



BILLIE NEWS!



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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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Congratulations, To Oregon's Newest Kid Governor, Emerie Martin!

Every fall all 5th graders across the state of Oregon are invited to consider running for the office of Oregon Kid Governor. Students who are interested create a 1 -3 minute video explaining:

- Why they should be Kid Governor
- Their leadership skills
- A community issue that is important to them
- Their three-point plan to address the specific community issue

Seventeen videos were submitted this year. A panel of independent judges, individually watched and voted on the videos narrowing the field down to seven videos. Once the seven candidates were finalized, over 2,200 fifth grade students across the state voted and selected Oregon's next Kid Governor.

Last Friday, we held a special 5th grade assembly to learn from Nikki Fisher the Oregon Secretary of State's Civic and Election Education Director, and Carla Axtman, the Oregon Secretary of State's Media Coordinator, appeared in place of Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, who had car issues delaying her arrival, to present a breaking news announcement, [https:// https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXJIU2BYWX](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXJIU2BYWX) to our 5th graders announcing the next Oregon Kid Governor Emerie Martin and congratulate her in person.

Emerie's community issue is animal abuse in Oregon. Her campaign video can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLw6ka-S3_M1kqwj25rwZiy5if97nDN_vj Emerie's one year term will begin in January 2022, with her inauguration at the Oregon State Capitol.

PHES Bucket Filler Food Drive

Our annual PHES Billies Bucket Filler Food Drive to assist local Pleasant Hill and Dexter families begins today, Monday, November 29th- December 10th. Students may drop off donated food items each day in the tubs located within their grade level commons, by their classrooms. Our school goal is to collect 1000 pounds of food.

Some suggested donation items are: Canned fruit, pasta, canned meals such as chili & stew, canned vegetables, dry beans, packaged meals, rice, soup, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter, flour, sugar, salt, condiments like ketchup, salad dressing, etc.

Welcome Mrs. Black, New School Counselor

Your student may have mentioned we have a new school counselor, Mrs. Black. She previous taught for the past 16 years in South Lane School District. We are excited she is our new school counselor.

Mrs. Black is teaching weekly social emotional lessons in all classes. She will be working with small groups of students based upon classroom or grade level recommendations. Mrs. Black is also available to work with individual students. If you feel you would like to talk with her about your student, you can reach her at 541-736-0400.

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 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. Attendance will be taken based upon who logged into their daily platforms.

If the duration of our time out due to weather events will be longer than a day, you will receive information from your child's classroom teacher sharing what time zoom classes will be held. The expectation is students will attend classes daily with their camera on, as well as login daily to our on-line platforms Dreambox, Lexia Core 5 and Seesaw. Attendance will be taken each day by teachers.



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



It's Cold Outside!



It's a little chilly outside lately and you never know when we will experience a little rain lately. Our students go outside for recess 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. Also, please encourage your child to check lost and found in the main hallway in front of the office window.

LATE 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 either in-person or on zoom...

- 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.
- They may feel pressure from having to catch up.

Children like to feel that they belong to their group of classmates. Teachers try to make every member of the class feel that they belong and are important to the group. **Please help by seeing that your child is in class on time, as school starts promptly at 8:00a.m. and attendance is taken.**

Chromebook Updates

Pleasant Hill School 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 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)

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.



Contact Information

You never know when someone from school may need to contact you due to a child not feeling well. If you have changed any of your phone's numbers where we may reach you please call the office, so we can update your child's student information contact form. In addition, if someone you have listed as an emergency contact may have changed their number, please let the office know.

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.



PHONE MESSAGES: We really appreciate and request that all of our families who discover throughout the

school day their child's after school plans need to change 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.

TREATS IN THE CLASSROOM: A lot of our students like to celebrate birthdays and other events with their classmates by bringing snacks to share in the classroom. If you would like to bring treats, we ask that you let the teacher know **at least 24 hours in advance**. The Health Department requires that any snacks served to students at school be purchased from a licensed bakery or store. **Home baked goods are not allowed to be served to students.**

INVITATIONS TO PARTIES: If your child is having a party and wants to hand out invitations at school, they will need to invite the entire class. If not all the students are being invited, you will have to mail or hand the invitations at other functions.

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.