



BILLIE NEWS!



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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Meal Prices: Breakfast \$1.75, Lunch \$3.00, Milk \$0.50

Music is in the Air!



Our students under the direction of Mr. Strong have been hard at work preparing for our first in-person winter concert in three years. This year we will hold the all concerts at our school in the gym. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be performing Monday, December 12th. Then Tuesday evening, December 13th, our Kindergarteners, 1st, and 2nd grade students will be performing.

All the performances will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The doors to the gym will open at 6:00 p.m. You are also invited to bring non-perishable food for our Billie's Bucket Food Drive.

Billie's Bucket Filler Food Drive



Our annual Billie's Bucket Filler Food Drive to assist local Pleasant Hill and Dexter families is currently underway through Wednesday, December 14th.



Students may drop off donated food items each day on their way to class or in the commons area outside their classroom. In addition, you may also bring donations with you to one of our winter concerts either Monday, December 12, 2022 or December 13, 2022.

Here are some suggested donation items: 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.

On the Road to Reading 1,000,000 Minutes



During the month of November our students collectively read 90,492. Students who read 300 minutes or more received a raffle ticket for a chance to win a scented bookmark, a token to Billie's Book Vending Machine, a Billie's T-shirt or a gift card to either Dairy Queen or Subway. In addition, every student earns an additional Billie Recess.

As a school we have read a grand total of 202,587 minutes. Don't forget to record the minutes you read over winter break on the reading log your teacher provided you for the month of December.



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 \times 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 minutes \times 5 times a week = 100 minutes/week.

Student B reads 4 minutes \times 5 times a week = 20 minutes.

2nd: Multiply minutes a week \times 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 400 minutes a month. Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

3rd: Multiply minutes a month \times 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.



Top Billie Attender for the Month of November

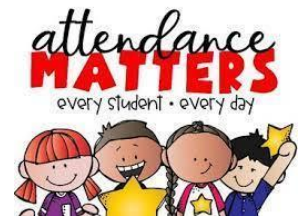
Check with your student every Monday or the first day of the week to see if their class received a weekly Billies Attendance Banner given to classes who have at least 90% attendance during the week.

Congratulations to Mrs. Craig's, Mrs. Quinone's and Mr. Holladay's class for having the highest rate of attendance during the month of November. These three classes will be receiving an extra PE class with Mr. Bofto.

School Attendance Matters!

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason - it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.



Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month! We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and the principal for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans to get to school if something comes up.

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 an exemption.

If your student's immunization record shows that they have not received the required vaccinations you should have received a letter from our school nurse. Children will not be able to attend school starting Feb. 15, 2023 if their records show any 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.



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	Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine. And per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms.
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 or new difficulty breathing	Symptoms improving for 24 hours, no cough or cough is well-controlled. And per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms. If pertussis (Whooping cough) the student must take 5 days of prescribed antibiotics before returning to school.
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one day OR 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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REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

ARRIVAL TIME—7:45 a.m.: Students may enter their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. **Attendance is taken and classes start promptly at 8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast: Students may enter the cafeteria as early as 7:30 a.m. if they will be ordering a breakfast to eat at school. All students will be sent to class shortly before 8:00 a.m.

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.

Upcoming Events:

- December 12th - 6:30 p.m. Grades 3 -5 Winter Concert, Elementary Gym
- December 13th - 8:30 a.m. 4th Grade Field Trip
- December 13th - 2:30 p.m. PTO Mtg., PHCC
- December 13th - 6:30 p.m. Grades K-2 Winter Concert, Elementary Gym
- December 14th - Last Day of the Billie Bucket Filler Food Drive
- December 15th - Billie's Winter Shop Sale Day
- December 16th - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
- December 19th - December 30th - Winter Break
- January 2nd - New Year's Day Observance
- January 3rd - Teacher In-service Day / No School
- January 4th - Classes Resume



Community Opportunity

Pleasant Hill Babe Ruth Evaluations

Register at <https://www.pleasanthillbaberuth.com/>

Any questions please contact Jeff Blake 541-968-9292 or phbr.baseball@gmail.com

Saturday, January 21st

13-15-year-olds (7th grade 12 year-olds evaluate with 13-15 year-olds; 15 year-old with 8th graders) 9-10:30am

10-12-year-olds 10:30am-12pm

8-9-year-olds 1pm-2:30pm

6-7 year-olds 2:30-4pm

Sunday, January 22nd-

13-15 year-olds (7th grade 12 year olds evaluate with 13-15 year olds; 15 year old 8th graders) 9-10am

10-12 year-olds 10-11am

8-9 year-olds 11am-12:00pm

6-7 year-olds 1pm-2pm