



Penns Valley Area School District News and Information Update

The Penns Valley Area School District is always looking for opportunities to share information with our community. This month concludes our postings to the "Vine" for the school year. **We are asking for your feedback about whether we should continue next year.** To provide your input please contact Nate Althouse at 422-2000 ext. 3109 or nalthouse@pennsvalley.org.

SAFETY DRILL IN JUNE

Each year, the Penns Valley Area School District reviews and reevaluates our Crisis Plan to ensure we are able to protect our students and staff in the event of a crisis. We are also looking for ways to prevent such crises from occurring. Since the Spring of 2013, we have put new equipment, procedures, and protocols in place to increase our ability to manage who has access to our buildings, to monitor what is happening within and immediately outside of our buildings, and to educate staff and students on how to respond in a crisis situation.

On June 10, in cooperation with the Centre County Emergency Management System, the State Police at Rockview, and the local emergency first responders, we will conduct a crisis response drill. There are several purposes for this drill. First, it will give the Penns Valley staff an opportunity to practice and evaluate our Crisis Plan as it relates to a full scale emergency. Second, the drill will give the police and first responders an opportunity to hone and review their response strategies and execution. Finally, the drill provides us with an opportunity to communicate with the police and the first responders to work together should an emergency situation occur.

This exercise will be a live simulation. This means local police, fire departments, and ambulance personnel will be involved. During the simulation, they will be implementing real life emergency response measures which may include road closures and traffic rerouting. If you are in the vicinity of the Penns Valley High School on June 10th please know you might be redirected or experience temporary delays. You will also likely see police, fire and ambulance personnel, and the Centre County Emergency Response team in action.

If you should have any questions about the drill please contact Sherri Connell, Assistant Superintendent in the District Office, 814-422-2000.

PHYSICAL PLANT PROJECTS

Penns Valley Area School District is finalizing our summer project list that includes bid documents for brick face repair at the Penns Valley Elementary School and asphalt resurfacing at the Miles Township Elementary School. Both Requests For Proposals (RFPs) will be advertised on our web page in June for solicitation for interested bidders. The District will continue with several in-house projects over the summer, including enhanced safety and security measures. For example, we will be installing components to manage visitor sign-in procedures during normal business hours.

MAIN ATHLETIC FIELD FENCING

We are pursuing plans to enclose the main athletic field with a perimeter fence. There are two important goals we hope to accomplish with the new fence: 1) to allow traffic on Route 45 to flow safely as fans enter the school grounds 2) to allow for responsible and accurate accounting to make sure our ticket sales match our ticket receipts. The new fence (outlined in white) will be 8-foot high and join to the existing 4-foot fence at the far end of the track. For ticketed events, fans will park first and purchase tickets at a walk-up window.

We welcome feedback from the community on this new initiative prior to the June board meeting when a decision will be made. Comments or questions should be directed to Robert Miller, Director of Physical Plant at rmiller@pennsvalley.org or 814-422-2000 ext. 2524.



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