



# BILLIE NEWS!



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*Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

## Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Office Hours: 7:30—4:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Supervision: 7:45 - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. 7:45 - 1:30 p.m. Fri.

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



Welcome back to a brand-new calendar year, 2023! With the start of the new calendar year signals, we are almost halfway through the 2022-23 school year. Our teachers will be reviewing our school-wide expectations with their classes this week. In addition, we ask parents to talk with their child daily about their day.

If you discover your child is experiencing some form of difficulty with school, we ask that you please **contact your child's teacher immediately**, I can't emphasize this more. Your child's teacher knows your child better than anyone at school. He or she is able to observe and experiment with different solutions to the problem. You should contact the teacher first when you feel the problem has to do with the student - teacher relationship. In any human interaction, there is the potential for disagreements and problems. There are times when your child's teacher won't know there is a problem. It is only fair that they have an opportunity to try to correct the situation. Often, the problem will quickly disappear once the teacher is made aware of the problem. By meeting with the teacher either in-person or via a phone call, a plan of action can be agreed upon to help remedy the problem.

If you feel you need additional assistance or the problem continues, please feel free to contact me or our school counselor, Stephanie Black. We are available to meet with parents and students to assist them in being successful. By working together, we teach our children a valuable skill that will help them through their lives.

## Billie's Bucket Filler Food Drive



I am pleased to share as a community your donations to the Billie Bucket Filler Food Drive, the Pleasant Hill Community Service Team was able to assist 20 families during winter break. Thank you, for your generosity.

## Top Billie Attender for the Month of December

Check with your student every Monday or the first day of the week to see if their class received a weekly Billie's Attendance Banner given to classes who have at least 90% attendance during the week. Congratulations to Ms. Mason's and Mr. Holladay's class for having the highest rate of attendance during the month of December. These classes will be receiving an extra PE class with Mr. Bofto.



## Safety Week

After every major break, such as winter break, our building PBIS / Safety committee implements a safety week to review safety drills and procedures. Safety week does not take the place of the required monthly drills. Next week, we will be hosting our safety week.



Monday, we will be practicing the 3-whistle drill. During this drill students stop playing, look to the adults for directions. This drill is used if we experience weather requiring the staff to bring everyone either under cover or into the building or if we should have an unsafe situation on the playground ranging from a stranger to a service truck driving on the playground.

Tuesday, we will be practicing a fire drill combined with a directed response drill. During a directed response drill classes report to a designated location either inside the building or outside. This drill is used to keep students and staff safe and away from an immediate danger.

Wednesday the staff will be spending time reviewing and practicing a room clear drill. During this drill students leave one room and enter another classroom.

Thursday, we will be practicing an earthquake drill. We will announce and play some sounds over the intercom that might be heard in an actual earthquake. The teachers and staff working with students determine when it is safe to evacuate the building.

Friday, we will be practicing secure drill. During this drill all exterior doors are locked, no one is allowed either in or out of the building, and all school lessons continue within the building.



## Student Safety

Student safety at school is our first and most important priority. We are working hard this year to continue to establish systems with this goal in mind in our parking lot before and after school. Here are just a few reminders about what parents can do to help keep Pleasant Hill Elementary students be safe:

- Parent / Guardian drop off and pick up takes place:
  - K /1 students in the front of the school
  - 2 / 3 students in front of the library
  - 4 /5 students in front of the community center
- \*\*Drop off and pick-up all your students in the location of the youngest student in your household.
- Please pause long enough to drop students off along the curb and move on.
- Please do not double park...this causes traffic jams and requires students to walk through the parking lot to get to the curb.
- If you plan to park, please walk your students to the sidewalk or meet them at the sidewalk and back to your car at the end of the day.

- Please drive slowly through the parking lot...watch for students and families who are walking in the parking lot.
- Students should arrive at school no earlier than 7:45 a.m. unless previous arrangements have been made. Students report directly to their classrooms starting at 7:45 a.m.
- Please notify your child's teacher and the office in advance about any changes in your child's drop off or pick up routine prior to 1:30 p.m. when daily notes are delivered to classrooms.

Please also notify your child's teacher and the office about any changes in custodial agreements and/or legal issues that would pertain to your child's welfare here at school.

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## 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 an approved religious or medical exception with proper documentation completed.

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.

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## School Matters!



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 students 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 levels. 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.



## 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	Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine. And per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms.
<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 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.
<b>Diarrhea:</b> 3 loose or watery stools in one day <b>OR</b> 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.

### 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:

- January 2<sup>nd</sup> - New Year's Day Observance
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Teacher In-service Day / No School
- January 4<sup>th</sup> - Classes Resume
- January 6<sup>th</sup> - Early Release
- January 10<sup>th</sup> - 2:30p.m. PTO Mtg., PHCC
- January 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- January 13 - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
- January 16<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Observance Day / No School



## 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](mailto: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