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This school year has been a year filled with surprises and changes. It is hard to believe we only have three weeks of school left.

Please support your child by stressing the importance of continued learning both in-person and online. Students actively participating in daily lessons through the last day of school ensure a successful finish to the school year followed by a well-deserved summer vacation.

We still have many housekeeping chores to be taken care of as well as a lot of learning yet to occur. If you have not completed the Spring Registration process, please take a moment to do so by visiting <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration-main>. We will only be sending classroom placement postcards in August to families who have completed the Spring Registration.

Included in the newsletter today, you will find a copy of the district calendar that has been adopted for next year, 2021-2022. Please note that school starts prior to Labor Day, Tuesday, August 30th. In addition, be watching for a letter in August sharing many exciting opportunities that will be happening in the fall.

Required Oregon Assessment Testing Thursday for all Students Grades 3-5!

Thursday, May 27th will be Pleasant Hill Elementary testing day for students in grades 3 - 5. Each year the Oregon Department of Education requires schools to administer yearly summative assessments.

What tests will my student take in 2020-21?

Students will take fewer tests in 2020-21 than in previous years. Those tests will also be shorter. To find out which tests your student will take, see the table below. (The table applies to Oregon's general and alternate assessments.)

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If your student is participating in distance learning from home and you would like them to participate in testing please contact the school. Tests must be administered at school and we will need to arrange for your student to come in to complete these assessments.

If you want your student to take the optional tests, contact your student's teacher. Optional tests are required to be administered on site, just like required tests.

If you do not want your student to take the required tests this year, fill out the attached Opt-out form for ELA and math and return to school by Thursday, May 27th.

You also have the right to decline your student's participation in the science test for religious or disability reasons. Write a request to exempt your student from Science testing on the back of the Opt-out form and return to school.

5th Gr. Transition Parent Meeting

Will your student be a 6th grader next year? If the answer is yes, you are invited to attend a special Parent Night at the high school Monday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m. via zoom the middle school staff will be hosting a question-and-answer session for parents and students. Classroom teachers will be sending out the zoom link for the evening via Seesaw, so be watching for the link.

This meeting is designed to allow you an opportunity to meet the middle school staff and building administrators who will be working with your student next year, gain some valuable information regarding what you and your child can expect, as well as get answers to any questions you might have answered.

Library News

With Summer just around the corner, the last day for library check out is this Tuesday, May 25th. Mrs. Kordon needs to begin preparing the library for our annual end of the year book inventory scheduled for the week of June 7th. Please assist your students in locating and returning their library books. All library books are due into the library by Thursday, June 3rd. Unfortunately, a library book bill will be generated and sent home with student's whose books have not been returned by Friday, June 4th.



Chromebook Care

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.

Summer Chromebook Plan

All Chromebooks will need to be returned at the end of the school year for summer maintenance. The last week of school students who participate in on-site instruction will leave their Chromebooks here. So, please send your student with their power cord that week too.



If your student participates in distance learning, we are designating June 10th as Chromebook collection day, 10:45 - 12:00 p.m. If you have a district owned Hot Spot, these will also need to be returned. Please plan to drop these off June 10th as well.

Student Medications

All student medications **must be picked up by a parent at school, Tuesday, June 15th**. Medications cannot be sent home with a student, mailed or transferred to another school. We cannot store medications over the summer. **All remaining medications left at school will be disposed of in accordance to our District policy on Friday, June 18th.**

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.

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.



Bus Notes: We request that all of our families who discover their child's after school plans need to change please send a note with your child. If plans change during the school day, please call the school office before 1:00 p.m.



2021-2022 PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 CALENDAR

M	T	W	T	F
July 2021				
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

M	T	W	T	F
August 2021				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September 2021				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

October 2021				
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

November 2021				
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

December 2021				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

January 2022				
3*	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

February 2022				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21*	22	23	24	25
28				

March 2022				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

April 2022				
				1
	4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

May 2022				
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

June 2022				
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10*
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

