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*Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

## Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Welcome back to a brand-new calendar year, 2021! With the start of the new calendar year signals, we are almost halfway through the 2020-21 school year. Our teachers will be reviewing our school-wide expectations and safety drills with their classes this week. In addition, we ask parents to talk with their child daily about their day.



If you discover your child is experiencing some form of difficulty with school, we ask that you please **contact your child's teacher immediately**, I can't emphasize this more. Your child's teacher knows your child better than anyone at school. He or she is in a position to observe and experiment with different solutions to the problem. You should contact the teacher first when you feel the problem has to do with the student - teacher relationship. In any human interaction, there is the potential for disagreements and problems. There are times when your child's teacher won't know there is a problem. It is only fair that they have the opportunity to try to correct the situation. Often, the problem will quickly disappear once the teacher is made aware of the problem. By meeting with the teacher either by a phone call or zoom meeting, a plan of action can be agreed upon to help remedy the problem.

If you feel you need additional assistance with the problem, please feel free to contact me. I, too, am available to meet with parents and students to assist them in being successful. By working together, we teach our children a valuable skill that will help them through their lives.

Over the break you should have received a letter from the Superintendent. At this time, Pleasant Hill School District will continue to offer one of three models; K-3 on-site instruction with a blend of distance learning, K-5 distance learning only or 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> grade Limited-in-Person Supplemental Instruction in addition to distance learning.

If you did not receive this letter, please contact our office, 541-736-0400 to update your email address.

## 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 long enough for your child to either get out or in the car to keep traffic flowing in the parking lot.



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, **no earlier than 7:50 a.m.**, and pick up takes place in the front of the school at 11:00 a.m.

- In the morning 2 /3 parent drop off and pick up takes place in the front of large gate, **no earlier than 7:50 a.m.**, in the gravel parking lot leading to the playground.
  - Pre-school student drop off is in the gravel parking lot along the straight sidewalk across from the district office starting at 7:50 a.m.
  - Katie's Lane is closed to daily car traffic during school hours, 7:00 - 4:00 p.m. This year Katie's Lane is reserved for busing, as well as the U in front of the library every day.
  - In the afternoon all K-3 students are dropped off, 12:20 p.m., and picked up in front of the school, 3:30 p.m.
  - 4 / 5 students participating in Limited-in-Person Instruction are dropped off, **no earlier than 12:50 p.m.**, and picked up at 3:00 p.m. in front of the office.
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## Transportation

First Student is our transportation provider. The team at First Student have been working hard this year planning and facilitating how to safely transport your student. Please take a moment to review the bus expectations with your student:



- You must have your face covering on before the bus pulls up to your stop. You must keep your face covering on while riding on the bus.
- When you get on the bus please go to your 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.
- The Drivers at First Student are looking forward to being a part of keeping everyone safe and healthy this school year.

If you decide you want your student to ride the bus call First Student, 541-688-0454, will need to provide 24 hours notice to route your student. The buses may only hold up to 23 students per route, therefore routes will need to be adjusted to accommodate your request.

If you are not able to speak with someone please feel free to contact me, Devery Stoneberg, at 541-736-0400, as well.

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## Chromebook Updates

Just a reminder Pleasant Hill School District has GoGuardian, a Chromebook extension to all district owned computers. This program is designed to help protect students from inappropriate online material. It is to help students stay focused on their academic studies when learning online.

District computers are not designed for extra extensions, watching movies or 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)

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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.

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## It's Cold Outside!

It's a little chilly outside. Our students go outside for recess / p.e organized games and activities daily rain or shine. All students are encouraged to wear a jacket.



Please label the inside of your child's jacket. If you write your child's name inside their coat, should they become separated from their coat we make every effort to return it to them.

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## School Matters!



We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason - it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year.

Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9<sup>th</sup> grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school either for on-site instruction or zoom classes every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a daily routine.
- Students attending school on-site lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children goes to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact either your child's classroom teacher or Mrs. Stoneberg.

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## When Should I Keep My Child Home?

Student's Symptoms or Illness	Student May Return to School When*
<b>Fever:</b> temperature by mouth greater than 100.4 degrees	No fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.
<b>Skin rash</b> 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 <b>Cough</b> 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.
<b>Diarrhea:</b> 3 loose or watery stools in one day <b>OR</b> newly not able to control bowel movements	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
<b>Vomiting</b>	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
<b>Headache</b> with stiff neck and fever; <b>OR</b> with recent head injury	Symptom-free or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Jaundice:</b> (new) yellow color in eyes or skin	After orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
<b>Red eyes or eye discharge:</b> yellow or brown drainage from eyes	Redness and discharge is gone <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.

### Immunizations



Just a reminder now is the time to make sure your child's immunizations are up-to-date. State law requires that all children in public schools either have vaccinations or a medical exemption.

Letters will be sent home soon if your child's immunization record shows that he or she has not received the required vaccinations. Children will not be able to attend school starting Feb. 17th if their records show missing immunizations.

Families are advised to contact their health care provider or the local health department. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines.



### Do You Have a New Phone Number?

If you, or any of your emergency contacts, have changed phone numbers recently please make sure you have notified the school office. It is extremely important this information is kept up to date so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency or your child becomes ill at school.

### Bad Weather, School Delays or Closures

This is a reminder that school closures, delays, or changes in bus routes, snow routes, may result from emergencies such as inclement weather conditions. School decisions are typically made by 6:00 a.m. after transportation personnel have examined the local conditions if we can safely bring everyone to school or we need to either delay the start of school or cancel school for the day.

When weather related emergencies occur, announcements are usually broadcast by the local television media (KEZI, KVAL, KMTR, KLSR) and announced on radio stations (such as KUGN, KPNW, AND KEED/KSND). The media obtains and broadcast their information from Flash News, [www.flashnews.net](http://www.flashnews.net). You will also be getting messages via the districts messaging system Blackboard in the form of a Robo call, text message and email message.

We will be putting out an announcement via Seesaw to all of our elementary families. Instead of closing schools for weather events, we will move everyone to distance learning for the day. The difference will be teachers will not be providing live zoom lessons. The expectation will be students are completing lessons via Lexia Core 5, Dreambox, Reflex, Seesaw activities and spending minimum 20 minutes for the day.

## Up Coming Events

January 8 - Distance Learning Day for All, be watching for a Seesaw message from your teacher.

January 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. PTO Mtg, zoom link will be sent via Seesaw the day before the Meeting.

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Observance / No School

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10:45 - 12:45 p.m. Materials Distribution Day for Distance Learning Families only.

January 29<sup>th</sup> - Grading Day / No School