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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Pleasant Hill Elementary

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School Hours: 8:00 - 2:15 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. Early Release Every Friday 8:00 - 1:25 p.m.

You're Invited to Pleasant Hill Elementary



Meet and Greet the Teacher
Monday, August 30, 2021
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

You are invited to bring your student to school to meet their classroom teacher, see the classroom and drop off school supplies. Students and adults are required to wear a mask inside the school.

Who are the teachers who will be working with our students and families this year?

K-5 Classroom Teachers:

- Kindergarten - Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Quinones.
- First Grade - Mrs. Fisher, Ms. Mason and Mrs. Sprague
- Second Grade - Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Reinking.
- Third Grade - Ms. Dow, Mr. Holladay and Mrs. Howell
- Third / Fourth Grade - Mrs. Smith
- Fourth Grade - Mr. Bond and Ms. Collins
- Fifth Grade - Ms. Michlanski, Mr. Grassman and Mrs. Shaddon

Specialist:

- Learning Center - Ms. Tracy and Ms. Goble
- Title I - Mrs. Thomas
- 4 / 5 Facilitating Teacher - Mrs. Wolpe
- Music - Mr. Strong

When you have finished visiting your student's classroom, be sure to stop by the tables in front of the school.

First Student, our bus transportation service provider will be available to answer questions regarding bus routes. Also check out how you can get involved by visiting the PTO table as well as the Pleasant Hill Foundation table.

Don't tell, they are serving up ice cream bars, too.

First Day of Instruction

It is hard to believe, the first day of instruction is Tuesday, August 31st. Our staff spent the week preparing their classrooms as well as planning some fun and exciting activities for our students. Classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Teachers are required to take attendance daily.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, missing instruction, please **call the elementary attendance line at (541) 736-0411**. Leave a message stating your child's name, grade and reason for the tardy or absence. Otherwise, you will be receiving a phone call from our office to verify your child's absence.

Chromebooks

Our district will once again be issuing a Chromebook to every student to use both in class and at home for instructional purposes. In the packet of information, you will receive Monday at the "Meet and Greet" will be a copy of the district 1:1 Mobile Device Checkout form. Please sign and return the form.

Again, this year, our school will be using DreamBox, an on-line math program, Reflex a math fact fluency builder for students in grades 1 - 5, Lexia Core 5, our on-line reading program and Seesaw for family communication and activities, as well as how students may submit their class if we should be required to return to Comprehensive Distance Learning or have an inclement weather day.

If you need assistance with any log-ins or have computer questions, please contact your classroom teacher. They will be more than happy to assist you or seek further assistance from our district technology specialist.

Transportation



First Student is our transportation provider this year. The team at First Student is hard at work planning how to safely transport your student this year. To help prepare your student we ask that you review the bus rules.

Bus rules to discuss with your student:

- Please have your face covering on before the bus pulls up to your stop. 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.
- 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.

First Student will be calling all families who requested transportation. The route manager for First Student, Janet Cook, will be at our Meet and Greet the Teacher to answer questions about bus routes. If you have any questions please call First Student at 541-688-0454.

Frequently Asked Questions

This year is filled with questions for both students and families. So, we thought we would try to answer some of the common back-to-school questions:

What time does school start?

Classes start at 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Monday - Thursday. Friday's class schedule for the year will be 8:00 - 1:25 starting Friday, September 3rd.

When can I drop off my child?

Students may be dropped off no earlier than 7:45 a.m. All students will go directly to their classrooms. Upon entering the classroom, students put their materials away and either wash / hand sanitize their hands before being seated.

How will my student be entering the school this year?

We are required to have designated entrances and exits.

- Students who arrive by bus will enter the building through the doors on the backside of the building.
- Students who are dropped off in grades K-2 will enter the building by walking down the ramp at by the gym.
- Students in grades 3 -5 will enter through the front doors and head directly to classes upstairs.

Can I walk my child the first day of school?

This year, parents may walk their child to their classroom door. Staff will be outside and inside the building to assist students in finding their classes.

What key practices for reducing the spread of Covid will the school be implementing?

