



BILLIE NEWS!



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Pleasant Hill Elementary

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School Hours: 8:00—2:15 p.m.

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Pleasant Hill Elementary

Food Services

Ph: (541) 736-0490

Breakfast—\$1.00 served daily
7:40—7:55 a.m.

Lunch—\$2.00

If you are planning on eating
lunch with your child, please call
by 8:30 a.m.

You should have received a copy of the Pleasant Hill School District Newsletter in your mailboxes. Thank you to those families who have completed either the paper district survey or the on-line version of the survey. The purpose of the survey is to establish two-way communication between the Pleasant Hill School District and the Dexter/Pleasant Hill community, to see what the community is thinking about our schools, and to solicit ideas for improving our schools. Please complete the survey if you haven't at our district website, www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us.

PHES, Personal responsibility, Honesty and respect, Excellence in academics and Safety, Spirit!

Our goal at Pleasant Hill Elementary is to create a community of learners where all members can flourish and grow. The staff strives to foster the best environment possible, the attitudes and behaviors of the students are the true indicators of our success.

Praise and encouragement combined with effective instruction are the cornerstones of the PHES Spirit program. Although negative consequences are sometimes necessary to change inappropriate behavior, students are more likely to learn and demonstrate appropriate behavior in an encouraging and supportive learning environment. Appropriate behavior will be encouraged and reinforced formally and informally on a regular basis in all school settings.

One of the ways students receive positive feedback is by receiving Billie Bucks. Students have several options as to what to do with those Billie Bucks, they can use them in their classrooms for various rewards, spend them at our monthly Billie Buck Store to purchase small items such as pencils, erasers, snacks, tablets, beads, etc or purchase coupons for

privileges. Some of the privileges students purchase are to sit with a friend at another table during lunch, other than their class table, an opportunity to jump to the front of the line to be the first in their class to order lunch or the first to line up for lunch recess, a fast pass to be excused to recess 3 -5 minutes before everyone else, Donuts and Milk with the Principal once a month, a special recess or time in the computer lab to name a few. Ask your child what have they been spending their Billie Bucks on.

In addition, we challenge our students to try to be referral free each month. What does that mean, it means students do not receive a referral from their classroom teacher, an EA on the playground or the bus driver for not practicing PHES. Those students who do not receive any referrals receive a bag of popcorn the last Thursday of each month to be eaten on the playground during lunch recess. Presently, we are proud to share on average 95% of our student body earns this monthly reward, approximately 410 students out of 430 students consistently make wise choices practicing PHES. Please take a moment to congratulate your student for all of their hard work and review the universal Billie Spirit expectations.

PHES / Billie Spirit

Universal Expectations

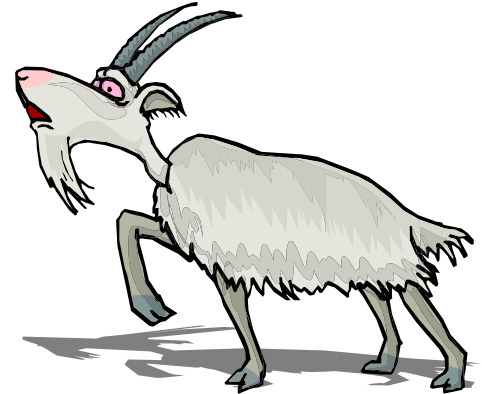
Personal Responsibility

Help your fellow students

Have a positive attitude

Solve problems peacefully

Take turns and share



Honesty and Respect

Treat others with courtesy, respect and kindness.

Respect the feelings & opinions of others despite differences

Treat school property and the property of others respectfully

Respond respectfully to others and report disrespectful behavior to an adult

Excellence in Academic s

Be on time

Be organized

Participate in classroom activities

Complete work neatly and on time

Safety

Follow all school expectations

Walk everywhere in common areas such as halls and stairs

Keep your hands, feet and comments yourself

Report to an adult when you see an unsafe situation, or if someone makes you feel unsafe



Testing Update!



If you are the parent of a 3rd through 6th grade student, give them a big hug. These students have been working hard completing the first round of Oregon State Assessment Test in the areas of reading and math. All students will have at least two more opportunities to meet or exceed the benchmark standard for their grade level. In addition, the 4th grade is presently working on completing the writing test. You will receive copies of your child's scores in June with their final report card.

