



Philomath Middle School

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We have reached the end of the first quarter of the 2019-20 School Year. Thank you to everyone who attended parent-teacher conferences. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Please be sure to mark November 22nd on your calendar with "Turkey Bingo". This is an enjoyable event for everyone who supports Philomath Middle School.

The staff and I wish you and your family an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Steve Bell - Philomath Middle School Principal

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Veterans' Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 7th, at 8:10 a.m., the Middle School will be holding its annual Veterans' Day Assembly to honor all those who have served our country. Parents and relatives are invited to attend this assembly, and we extend a special invitation to all veterans. We would like the veterans to walk behind their service flags at the beginning of the assembly.

If you are a veteran, or know of one who might like to attend, please join us at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for the assembly.



7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball

Registration is now open for 7th and 8th grade girls basketball at Philomath Middle School. Practice is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 4th. The season will run through the third week of January.

Sixth grade students will continue to play through PYAC programs. The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball season begins in January. If you have questions, please contact Chad Matthews at 541-929-3167 or chad.matthews@philomath.k12.or.us.



Monday, November 11

There will be no school on November 11th, in honor of Veterans' Day, which is a Federal Holiday.



Friday Study Hall

The Middle School continues to offer a study hall on Fridays in the school library, after school until 3:00 p.m. This study hall is managed by two staff members who are available to tutor students. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Turkey Bingo

Turkey Bingo—the best and most entertaining fundraiser for Philomath Middle School—is November 22nd, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the District Auditorium at Philomath High School. Bingo will start at 5:30 p.m.

Parents! Here is how you can help. We need:

- Desserts
- Frozen turkeys
- Silent Auction Baskets

We need parent volunteers to help at several stations during the night. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AA8A728A20-turkey> to volunteer.

Contact Connie Barnes at 541-929-3409 or connie@irmforestry.com about donations for prizes or volunteer opportunities.



First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

— Our First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, November 15th, in the gym. It will begin at 8:10 a.m. for all grades. Parents are welcome to attend.

Student report cards should arrive home in the mail the second week of November.



Thanksgiving November 25-29

There will be no school on Monday, November 25th as it is the end of the high school trimester and is a planning and assessment day for the middle school. There is also no school the remainder of the week as we honor and celebrate Thanksgiving. We wish you a safe and fun family holiday.



High School Events

Students leaving school early to attend high school events (*such as state playoffs or tournaments, etc.*) must arrange this absence with a note from a parent/guardian. Students will not be allowed to leave school with arrangements made by phone. Notes need to be turned into the school office prior to the game.



October Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month for October:

- 6th Grade – Makayla Lillie and Levi Storch
- 7th Grade – Ethan Aynes and Janice Hellesto
- 8th Grade – Marshall Morrison and Ahnika Tryon



7th Grade Required Immunizations

7th grade students are now at the age where a Tdap booster is needed for immunization requirements.

The deadline to have updated immunizations complete is February 19, 2020. If you have questions or concerns please call Tina Hoch, RN the District Nurse at 541-740-0245.



Thank You to Philomath Dairy Queen for sponsoring our “Student of the Month” lunches. We appreciate your continued support.



Spring Musical

The school musical this year is *Frozen Jr.* There will be an informational meeting for interested students on November 22nd at lunch in the band room.

Auditions will be held after school in the school library on Monday, December 9th and Tuesday, December 10th. Callbacks will be on Wednesday, December 11th with the very first rehearsal week being Monday, December 16th through Thursday, December 19th, from 3:10-5:30p.m. Rehearsals will run generally Mon-Thurs after school in Jan, Feb and the first two weeks of March. The performances will be March 7-11.

Any PMS student in grades 6-8 may audition. Please see Mrs. Latz if you have any questions.



8th Grade

“Rotary Student of the Month”

Congratulations to the 8th Grade “Rotary Student of the Month” for October – Kayli Blake

2018-19 School Report Card

The 2018-2019 School Report Card was just released from the state. We are proud of our students’ high individual student progress. This means the students are demonstrating academic growth compared to other students across the state.

If you would like to view it on-line or get more in-depth information, please go to <https://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx> for the English or Spanish version.

If you have any questions about Philomath Middle Schools’ Report Card, please contact Steve Bell at 541-929-3167 or e-mail steve.bell@philomath.k12.or.us.



Help Earn Donations for Philomath Middle School

Do you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? If you do you may help earn donations for our school through the Community Rewards Program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Philomath Middle School at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number: 82984.

Fred Meyer donates over two million dollars per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. You will still earn Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, as well as earning a donation to the non-profit of your choice.



