



Penns Valley Area School District News and Information Update

The Penns Valley Area School District is pleased to share information with the community. If you have a topic that you would like to see published in a future edition, please contact Mrs. Elbin at 422-2000 x 2540 or melbin@pennsvalley.org. We are also making an effort to communicate with established community groups. If you know of a group that would like to better understand our schools, please contact us.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING - SUPPORT

Penns Valley Area School District has partnered with Centre County Youth Service Bureau to offer a very important program to our grade 5-8 students and their families. Beginning on Feb. 4th, Penns Valley students will have the opportunity to be a part of the Strengthening Families Program. This is an exciting program that allows students and their families to learn about each other and to spend some time together while participating in engaging activities. Every Penns Valley student in grades 5-8 is eligible to participate in this program with their parents or caregivers.

The program lasts only 7 weeks and will be held on Tuesday evenings at the Penns Valley High School library. Each of the events starts with the families eating dinner (5:30pm) together. Following dinner, the kids will meet with other kids for the first hour, participating in fun activities while the parents meet with other parents. The second hour everyone will engage in fun family activities together. Students may also win some great attendance prizes – games, sports equipment and gift cards. Each week the family will also receive a gift for attending.

Please contact Rebecca Koons at rkoons@ccysb.com or Penns Valley High School office (814-422-2000) to register. Registration is due by January 14, 2013.

FINANCIAL

The District general fund budget process is a multi-step procedure that begins annually in November. This process is governed by Special Session Act 1 of 2006 - Taxpayer Relief Act, which stipulates the two major components to this process, the Preliminary Budget and the Final Budget. Act 1 also sets an annual “index” limiting a District’s taxing authority.

The Preliminary Budget (PB) is the initial planning tool used by school districts to get a sense of the financial

needs of the district for the coming fiscal year. During the fall months, financial information is gathered including the Act 1 index, the employer retirement contribution rate, projected health insurance costs, contractual obligations, utility rates and other items impacting the District’s costs of operation. The PB must be adopted by the Board 90 days prior to the primary election. The PB is a planning tool and does not obligate the District to spending levels or tax rates.

During the spring months, the PB is refined and evolves into the Proposed Final Budget. Discussion of the various expenditures and revenues occurs during Board committee meetings and work sessions. The Proposed Final Budget must be adopted by the School Board by the end of May to allow for public review prior to final passage by June 30. Not until the passage of the Final Budget are revenues and expenditures set.

FACILITIES

The District would like to officially welcome the public to our January 7, 2014, **Grand Opening** of the new multipurpose facility at Penns Valley High School. Join us for tours from 6-8pm in the PVHS Gym Lobby.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our website at www.pennsvalley.org or call 814-422-2000 x 2540.

Support Subs – Cust., Para Educators, Secretaries
Professional Subs
Full Time Maintenance
Part Time Para Educator
Part Time Health Room Para Educator
Network Technician
Educational Interpreter

Guest Teacher Training for Substitute Teachers – January 10, 2014. For details, visit our website.

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