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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Monday, November 8, marked the first day of the 2nd quarter of school. With the start of 2nd quarter brings a few new staff members and new cafeteria tables.

Please joining the staff and I in welcoming Nathan Bofto, our new PE teacher, Mr. Bofto or Mr. B. previously taught physical education in Sweet Home and Springfield. All students will be working with Mr. Bofto at least 2 days a week for 30 minutes each session. Please see that your student wears appropriate shoes on their PE day.

Also, join our staff is Stephanie Black, our new school counselor. Mrs. Black has taught previously in the South Lane School District. She will be providing students with weekly guidance lessons in their classrooms, as well as working with small groups and 1:1 if needed.

Monday, the students also got a big surprise when they walked in the cafeteria. We have new, slightly used, oval tables with stools attached, Students remain seated by classroom cohorts, but are able to see who is sitting at their table, eat and talk with those seated at their table without yelling to get someone's attention or carry on a conversation.



State Report Card

Each year the Oregon Department of Education prepares a report card for each school and district as required by law (ORS 329.115), requiring schools to notify families these are available for their viewing, as well. The purpose of the report card is to share a glance as to how the school district and schools are progressing towards meeting educational goals and other information such as student attendance, teacher experience and opportunities for extracurricular and intervention supports for students both in and out of school.

To view report cards online, head to the ODE <http://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx>, and enter Pleasant Hill School District and a list of available report cards will be generated. Select the one you are interested in reviewing. Hard copies of our school and district report card are also available in our foyer on the information table.

As you review this information, please note that the report cards have undergone significant redesign from prior years. This year data is very limited since schools last offered both in-person and distance learning.

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. You will also be getting messages via the districts messaging system Blackboard in the form of a Robo call, text message and email message.

In addition, this year 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 expectation will be students are completing lessons via Lexia Core 5, Dreambox, Reflex, Seesaw activities and spending a minimum of 20 minutes reading a great book.



Bus Snow Routes for Weather/Emergency

When road conditions are such that the district transportation system will be restricted the following changes in bus routes will take place. If there are no announcements transportation will operate as usual.

Hills Creek Road - Route C

The bus will turn around travel at Weyerhaeuser Road just beyond 37937 Hills Creek Road; students living beyond this stop much catch the bus here too.

Lost Creek Road - Route K

The bus will turn around at Guilley Creek Road, above the Old Gustina Mill Road before RR Anderson; students living beyond this stop much catch the bus here too.

Lost Valley Lane - Route H

This road will be BYPASSED. Students may catch the bus at either end of Lost Valley Lane; those students getting on the bus at Lost Creek will be on Route K.

Rattlesnake Road - Route H

The Rattlesnake Road Hill will be BYPASSED; students can catch the bus at Kimball Road or at Lost Valley Lane.

North Morningstar -Route F

This road will be BYPASSED. The bus will pick up students at the intersection of North Morningstar Road and Enterprise Road

Wallace Creek Road - Route D

The bus will turn around at Weyerhaeuser Road, just beyond 37047 Wallace Creek Road; students living above this road will be able to catch the bus there.



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.
- 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.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attending school is extremely important for children's social, emotional and educational development. Children who miss a lot of time at school can suffer in the long term from significant gaps in their learning. We need your support to ensure that children's education is not affected. Send children to school every day, all day to get the most out of their education.

Did you know that:

- Early childhood is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that poor attendance in preschool/kindergarten can predict absenteeism in later grades.
- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.
- Absences can add up before you know it. Our goal is student's miss no more than 10% of the school year, 18 days of lost instruction. That's just two days each month!
- It doesn't matter if these absences are excused or unexcused. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.
- Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.
- Foundational reading skills are taught at the kindergarten level. Missing out on these early reading lessons due to absences can create gaps in their learning that are harder to fix later.
- Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom, creating disruptions and slowing down instruction.

Chromebook Updates

Your student's Chromebook needs to be restarted at least weekly. This updates apps and the operating system (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.



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.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENCES: If you are keeping your child home, **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.

Notes: We really appreciate and request that all of our families who discover their child's after school plans need to change **send a note with your child or please call the school office before 1:30 p.m.** Bus notes are delivered to the classrooms around 1:45 p.m. daily.

On Early Release Days please call in the messages before 12:30 pm. It is important to allow as much time as possible on those days.

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 is present 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.
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Upcoming Events:

Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day / No School

Nov. 24th - Contractual Compensation Day / No School

Nov. 25th - 26th - Thanksgiving Break / No School

