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Coming Soon! 2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration

A question many have been asking me lately is what will fall look like. At this time, I don't know exactly other than we will be on-site learning, thanks to so many we have been successful this year. What I do know is it is that time of year to begin planning for next year's incoming Kindergarten class, children who will be turning 5 on or before September 1, 2022.



Due to the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance we will not be able to hold our annual Kindergarten Registration Day. Instead, our Kindergarten Registration for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year will be completed on-line. We are busily at work getting everything ready for our virtual registration. Be watching for a link, which will be in the next addition of the Billie News, as well as will be sent out via Seesaw too.

Help us spread the word Kindergarten Registration is coming soon!

2022- 2023 Returning Student On-line Registration Opens March 11th

- Registration instructions will be mailed from the District Office the first week of March.
- All currently enrolled students need to complete the registration on-line process for the 2022 - 2023 school year.
- Postcards announcing your child's teacher for the 2022 - 2023 school year will be mailed the first week of August to those families who have completed the re-enrollment process in the spring.

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 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 (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.

GoGuardian

GoGuardian is a software company that helps districts manage a fleet of Chromebooks. GoGuardian Admin is primarily used to filter the content of the Internet on our district-owned Chromebooks. The district's IT staff creates filtering policies that block or allow websites based on predetermined categories and assigned to students.

GoGuardian's content filtering only applies to district-owned devices.

GoGuardian keeps track of the websites that a student visits on their device. A report provides a chronological timeline of websites visited along with how much time was spent on each site. Even if the browsing history is erased, the record is still available from when they were online.

GoGuardian uses artificial intelligence and machine learning in order to block websites based on what is on the screen regardless of where the content was found. It examines the words and images on a web page for inappropriate content and if believed to be unsuitable for students, it will block the page immediately. This helps to protect students from exposure to unwanted materials accidentally or intentionally. No filtering or monitoring program is perfect, as technology is constantly changing, but it has helped alert teachers and admins to student safety issues that would have been missed or overlooked without it.

Last week we implemented GoGuardian Teacher Module which is a classroom management tool for Chromebooks. It allows teachers to see what is on the screen of every student in their classroom. They can see the active tab the student is currently looking at, as well as any other open tabs in the browser.

Teachers can close tabs for students, send messages to students, and lock student screens. Messages between a teacher and student on GoGuardian are logged. Students cannot message other students through GoGuardian, only the teacher.



Pleasant Hill Oregon Battle of the Books Tournament Begins!

In the fall, students in grades 3-5 were invited to formulate teams and participate in the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) program. The program is a voluntary statewide program designed to motivate students to read for enjoyment, broaden reading

interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote cooperative learning. Seven teams, Third Grade Readers VIBR, Third Grade Wildcats, Fourth Grade Billie Books, Fourth Grade Readers, Fifth Grade Questioneers and Fifth Grade Beauties and the Books, consisting of four—five members have been meeting together for weeks preparing for our school wide battles.



The first round of school battles was held last week. It was a very close first round, with every team battling twice to see how many total points they could earn. We are happy to congratulate the four following teams who will be moving on to round 2 which will take place the week of Feb. 28-March 4, Questioneers (5th grade team), Mind Readers (3rd grade team), Beauties and the Books (5th grade team) and Billie Books (4th Grade team).

Why Your Child Should Read for 20 Minutes A Day

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.

Clothing Needed!

Please consider donating any clothing your child may have outgrown to our health room. We are in desperate need clothes, all sizes, for our clothes closet in the health room. We provide students with a change of clothes if needed during the school day for whatever reason. If you have extra clothing, especially sweatpants and leggings, your children have outgrown, please consider donating these items.

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 ext. 300. If your concerns are not addressed, please feel free to contact me, Devery Stoneberg, at 541-736-0400, as well.



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.

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.

Cell Phones and Digital Watches: Students may bring cell phones, for safety reasons, and wear their watches to school. However, cell phones and watch volume needs to remain off during the day. The state of Oregon has declared that any cell phone or watch in a testing environment is a breach of testing security resulting in a test being voided. Therefore, we will be asking students to take off watches and place in their backpacks during testing sessions. So, please help us reinforce that all cell phones and watches must be turned off while at school. Misuse of cell phones or watches will result in these items being placed in the office for a parent / guardian to pick-up