



### Upcoming Calendar Events:

- November 2-14—Learn at Home Plan—Learning Packets and Meals delivered
- November 17—Community Appreciation Event—Flagpole 7:45-9am
- November 24, 25—No School—Thanksgiving Holiday

### NOTEWORTHY EFFORTS:

Josh and Ray (and Brian, briefly) for mucking out, sorting, and organizing the Transportation Building

Starla for getting two meals cooked and packaged for early delivery during the Learn at Home Plan

Students and families for understanding the importance of isolating to minimize the spread of flu and intestinal sickness

Teachers for quickly creating relevant learning packets to support Learning at Home

Segan and Cheryl for cleaning and reorganizing cleaning the library

### You Are Invited

Community Members are encouraged to be a part of our Citizenship Character-building, 7:45 daily at the flagpole.

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# YPS Community News

2021-2022: Reconnecting for Our Future

## Thanksgiving Thoughts and Ideas

Citizens of the United States have celebrated Thanksgiving for decades. Traditions mean wild game, turkey and dressing, various potato and vegetable dishes, especially green bean casserole. Finishing with pies! Oh, so many pies: pumpkin, berry, apple, pecan, sweet potato, you name it. Many families have their traditional activities, too: football on tv, outdoor family time, board games, etc. Celebrating the good things and the successes.

Prior to the sudden wide-spread flu and intestinal illness our community is experiencing, the YPS school community was working to mimic the traditional concept behind the historic Thanksgiving Day celebrations by having an all-community meal. This meal would be held on the outdoor basketball courts (or in the gym if we had inclement weather). Every student and their families would be sharing the huge table with each other. We had intended to have a welcome and a blessing, then food and fellowship to recognize and celebrate where we are and what we have with students sharing for what they are thankful. It would be challenging to accomplish it this year, but we are definitely looking to 2022. Our community has plenty to celebrate and our school is one of those things. We look forward to diligence from everyone to be as healthy as possible and support our community as we move forward through and beyond this sudden flu and intestinal illness situation. We wish each of you a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Mr. O'Donnell is welcoming and open to meeting each member of the YPS Community. His desire to move YPS forward is evident as seen in the efforts so far. His ears are open and he wants to hear ideas and concerns. Please make a point to connect with Mr. O'Donnell.

### Veteran's Day Event Postponed

As the school has temporarily moved to Learning at Home and the increased numbers of flu and intestinal sickness cases in Pleasant Valley our Celebration of our Veterans has been postponed. A conversation with Pleasant Valley Veterans leader Gary Loman convinced the school to protect the health of our local heroes, many of whom are beyond the age of 64. The school will however, still work to recognize these individuals at a later date. We are tentatively looking to do so on Wednesday, November 17, depending on the community illness situation.

### PTO FALL CARNIVAL

This year's Carnival was held October 28. There was food, fun, and games. The PTO was excited their fund-raising effort was very positive even with a reduced number of participants. Next year's event will be larger and more fun! A giant Thank You to the PTO members and their numerous hours of planning and preparation. The community and student support was greatly appreciated. Extra recognition to Ryan, Tiffany and her team of volunteers for a great event, too.

### UPDATES

- We currently have 55 students in K-12
- The new HVAC units have been installed and operationally finalized.
- The red brick HVAC installation will begin Thursday, November 11, 2021. Contractors will be working off and on during the next few weeks. We are still planning to open the Weight-room after Christmas.

### Current Openings:

#### -Teacher: Jr/Sr High Science-Math

*If you are interested in applying, please email Stephanie for an application: [srider@youngschool.org](mailto:srider@youngschool.org)*

*Position details have been posted at the school, around town, as well as on our website. If you are interested in working or volunteering with the us, please let us know.*