



# BILLIE NEWS!



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*Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

## Pleasant Hill Elementary

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## Goal Setting Conferences

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dismissal 11:30 a.m.**

Goal Setting Conferences are this week. Thursday and Friday students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. each day. If your student rides the bus, plan that your student will be arriving home two hours earlier than their regular arrive time.

In addition, we will be providing a "Grab and Go" lunch on Thursday and Friday. Students will order their lunch first thing in the morning both days. Please let your student know if you would like them to access a "Grab and Go" lunch prior to school Thursday and Friday morning as the cooks will be asking for a count in order to prepare enough lunches for everyone who wants one.

Our goal as a staff is to meet with each family. If you have not scheduled a conference time yet, please call the school office, 541-736-0400 and we will assist you in setting up a conference.

## Harvest Parties / Book Character Day, October 29th

All of our classes will be hosting harvest parties October 29th. Be watching for more details from your student's teacher.

Students can dress up as their favorite book character. Students may wear their costumes during the day, no toy weapons of any kind may be brought to school as part of the costume. Also, no costume masks, as all students will be required to wear their regular, daily face coverings as usual during the school day.



## Grading Day / No School November 5th

Teachers will be spending Friday, November 5th preparing your students' progress report. A progress report is similar to a report card, except it does not contain comments, as teachers will have conferenced with families prior to grading day.

## End of Daylight-Savings Time

**Saturday, November 6th** turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed. Daylight savings time officially ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 7th. We will see everyone Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for school at 8:00 a.m. well rested.





## Why Should Students Read Twenty Minutes Every Night?



Let's figure it out--mathematically!

Student A reads 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.

## 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, 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 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.



## 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.
- 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. Instruction promptly begins at 8:00 a.m.
- They may feel pressure from having to catch up.



## 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 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.
- The Drivers at First Student are looking forward to being a part of keeping everyone safe and healthy this school year.

If you have questions or concerns related to transportation, please contact First Student at 541-688-0454, the main office in Bethel. If your concerns are not addressed, please feel free to contact me, Devery Stoneberg, at 541-736-0400, as well.

### Food Service News



If you received a pending eligibility expiration letter either via email or in the mail, your students will continue to receive free meals for this school year. However, if you do not complete a new 2021-22 Free/ Reduced Meal application then you may lose P-EBT and other benefits, like free/reduced sports fees.

Verification Notices will be sent out this week randomly to approved free and reduced meal application families as required by Federal regulations at CFR245.6a. If your family receives a verification letter, please provide the requested documentation by November 1, 2021.

Apply for school meal benefits:  
<https://district.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp/default.aspx>

[www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us](http://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us) Resources—  
 School Nutrition — NSLP Free and Reduced Application

### 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 is present 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 religious or medical exemption.

Letters will be sent home this week from our Pleasant Hill District's Nurse, if your child's immunization record shows that they have not received the required vaccinations. Children will not be able to attend school starting Feb. 16, 2022, 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.

### **U of O / OHA Free Weekly Covid-19 Screening Opportunity**

Our school district is participating in the University of Oregon and Oregon Health Authority free weekly at home Covid Testing Program. You may opt into this program anytime you would like. It is simple, complete the on-line registration at <http://tinyurl.com/k12covidtesting>. Next, call the office, 541-736-0400, so we can check to see you have returned the COVID-19 General Testing form for this school year. If not we will send one to you to complete.

Weekly test results will be emailed directly to the parent / guardian, the Oregon Health Authority, and the Lane County Public Health Department. Pleasant Hill School District will not receive any test results, unless contact tracing is required by the Lane County Health Authority.

### **DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAMS STILL HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE**

Destination Imagination Elementary teams will be meeting weekly on Thursdays after school in the Community Center beginning October 28. If you missed the first meeting on October 14, there are still limited spaces available on teams. For more information about the program, contact Joan Hladky, the Coordinator of the program at [jhladky@pleasanthill.k12.or.us](mailto:jhladky@pleasanthill.k12.or.us) or by phone 541-746-0135.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11:30 a.m. Early Release for Parent Conferences
- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Book Character Dress Up Day / Harvest Parties
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - Grading Day / No School
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. PTO Mtg. Zoom
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Picture Re-Take Day
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day / No School
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Contractual Compensation Day / No School
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break / No School
- Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - PHES Billie's Food Drive