Passport News

We are excited to continue the Passport Program this year.

Each quarter, students can earn a Passport, which allows them special privileges and entrance to a quarterly celebration during school.

Here are the criteria as developed by the Passport Committee:

- No Discipline Actions (*Detentions, Suspensions, Citations*)
- Zero Unexcused Absences
- Meet Teacher-Set Expectations for Missing Work

A list of students who earned a Passport will be posted after each quarter.



Pre- Arranged Absences

Attending school is the first step of the learning process for students. Regular and punctual attendance is often times the student’s responsibility, but by Oregon law, it is the parent’s responsibility to make sure students attend school.

The law states that any student may be excused from school by pre-arranged absence for the purpose of vacation, hunting, family reunion, etc. for a period of time “ not to exceed five days in a term of three months or not to exceed ten days in any term of at least six months” (ORS 339.065) After the excused limit is exceeded, the absence will be coded as Pre-Arranged Unexcused.

Unexcused absences will affect admittance to quarterly Passport activities. All Pre-Arranged absences requests must be submitted to the school in writing prior to the planned absence. You may submit your request by e-mailing Chad Matthews at chad.matthews@philomath.k12.or.us .



Lost and Found

Please have your child check for lost items. Unclaimed Lost and Found items will be donated to the Philomath Community Services on Friday, November 15th.



Attendance Matters

What you can do....

- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you, and check your student’s grades on a daily basis.
- Keep up with your child’s social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

*Source: www.attendanceworks.org

More information on regular attendance and its impact on student success can be found at www.attendanceworks.org.



Holiday Cheer

If you, or someone you know, are unable to provide the holiday experience for your family, we may be able to help. Qualified families receive gifts for children, a holiday-dinner, a hygiene basket, and decorations and wrapping paper, as needed.

In order to qualify for services, your family must:

- Be low-income and show documentation such as Oregon Trail Card, TANF, SSI or LIEAP.
- Reside in Philomath or the area to the west of Philomath within Benton County.
- Have children between 0 and 18 years-of-age living at home, or are elderly living alone.

Please call 541-929-2499 or go to www.philomathcommunityservices.org for more information. The application deadline is November 8, 2019.



Sports Scholarships Available

After school sports activities can be very expensive, and there is lots of help available for Philomath families. We just learned of an organization in Bend that will provide up to \$150 each season to pay for registration fees. There are five ways to prove eligibility: Free/Reduced Lunch, WIC, SNAP, Foster child, or OHP enrollment. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. <https://kidsinthegame.org/programs/pnw/pass/>



Philomath Mat Club

The Philomath Mat Club is a wrestling team for 1st through 8th graders. Wrestling is a great way to get exercise, have fun and build skills! Registration forms can be picked up in the Philomath Schools and at the PYAC. Turn them in at the PYAC at 421 S. 19th St. You can also join the Philomath Mat Club Facebook group for more information.

Practices start on Nov. 4th, in the Philomath High School wrestling room, (upstairs above the weight room). You must register your child BEFORE they can practice. Questions can go to Mark Woosley at mwooz514@juno.com .

Opportunity to Help Support Students

Interested in Supporting Middle School Students?

Named in honor of our long-time, beloved, counselor Jeff Struxness, the Families Helping Families Fund at Philomath Middle School is a donation account used to help middle school families overcome financial barriers.

Over the years, we have utilized donation funds to purchase school supplies, shoes, and clothes for students in need, as well as paid sports fees, utility bills, and emergency expenses. As we are approaching the end of the year, we would love for you to consider donating to our fund. One hundred percent of your contribution will go toward helping a middle school student. Thank you for your consideration.



Philomath Community Library

Teen Afternoon: Friday, 11/8/19, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Come to the Library for games, art and fun with your friends. This event is free and snacks are provided.

Teen Planning: Wednesday, 11/20/19, 4:15-4:45 p.m. Help plan teen events. Decide what kinds of fun things to do. We are talking movies to watch, activities and events, what consoles to play and everything in between.

Teen Night: Wednesday, 11/20/19, 5-7 p.m. Come to the Library for games, art and fun with your friends. This event is free and snacks are provided.

Teen Book Club: Friday, 11/22/19, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Grab a copy of *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer at the front desk. Read and join in conversation with other book enthusiasts.



PYAC Basketball Registration

Basketball registration for grades 1st through 6th is now open. Please register your child by November 15th. You can pick up forms at PYAC, PES or PMS. You can also print them off of our website. www.pyac.net

Practice schedules will not be determined until after registration and skills evaluations are complete. The season for 1st – 4th graders starts in January. Practice for 5th and 6th graders will begin after Thanksgiving, and games will be from January through mid-March.

