



BILLIE NEWS!



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Coming Soon! 2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration

A question many have been asking me lately is what will fall look like? At this time, I don't know if we will be continuing in Hybrid Learning or be back on-site learning. What I do know is it is that time of year to begin planning for next year's incoming Kindergarten class, children who will be turning 5 on or before September 1, 2021.

Due to the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance we will not be able to hold our annual Kindergarten Registration Day. Instead, our Kindergarten Registration for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year will be completed on-line. We are busy at work getting everything ready for this transition from in-person to virtual registration. Be watching for a link, which will be in the next addition of the Billie News, as well being sent out via Seesaw too.

Help us spread the word Kindergarten Registration is coming soon!



Transportation

First Student is our transportation provider this year. The team at First Student have been hard at work planning how to safely transport your student this year. We ask you to please take time to review with your student the bus rules.

- Please have your face covering on before the bus pulls up to your stop. Please keep your face covering on while riding on the bus.
- When you get on the bus please go to your assigned seat, sit down and remain seated until you get to school or home.
- We are loading the bus from the back to the front. Siblings must sit together.
- No playing, touching, or moving around to sit with other students on the bus.
- When the bus comes to a complete stop, the driver will let you know when you can stand up to exit the bus.
- Buses are cleaned after each route. All seats and high touched areas are cleaned with a disinfectant.



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.

Calling All Readers!

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

Chromebook Updates

Pleasant Hill School District computers are not designed for extra extensions, watching movies, extensive searches unrelated to student assignments. These Chromebooks basically are designed to run the programs and apps the district has selected to use this year. We are asking that you assist your student with uninstalling any apps / extensions such as wallpapers, games, virtual pets, etc. so that these devices will run at their maximum capacity for school purposes.

In addition, the Chromebooks need to be restarted at least weekly. This updates apps (Zoom, etc.) and operating systems (Chrome OS) to the newest and best for the systems. (Just closing the lid does not accomplish this)

Step 1: Press and hold the *Power* button.

Step 2: The screen dims, and a pop-up appears. Click the *Power Off* button.

Step 3: Press your Chromebook's *Power* button to restart.

When Should I Keep My Child Home?



Student's Symptoms or Illness	Student May Return to School When*
Fever: temperature by mouth greater than 100.4 degrees	No fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.
Skin rash or open sores	Rash is gone; sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage; or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
New Cough illness	In general, when symptom-free for 72 hours. If pertussis (whooping cough) is diagnosed, after taking 5-day course of prescribed antibiotics, or when cleared for return by local public health authority. If COVID-19 is diagnosed, with orders from local public health authority.

Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one day OR newly not able to control bowel movements	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
Headache with stiff neck and fever; OR with recent head injury	Symptom-free or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Jaundice: (new) yellow color in eyes or skin	After orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
Red eyes or eye discharge: yellow or brown drainage from eyes	Redness and discharge is gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.

Are You Ready to Spring Forward?

Well, ready or not, Saturday night is the night to set your clocks forward an hour. Daylight savings time officially starts March 13th at 2:00 a.m. We will see everyone Monday ready for another great week at school either at 8:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

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.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENCES: If you are keeping your child home, they will not be participating in zoom classes or, completing their daily assignments on Lexia Core 5 Reading, Dreambox Math or Seesaw **PLEASE** call the office attendance line, **541-736-0411**, otherwise we will be calling you to verify your child's absence as required by law.



Grab and Go Meals: Daily Grab and Go Meals are available at no charge this year. Students participating in K-5, on-site, will receive either Breakfast and lunch or lunch and breakfast depending upon which session they are in if you would like them to. For those participating in distance learning only, meals are available daily at PHHS 10:45 - 12:45 p.m.

PHONE MESSAGES: We really appreciate and request that all of our families who discover their child's after school plans need to change **please send a note with your child or call the school office before 10:30 a.m. if your child is participating in the morning session or 2:30 p.m. if your child is participating in the afternoon session.**

Up Coming Events

March 8th - 7:00 p.m. School Board Mtg., link available at www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us

March 9th - 6:30 p.m. PTO Mtg., Zoom link will be sent out via Seesaw

March 12th - Distance Learning Day for All. Be watching Seesaw for a message from your teacher.

March 12th - 10:45 - 12:45 p.m. - Materials Distribution Day for Distance Learning Students only.

March 14th - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 15th - Returning Student Spring Registration for K-12 begins.

March 22nd - March 26th - Spring Break

March 29th - Classes resume following Spring Break

