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It is hard to believe we are wrapping up our eighth week of school. I want to take a moment to thank each and every family for partnering with us this year. Last Spring many of you asked what would Fall bring and we had no idea.

Well, it has brought a lot of change in the way we operate schools. It is because of the incredible partnership with our family's that students are successful. Thank you also for attending parent conferences this last week.

Student Safety



Student safety at school is our first and most important priority not only in school, but in our parking lot and drop off area this year. We appreciate everyone pulling into the loading and unloading lanes, pausing as your child gets out of the car keeping traffic flowing in the parking lot this year.

Here are just a few reminders about what parents can do to help keep Pleasant Hill Elementary students be safe:

- In the morning K / 1 and siblings parent drop off and pick up takes place in the front of the school.
- In the morning 2 /3 parent drop off and pick up takes place in the front of large gate in the gravel parking lot leading to the playground.
- Pre-school morning drop off is in the gravel parking lot along the straight sidewalk.
- Katie's Lane is closed during school hours, 7:00 - 4:00 p.m., this year as this area is reserved for busing. In addition, the U in front of the library is reserved for staging of buses if needed.
- In the afternoon all K-3 students are dropped off and picked up in front of the school.

Chromebook Updates

Pleasant Hill School District has added a new feature to all our district owned Chromebooks, called GoGuardian, a Chromebook extension. This program is designed to help monitor and protect students from inappropriate online material. It is to help students stay focused on their academic studies when learning online.

We ask that students use their school managed Google accounts and school managed devices for educational purposes only. Their school supported apps are such programs as Seesaw DreamBox Math, Reflex, Epic, Raz Kids, Zoom. If your student should go to a program their teacher has asked them to use, and you get a message redirecting them to contact the administrator, please either contact their teacher or our office.

We also need your assistance. Many students and families have shared our school managed devices are not working properly. Be aware if your student installs any apps or extensions such as wallpapers, games,

virtual pets, etc. they will interfere with the programs we are asking our students to use. We ask that you assist your student with uninstalling these apps / extensions and restart the device. This will usually fix the issues. If it does not, we are more than happy to exchange the device for another.

Just a Reminder the Library is Open for Checkout of Books

Mrs. Kordon opened a new feature within the Destiny library system allowing students to not only search our library for books, but now place books on hold, which will be checked out to them. To check out a book, simply following these steps:

1. Go to PHSD website, <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us>
 2. Click Elementary School
 3. Click Elementary School Library under quick links
 4. Click Login - Username: first.last Password: phes
 5. Search for the book they want then click hold
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Why Should Students Read Twenty Minutes Every Night?

Let's figure it out--mathematically!

Student A reads a book for 20 minutes five nights of every week; Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!

1st: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 minutes x 5 times a week = 100 minutes/week.

Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes.

2nd: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 400 minutes a month. Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

3rd: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year.

Student A reads 3600 minutes in a school year. Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year. Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 5th grade, if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 50 whole school days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 10 school days.



LATE, TARDY, STUDENTS MISS OUT...



During the school year, parents have the important responsibility of seeing that students establish patterns for punctuality and good attendance. The patterns established during these years very often become life patterns. If your student is late for school...

- They may feel conspicuous and embarrassed when entering the room late or the zoom lesson.
- They miss morning greetings from their teacher and their classmates.
- They will miss the group experience of starting a new school day together.
- They will miss the important instruction given at the start of a lesson.
- They may feel pressure from having to catch up.

Children like to feel that they belong to their group of classmates. Teachers try to make every member of the class feel that they belong and are important to the group. Being tardy interferes with a child's sense of belonging.

Up Coming Events

October 30th - Friday, distance learning, check out Seesaw for more information from your student's teacher

November 2nd - 7:00 p.m. School Board Mtg.

November 6th - Grading Day / No School

November 9th - 10:45 - 12:45 p.m. Grab and Go New Lunch Distribution Time start

November 10th - 6:30 p.m. PTO Meeting, Zoom link will be sent via Seesaw.