



Philomath Middle School

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It's hard to believe we are past the halfway point of the school year. The students have worked hard the first semester, and I expect them to do the same for the remainder of the year.

Steve Bell - Philomath Middle School, Principal

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



Second Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Our Second Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, February 7th, in the gym. It will begin at 8:10 a.m. for all grades. Parents are invited to attend.



Valentine's Day Deliveries

We discourage deliveries of flowers and gifts to students at school as they cause disruptions and distractions to the learning environment. Therefore, gifts and flowers will not be delivered to students during class time.

If there is a delivery, students will receive a note from the office letting them know that they have a delivery to be picked up **after school**.

It is also important to remember that we cannot deliver anything to students from anyone other than their parents, guardian, or those listed on their registration sheet on any school day, including Valentine's Day.



Make Up Day—February 17th

Monday, February 17th is designated a "make-up day." If there is a school closure between now and February 17th, this day may be a school day. Please refer to <https://www.philomathsd.net/parents/school-closure-information> for information on signing up to receive Flash Alert, Inclement Weather and School Closure Policies, and Inclement Weather Alternate Bus Routes.



Geography Bee

Congratulations to the Philomath Middle School Geography Bee winner, Levi Storch! Thank you to Mrs. Granados, Mrs. Benbow and Mrs. Dawes for organizing this event.



Frozen Jr. Comes to Philomath!

Philomath Middle School students will be performing *Frozen Jr.* in the District Auditorium at Philomath High School on March 5, 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a matinee on Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are only available at the door, and the cost is \$7 each. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to performance time.

There are over 100 middle school students involved in this production. Amazing songs, dances, and costumes await the audience.

We have double-cast this production, so you may even want to come twice! Cast A will be performing March 5 and 6, and Cast B will be on stage for both performances on the 7th.

The students are working very hard to make this an evening well-spent for all ages.

There will be a *Frozen Jr.* Children's Tea Party on Thursday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m., also in the District Auditorium at Philomath High School. During this Tea, children ages 2 through 12 can have "tea" (*juice*) and cookies, meet the costumed cast members, and enjoy a short musical performance. Parents are welcome to bring their cameras to take pictures of their children with the costumed cast.

The cost of this Tea is \$5. Tea tickets can be used as a \$1 -off coupon for any public performance of the play. Tickets for the Tea are purchased at the door.



Talent Show Thanks!

Thank you to our 2020 Talent Show Hosts Emma Robinson, Lorelei Schell, Daniella Carlisle and Abigail Workman. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson for working with the students organizing this event. We enjoyed 12 talented acts by students and staff.



6th, 7th, and 8th Grade

Track and Field

Attention all runners, jumpers, and throwers! It is time for track season to begin. Check with the middle school office for registration information.

Practice is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 16th. Our first meet is scheduled after Spring Break. Practices are Monday—Thursday each week. Students must have all paperwork completed and fees paid prior to beginning practice. Please be sure paperwork is completed and fees are paid so that your student can participate.

All students who wish to participate will need to have a doctor's physical report on file. If you need to get a physical, you may pick up the paperwork in the office to take with you to the doctor. Sports physicals are good for two years. If you already have a current physical and other paperwork on file from another sport, you will only need to pay the participation fee of \$115. For information on scholarships, please contact Chad Matthews at PMS.

An informational parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. If you or your child has questions, please call Mr. Skaar, Mr. Goodson, or Mrs. Thompson at 541-929-3167.

For those students interested in participating in baseball or softball, please contact PYAC at 541-929-4040.



Sports Scholarships Available

After school sports activities can be very expensive, and there is a lot of help available for Philomath families. There is 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/>



24 Hour Attendance Line

We have a 24 hour attendance line to excuse your student's absence from school. The number is 541-929-5009. Please call the attendance line before 8:30 a.m. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



January Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month for January:

6th Grade – Sophie Freitas and Derek Goodson
7th Grade – Evangelyne Mahler and Seth Wood
8th Grade - Hayden Fuller and Emma Maxey



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



8th Grade

"Rotary Student of the Month"

Congratulations to Favian Aceves the 8th Grade "Rotary Student of the Month" for January.



Immunization Requirements

Please make sure your child's immunizations are up to date or that exempt letters are turned in **by February 19, 2020**. You should have received notification from the School District Nurse if the record is not up to date. If your child's immunizations are incomplete, they will be unable to attend school after the **exclusion date**, which is **February 19, 2020**.

Immunization clinic hours are limited. We encourage families to seek appointments for vaccinations in advance of February. Families can seek immunization at their doctor's office or clinic, the Benton County Health Department, or at a pharmacy for children over the age of seven years old.