Team Placement Clinics for 5th and 6th graders only are as follows:

5th/6th Grade Girls 11/23 at PHS from 10:30a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

5th/6th Grade Boys 11/23 at PHS from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Important Dates



November

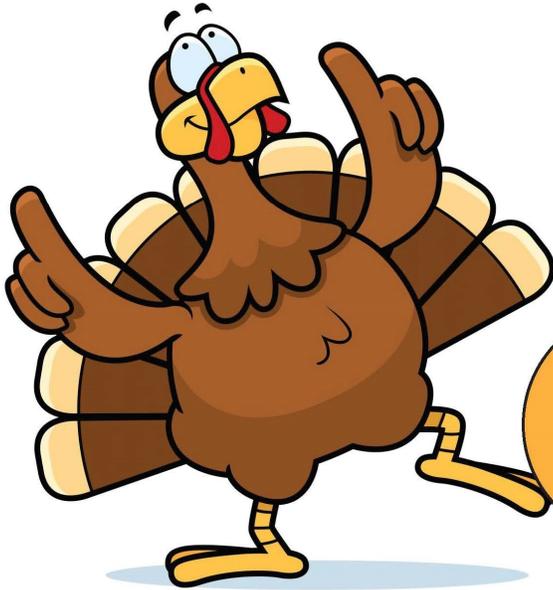
- 1 **NO SCHOOL**-Quarter 1 Grading/Assessment
- 4 First day of practice for 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball
- 5 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting– District office– 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 7 Veterans’ Day Assembly—Gym—8:10 a.m.
- 8 Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 11 **NO SCHOOL**—Veterans’ Day Holiday
- 13 Site Council Meeting– 3:15 p.m.
- 14 Emerging Bilingual Advisory Council– PHS Library – 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 15 First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly– Gym– 8:10 a.m.
Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25
- 18 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ La Creole—4:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting – District Office Board Room– 7:00 p.m.
- 20 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Stayton—4:00 p.m.
- 22 “Frozen Jr.” Informational meeting– Band room– 12:10 p.m.
Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
 **Turkey Bingo**– District Auditorium at PHS– 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 25 **NO SCHOOL**– Grading/Assessment
- 26 **NO SCHOOL**– Thanksgiving Holiday
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- 28 **NO SCHOOL**– Thanksgiving Holiday
- 29 **NO SCHOOL**– Thanksgiving Holiday

December

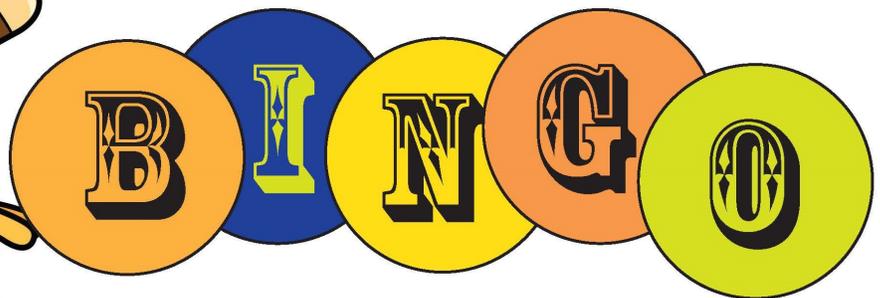
- 2 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Newport—4:00 p.m.
- 3 Girls Basketball pictures– gym-3:15 p.m.
Special Education Advisory Committee meeting– District office– 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 4 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Cascade—4:00 p.m.
- 5 Emerging Bilingual Advisory Council– PES– 6:00—7:30p.m
- 6 Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 9 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ French Prairie—4:00 p.m.
- 9 *Frozen Jr.* Auditions– Library- 3:15-5:15 p.m.
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7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Lebanon—4:00 p.m.
- 13 Site Council meeting– 3:15 p.m.
- 15 Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 16 First *Frozen Jr.* Rehearsal– Library– 3:15– 5:30 p.m.
7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Newport—4:00 p.m.
- 18 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Stayton—4:00 p.m.



PHILOMATH 
MIDDLE SCHOOL **BENEFIT**



TURKEY



**TURKEYS, PRIZES,
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FUN for the
WHOLE FAMILY

*PHS Foods program will provide a Turkey Plate!
\$7/ Plate*



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 * 5-8pm

@ PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL

Bingo cards \$3/ea

Event donations needed. Contact connie@irmforestry.com or 541 760-0099