of Chester Springs  
Clompus, Reto and Halscheid Vision Associates  
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Genuardi's Family Markets  
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Gymolympics  
The Hankin Group  
Incredibly Edible Delites  
The Inn at Chester Springs  
KCS Creations  
Kimberton Golf Club  
Lionville Car Care  
Lionville Natural Pharmacy and Health Food Store  
Longwood Gardens  
Ludwig's Corner Veterinary Hospital  
My View Photography  
National Penn Bank  
OnSite Management  
People's Light and Theatre Company  
Philadelphia Eagles  
Philadelphia Soul  
Phoenixville Area YMCA  
Please Touch Museum

Rainbow Dinner Theatre  
Representative Curt Schroder  
Ron's Schoolhouse  
Sand Crafters  
Ship Inn  
Ski Shawnee, Inc.  
Smaltz's Harley Davidson Motorcycles of Eagle  
Strasburg Railroad  
Stuff for Sprouts  
Super Suppers  
Tennis Addiction Sports Club  
Tolsdorf Oil Lube Express  
Tom Oates Chevy  
Topiary Fine Flowers & Gifts  
Ultimate Image Salon  
United Sports Training Center  
Dr. Joseph M. Virgulti,  
Orthodontist  
Waterloo Gardens  
Wegmans  
Wilmington Blue Rocks  
Winterthur Museum, Garden  
and Library  
White Glove Car Wash  
World Martial Arts Academy

# Spring Unscramble

Unscramble the words below and then use the letters to fill in the message!

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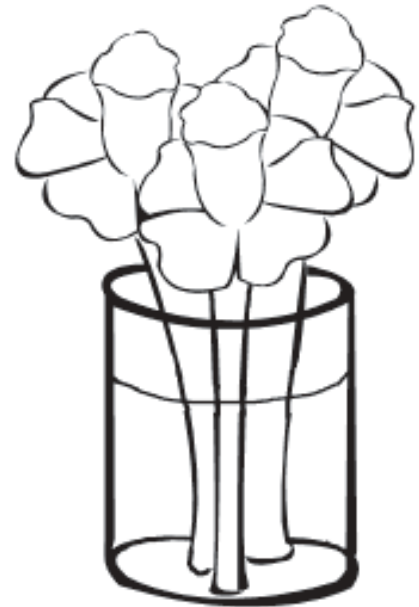
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The secret message:

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