Remember you can assist your child by seeing that they get a good nights rest every night. Make sure that they eat a good breakfast each morning. Please see that your child arrives at school on time, as we will begin testing at 8:10 each morning. Schedule any appointments for after school, as we will be testing in the mornings from 8:10 -12:00 p.m.



Thank you!

Thank you to Terry Tupes and company for donating many hours to hosting a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to our wonderful PTO reading month coordinators, Sarah Crabtree and Nicole Sharr, for arranging weekly guest high school readers for students in grades K-2 and planning and implementing a craft day once a week during lunch recesses as part of reading month.



"Read For the Gold"

Students have been busy reading accumulating lots of minutes this month as part of our PTO sponsored reading month, "Read for the Gold." This week is the last week to record your reading minutes as part of this activity. Our wonderful room parents will be tabulating reading minutes next week for the final time and winners, top readers and the classes who have earned an ice cream party for reading at least 1200 minutes. So, please encourage your child to "Read for the Gold."

Toys, Trading Cards, and Electronics on the Playground

We provide all of the equipment the students need on the playground various balls, jump ropes, swings, and climbing apparatuses. Toys, trading cards, and electronic devices are expensive and the school is not responsible for toys and electronics that are lost, broken, or traded between friends. Absolutely at no time are toy guns, knives or swords allowed on school grounds. Please remind your child only on their sharing day may they bring something from home to share in their classroom only.

Box Tops / Campbell's Soup Points



Don't forget to clip and glue box tops and Campbell's soup points to the collection sheets. If you are in need of another sheet these are available at www.pleasanthillelementary.org/id14.html or in the office.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found continues to grow. In order to make space, we will be bagging up all items presently in lost and found at the end of this week. All items will be donated to our Family Resource Center and added to our local clothing closet. Please remind your child to check lost and found closet this week in the cafeteria.



Reminders

Students can not be dropped off at school prior 7:40 am.

There is **no supervision** for kids dropped off early. If you need to be somewhere early please arrange for appropriate child care.

Lost and Found - many coats, hats and sweat-shirts are left laying around daily. **Most** go unclaimed and you, the parents, end up buying new ones. PLEASE, take a minute and **put your child's name/room number** on the label so we can get these items back to their owners. Also, remind your child to check lost and found if you know they have lost a jacket lately.

If you are **keeping your child home**, for any reason, **please call the office** and let us know they are safe at home with you.

Remember that if a student is going home in a manner different than the norm, **we must have a note or receive a phone call from you requesting a bus note** or they will be sent home in their usual manner. Call the office for bus notes by 1:30 p.m. daily. We try to have them in the student's classroom by 1:50 p.m.

Treats in the Classrooms—A lot of our students like to celebrate birthdays and other events with their classmates by bringing snacks to share in the classroom. If you would like to bring treats we ask that you let the teacher know **at least 24 hours in advance**. The Health Department requires that any snacks served to students at school be purchased from a licensed bakery or store. **Home baked goods are not allowed to be served to students.**

Invitations to Parties - If your child is having a party and wants to hand out invitations at school, they will need to invite the entire class. If not all the students are being invited, you will have to mail or hand the invitations at other functions.

Calendar of Events:



February 22—School Board Work Session, 7:00 p.m. PHHS Library

February 24—Room 3 Field Trip to the Art Museum 8:30—11:40 a.m.

February 25—5th Grade Field Trip to the Logging Convention 10:30— 1:00 p.m.

March 2—3rd Grade Field Trip to Symphonic Safari 12:00—1:45 p.m.

March 4—5/6 Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

March 8—School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. PHHS Library

March 9—Science Fair Set-up

March 9—PTO Meeting 2:30—3:30 in the 3/4 commons

March 10—Science Fair Project Judging

March 10—Site Council 2:30—3:30 in the library

March 11—Science Fair Visitation Day

March 11—PTO Sponsored Spaghetti Feed be watching for more details.

Pleasant Hill Wrestling Invitation

Pleasant Hill Wrestling extends an invitation to all interested 4th—8th grade students and parents to spend 5 evenings learning about wrestling. A brief history of the sport at Pleasant Hill and elsewhere will be presented, as well as what benefits wrestling has to offer your student athlete. In addition, learn how matches, duals and tournaments are recorded.

Please come check out our wrestling program, March 1 -5 at Pleasant Hill's Wrestling Room in the south wing of the old Jr. High 3:30—5:00 p.m. For more information call Mr. Nikitins at 541-285-8774 or e-mail NKTNS@yahoo.com.