- Students, staff and volunteers will be required to wear Face Coverings while in the building.
- Social distancing of 3 ft. will be encouraged whenever possible.
- Washing / sanitizing hands upon enter and exit from the classroom throughout the day as well as before and after eating
- Universal cleaning.
- Ventilation systems are checked and maintained by our maintenance staff as prescribed by OSHA.
- Windows and doors will be open weather permitting to increase ventilation.
- The district has and continues to upgrade and install fresh air return systems that filter air from inside to out and outside to in.

Will Breakfast be served this year?

If you elect to have your student eat breakfast at school, there will be no charge for the meal. Students will have a designated breakfast time in their daily schedule.

Will my student be sharing their school supplies with others?

No, all students will be using their own school supplies.

Will classroom drinking fountains be available this year?

Classroom drinking fountains will remain turned off this year. We request all students bring a water bottle to school each day. It will be kept at their desk.

When can my student take off their mask?

Students can only remove their mask to eat or drink when inside the school. Students are allowed to remove their masks when outside such as at recess, during class mask breaks outside and class lessons outside.

Will my student be staying in the classroom the entire day?

Throughout the week students will be participating in daily special activity, PE, music or library, outside of the classroom. Classroom teachers will be leading PE activities either inside the gym or outside. Mr. Strong will be providing music instruction in the music room. Students will be singing, wearing a mask when inside and receiving instrumental instruction as well. Mrs. Kordon will be assisting students in the library to find the perfect books to read.

Students will also have two recesses outside each day. Students will be cohort this year by grade level when outside. Grade levels will be assigned to either the upper, the blacktop and small structure area, or lower playground, the field spaces and structures. Grade levels will rotate play areas weekly.

How often will my student be required to wash / hand sanitize?

Every time a student enters or leaves the classroom, they will need to either wash / hand sanitize. In addition, before and after eating breakfast, lunch, snack or a special treat.

How will lunch work this year?

One grade level at a time will be eating lunch in the cafeteria. The grade level will have recess either before or after lunch. Students will be socially distanced 3 feet apart all facing the same direction whenever possible.

Classroom teachers will be providing you with your student's daily schedule.

What time is dismissal?

- Monday - Thursday -
 - 2:10 p.m.- Bus riders will board the buses
 - 2:15 p.m. - Teachers will walk classes to the drop off areas to meet parents.
- Fridays, Early Dismissal -
 - 1:20 p.m. - Bus riders will board the buses
 - 1:25 p.m. - Teachers will walk classes to the drop off areas to meet parents.

In the event you are running late, please drop your child off in front of the office door.

What is the drop-off and pick up guidance for families?

Drop off / pick-up: Pull up alongside the curb of the designated unloading zone

- K/ 1 in front of the office
- 2 / 3 in front of the library
- 4 /5 in front of the community center.

Please plan to drop off all you students in the location of your youngest student and pickup in the same location.

Form only one lane of traffic.

Students need to exit the car along the curbside.

Do not park your car in drop off area, move along after child has exited the car.

Do not linger or block other cars.

Pick-up: Do not leave your car unattended in the loading zone.

Teachers will direct students to you.

Stay in your car.

If you park to pick up your student, please connect with your child and return to your car.

How do I communicate with my student's teacher this year?

During the school day your student's teacher's priority is working with every student in the class.

Our staff is committed to partnering with you to assist both you and your student and answer any questions. Please reach out to teachers via Seesaw, email or by phone.

How do I pick up my child for an appointment or if they are sent home from school?

Please call the office before coming to pick-up your child. We will have your child waiting for you to pull up along the curb in front of the office and send them out to the car to meet you.

If we call asking for you to pick-up your child due to a fever or not feeling well, please come to school or send someone immediately to school. Your child will be waiting in the office. When you pull up, we will send your child out to meet you.

When should I keep my child home from school?

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.

Will the school be offering Covid Testing this year?

In the packet of information your student's teacher will provide you is a permission slip to participate in the COVID 19 Testing in Oregon Schools program, BinaxNOW test, this year. The purpose of this test is to provide a rapid test to students or staff who develop symptoms. Please sign and return the permission slips if you want your student to participate in this program.