Please Note: There is one float day for emergency closure built into the calendar in June. If this day is not needed, the last day for students would be June 9.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug 23:** New Teachers Report
- Aug 24-26, 30:** Teacher Work Days/In-service
- Aug 26:** PHMS/HS Meet the Teacher
- August 30:** PHES Meet the Teacher
- August 31:** First day of school
- Sep 6:** Holiday (Labor Day) - No School
- Sep 10, 17, 24:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Oct 1,15,29:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Oct 8:** State-wide In-service - No School/Teacher Work Day
- Oct 21-22:** Parent Conferences - 1/2 Day of School
- Nov 4:** End of 1st Quarter (46 Days)
- Nov 5:** Teacher Grading Day - No School
- Nov 8:** Start of 2nd Quarter
- Nov 11:** Holiday (Veterans Day) - No School
- Nov 12,19:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Nov 24:** Teacher comp day for conferences - No School
- Nov 25-26:** Holiday (Thanksgiving) - No School
- Dec 3,10,17:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Dec 20-Dec 31:** Holiday (Christmas Break) - No School
- Jan 3:** Teacher In-service - No School/**Float Day for Emergency Closure**
- Jan 7,14,21:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Jan 17:** Holiday (MLK, Jr. Day) - No School
- Jan 27:** End of 2nd Quarter (43 Days)
- Jan 28:** Teacher Work Day/Grading - No School
- Jan 31:** Start of 3rd Quarter
- Feb 4,11,18,25:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Feb 21:** Holiday (Presidents' Day) - No School/**Float Day for Emergency Closure**
- Mar 4,11,18:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Mar 11:** Spring Online Registration opens
- Mar 21-25:** Spring Break - No School
- Apr 1,15,22,29:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Apr 7:** End of 3rd Quarter (43 Days)
- April 8:** Teacher Work Day/Grading - No School/**Float Day for Emergency Closure**
- Apr 11:** Start of 4th Quarter
- May 6,13,20,27:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- May 30:** Holiday (Memorial Day) - No School
- Jun 3:** Friday Release - Teaching/Learning Teams
- Jun 3:** High School Graduation
- Jun 9:** End of 4th Quarter (43 Days)
- Jun 9:** Spring Online Registration closes
- Jun 9:** **Last Day of School if No Float Days Used**
- Jun 10:** **Float Day for Emergency Closure**
- Jun 13:** Teacher Grading Day

Green = New teachers report 8/23, returning teachers 8/24

Yellow = No School

**Blue = Friday Release Time: Elem 1:25 pm, HS 1:35 pm
No Friday Release if delayed start**

Red = Parent-Teacher Conferences

Gray = 1st day of the nine weeks



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Devery Stoneberg
Principal

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This has been a year like no other. Thank you for working with us to ensure a strong finish to the 2020-21 school year. We appreciate your support and patience. As the end of the school year approaches, we wanted to inform you about end-of-year testing as required by the Oregon Department of Education.

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"Required tests" will be administered, May 27, 2021 for students in grades 3 -8 and June 8, 2021 for students in the 11th grade. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is not supporting remote test administration. If your student is learning at home, contact the school if you want your student to participate in testing.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stoneberg, 541-736-400.

ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE PREPARED

In 2010, Oregon adopted higher K-12 standards in English language arts and mathematics to ensure that all students move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. We have adjusted the test blueprint for 2020-21 to allow for reliable estimation of student performance, while decreasing the time that students spend testing. Please note that individual student reports will not be available for 2020-21.

How much time do the tests take?

The tests are not timed, so your child can take as long as they need to fully demonstrate what they know and can do. The ODE developed shortened blueprints for the 2020-21 school year, reducing testing times substantially. English Language Arts and Math assessments will take approximately one hour each. With our current exams, your child only tests once each year.

What do the results mean?

Summative test results identify systems-level strengths and areas for improvement in English language arts and mathematics for schools, districts, and the state. Individual student results will not be available for the 2020-21 school year.

Why does participation matter?

Your child's participation is important to help ensure that schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed, particularly those from historically underserved backgrounds.

When will my child take the test?

Your child will be tested once. Your child's school will determine the specific dates your child takes the tests within the statewide testing window above.

OREGON'S STATE TESTS:

- **Help identify schools and districts** that need additional supports to ensure more students are meeting higher standards
- **Challenge students to think critically** and apply their knowledge to real-world problems
- **Use multiple item formats** to ensure multiple means of accessing item content

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

Grades 3-8 and High School
English language arts & mathematics
summative tests
April 13 – June 11, 2021

STAY INFORMED

Talk to your child's teacher or school principal if you have questions or want to learn more about how you can support your child in English language arts and mathematics. Here are some additional resources:

<http://tinyurl.com/ELARoadmap> & <http://tinyurl.com/MathRoadmap>

To view sample test questions: <http://tinyurl.com/ORPracticeTests>

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS

House Bill 2655 permits parents and adult students* to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English language arts and mathematics by submitting this form to the school the student attends. The school shall provide any student who is exempted from a state test with supervised study time while other students are testing. Visit this link to learn more about House Bill 2655: <http://tinyurl.com/OR-HB2655>.

To opt-out of summative English language arts and mathematics state tests, this section must be completed by the parent/guardian or adult student:

Student's Legal Last Name:

Student's Legal First Name:

Student's Enrolled Grade:

Student's School:

Please indicate the state test(s) you are opting out of for the 2020-21 school year:

English Language Arts

Math

To best support school district planning, you are encouraged to submit this form **to your child's school** by April 6, 2021. For students who enroll after the statewide testing window begins on April 13, 2021, you are encouraged to submit the form within 2 weeks of enrollment. This form is only valid for the 2020-21 school year. Parents and adult students are required to submit an opt-out form annually should they wish to be exempted from statewide summative tests.

I understand that by signing this form I am opting my child out of testing.

Parent/Guardian Signature*:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name*:

*Adult students (age 18 and older) may sign on their own behalf and do not require a signature by a parent or guardian. Typing your name into the signature box indicates your digital signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for the purpose of this form.