

New to Pickering Valley Elementary School?

Please refer to the Parent Student Handbook on our website for detailed information but below are some **FAQs**:

What is the school's web address?

- www.dasd.org/PV

Where can I find the lunch menu?

- On our website, click on "Food Services" located in the upper right corner

How do I pay for my child's lunch?

- Go to www.payschoolscentral.com to create an account for your child. You will need their student ID# which you can get on the Parent Portal or by contacting the school office.

What activity fees do I need to pay and how do I that?

- Students in grades 3-5 who participate in Chorus, Band, or Strings need to pay an annual \$25 Music activity fee.
- Students in grades 4-5 who participate in Intramural Sports need to pay an annual \$25 Intramural/Club activity fee.
- Students in grades 4-5 who participate in the Drama Club need to pay an annual \$25 Intramural/Club activity fee. (If your child participates in intramurals and drama club, you only need to pay once.)
- Go to www.payschoolscentral.com to pay all activity fees.

How do I report my child absent?

- Email PV_attendance@dasd.org to report your child's absence or send in a white excuse card when they return to school. You do not need to do both.

How do I request permission for my child to miss school for a family trip?

- All trips must be approved by the principal at least 3 days prior to the absence by completing a Request Form for Educational and Family Trips. This form is located on our website under PV Shortcuts.

How do I access the Parent Portal?

- Click on "Parent Portal" at the top of the PV website

During the school year who do I notify if my phone number or email address changes?

- Please contact the school office immediately to make sure we have your current contact info.

What do I need in order to volunteer in my child's classroom?

- To volunteer in our classrooms (including attending class parties) you must have current clearances on file with the school office. Clearances are free to parent volunteers and the links to complete them online can be found on our website under PV Shortcuts. Clearances are valid for 5 years.
 - PA Criminal Check
 - Child Abuse History
 - Federal Criminal History Report/FBI Fingerprints (only if you have lived in PA less than 10 years)
 - TB test
- All volunteers also need to fill out a Volunteer Disclosure Form annually. This form can be found online or in the school office.

How do I access the online student directory?

- On our PV website, click on the PVSA tab then "Student/Family Directory" for complete instructions. The direct access link is <https://pickeringvalley.membershiptoolkit.com>

How do I find out about Home & School (PVSA) opportunities?

- Information about our Home & School Association (PVSA) can be found on our website using the PVSA tab.
- Like "PVSA Events" on Facebook

What is the Watch D.O.G.S. program?

- The Watch D.O.G.S. program is a national program utilized in all of our district school buildings.
- PV dads and father figures can sign up to spend the day in our school visiting various classrooms and helping with lunch, recess, and student dismissal.
- More information can be found on their website www.dadsofgreatstudents.com
- To sign up, visit the PV website under Announcements or Quick Links.