Children without health insurance are eligible for free or very low cost vaccines at the Benton County Health Department. To schedule an appointment please call 541-766-6812.

Please refer to <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/Pages/index.aspx> for information regarding immunizations. In addition, you can contact me, Nurse Tina, at 541-740-0245 or tina.hoch@philomath.k12.or.us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Samaritan Awards

Philomath Middle School Staff has nominated Doug Edmonds for a Samaritan Volunteer recognition award.

Mr. Edmonds has spent many hours volunteering for the Philomath Middle School and throughout the Philomath School District. He has made a huge impact on our students in our Math and AVID classes assisting them with their work. Congratulations Mr. Edmonds! We appreciate all of your hard work.



Parents, Families and Community Members, Did You Know.....

- There are 100 students participating in the *Frozen Jr.* musical production.
- After school Archery begins on Tuesday, March 31st.
- The multipurpose room has been painted and looks great.
- We are working on the "Brave" logo and mural being painted in the gym.



Attendance Matters

What the research shows....

- Absenteeism in middle and high school can predict dropout rates.
- Absenteeism influences not just chances for graduating, but also for completing college.
- Improving attendance is an essential strategy for reducing achievement gaps. When students reduce absences, they can make academic gains.

*Source: www.attendanceworks.org

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



Sixth Grade Outdoor School

Sixth grade Outdoor School will take place May 4– May 8. We will have a parent meeting on April 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the middle school library.

This session will provide information to parents about the expectations, requirements, and responsibilities of Outdoor School participation. Outdoor School forms will be sent home with students prior to the parent meeting.



Archery Club

Archery Club is beginning its second session on Tuesday, March 31st and will be offered for any current PMS student. The club is scheduled to meet on Tuesdays from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. during the Spring.

A permission form is available in the front office. Permission forms will need to be completed and returned prior to participation. Students who have turned in a permission slip already this school year will not need another permission form. For immediate questions or concerns, please contact the club's leader Terry Stephenson at 541-602-1805 or Pampkris10@aol.com.



Philomath Community Library

Teen Afternoon: Play games, make art and have fun with your friends, snacks provided Friday, 2/14/2020, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Teen Night: Have fun with gaming and snacks with friends Wednesday, 2/19/2020, 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Teen Book Club: Grab a copy of *Bone* by Jeff Smith at the front desk. Read and join in conversation with other book enthusiasts!



T-Ball, Softball and Baseball Sign-ups

PYAC is now registering for T-Ball, Softball and Baseball for youth entering Kindergarten (in Fall of 2019)-through-current 8th graders. Forms are available on the PYAC website www.philomath-youth-activities-club.org, in the school offices and at the PYAC (421 S. 19th Street). In order to guarantee a spot, registrations are due March 6th.

Please check the website or call PYAC at 541- 929-4040 with questions.

Important Dates



February

- 3 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Talmadge -4:00 p.m.
- 5 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Stayton -4:00 p.m.
- 7 Second Quarter Honor Roll Assembly— PMS Gym—8:10 a.m.
Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 12 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Sweet Home-4:00 p.m.
Site Council Meeting—3:15p.m.
- 13 Emerging Bilingual Advisor Council– PMS Library– 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 14 Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 17 **NO SCHOOL**– Presidents’ Day Holiday– or Make up Day, if school closure occurs
- 19 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @ French Prairie-4:00 p.m.
- 20 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @ La Creole- 4:00 p.m.
Life Skills Field Trip– 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.
- 21 Drama-thon—12:30 p.m. to Saturday 12:30– District Auditorium at PHS
- 24 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Talmadge– Home
- 26 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Lebanon– Home
- 27 *Frozen Jr.* Tea party– District Auditorium at PHS– 4:00 p.m.
- 28 Career Day

March

- 2 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Newport– 4:00 p.m.
- 4 Eight Grade Spring Photo’s
7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Sweet Home– Home
- 5 *Frozen Jr.*— District Auditorium at PHS—7:00 p.m.
- 6 **NO SCHOOL** for students– End of Second Trimester for the High School
Frozen Jr.— District Auditorium at PHS—7:00 p.m.
- 7 *Frozen Jr.*— District Auditorium at PHS— 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Daylight Savings time begins
- 16 First Day of Track and Field Practice– 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m.





FROZEN_{jr} **Tea Party**



February 27, 4:00

District Auditorium @ PHS



Come sing and dance with the cast as they perform songs from the musical while you enjoy juice and cookies.

Cost: \$5 at the door and doors open at 3:30

