



# PHILOMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

**Be Brave. Be Kind.**

**2020-2021 School Year**

### Veterans Day Recognition

Monday, Nov 9th is our school's Veterans Day recognition. The band and choir students have been working extremely hard to create a virtual concert to help honor Veterans. Our guest speaker is Captain David Bagley who served in the United States Marine Corps in the Korean and Vietnam War. Students will watch these videos during their advisory period. Families and community members are invited to participate with us. You can watch the video online by visiting our website or by **clicking on this flag:**



### Wazzle Log-in

Start the new quarter fresh by monitoring your students grades from week one! Wazzle is an online tool to check students grades and attendance and set notifications. Please contact the office for your username and password if you don't already know it, or for more instructions on how to use wazzle and the available features.

### Important Dates:

**Nov. 11** ..... Veterans Day—No School  
**Nov. 25** ..... Assessment Day—No School  
**Nov. 26 & 27** ..... Thanksgiving Break—  
No School  
**Nov. 30** ..... Non-School Day  
**Dec. 21—Jan. 4** ..... Winter Break—No School  
**Jan 5** ..... School Resumes

### Limited In-Person Instruction

A small group of students has participated in limited instruction at the school since the last week of October. This has been a success! We are excited to welcome three more cohorts into our building this week. These small groups are focused on those with limited internet and electronic device access or limited engagement in learning activities. The groups will meet from 2:30 to 3:30pm during the school week and bus service is available.

### Sweepstakes Extravaganza!

Winners of the 1st Quarter Extravaganza received a prize and surprise visit from Mr. Matthews, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Panico.

#### 1st Quarter Winners:

Payton Starwalt—6th grade  
Shawn Berger—7th grade  
Hannah Bennett—8th grade

### 1st Quarter Celebrated Success

Congratulations to Miss Webb's 8th grade band class for having **perfect attendance** AND Congratulations to Mrs. Thompson's 7th period science class for **turning in every assignment!!** This class also had near perfect attendance. These are two HUGE accomplishments to be proud of! Good job students, keep up the great work!

### Healthcare

The Oregon Health Plan is offering FREE health coverage for all children and teens who are younger than 19 and meet certain income criteria. See attached flyer for more information and visit HealthCare.gov to apply. The application deadline is December 15.



### PYAC Raffle

This year's Getaway Raffle is underway! FIVE vacations will be given away through the raffle drawing on November 16th. The Grand Prize is a one week vacation to any Worldmark resort (including airfare for 2). The other prizes are several different Oregon destination getaways. If you don't have your tickets yet, you can contact PYAC at 541-929-4040 to purchase. Tickets cost \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

### School Lunch

School lunches continue to be free for students 18 years of age and younger through 12/31/2020. Corvallis Food Services and Mid-Columbia Bus Company have assisted with extending options for meal pick-ups.

Current locations are located at:

- Clemens Primary School
- Bus Stop at 7th and Pioneer
- 26th Street, near the Baptist Church
- Blodgett Elementary School



Please note that lunch will not be available on non-school days.

### Progress Reports

Advisory teachers will be emailing mid-quarter progress reports on Dec. 7th. You are welcome to check your child's grades at any point during the quarter. Please refer to the Wazzle Log-In section of the newsletter for instruction.

### 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Current 7th and 8th graders: 2019-2020 Yearbook

If you have not yet picked up last year's yearbook they are still available for pick up Monday - Friday 7am-4pm in the school office. The corrected 8th grade photo is also available to pick up if you would like to insert it into a yearbook you already have picked up.

### Sports & Extracurriculars

At this time, the winter middle school sports and extracurriculars are canceled. You will be notified when there are any updates.

### Locker Items

There are still a few locker items from last spring that have not been picked up. The office will be donating all unclaimed items on December 1st. If you are unsure if your student still has items to be picked up you may contact the office.

### Attendance

While in Comprehensive Distance Learning, attendance is accounted for by daily contact between the teacher and the student. This can be done by attending the zoom lesson, sending an email, text, or completing the assigned work for the day. If your student is going to be absent and cannot contact the teacher on the day of absence, please call the office attendance line at 541-929-5009 to excuse them. As we enter the holiday season and students may be traveling, please excuse trips through the office or by emailing [chelsea.vanderzwan@philomath.k12.or.us](mailto:chelsea.vanderzwan@philomath.k12.or.us)

