



PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear PHSD Community:

I hope your holidays were filled with cheer, celebration and a lot of rest. I'm very proud to be a part of such a caring school community. Leading up to our winter break our students and staff were actively supporting our community through food drives and gift giving that helped support a great number of families in need and helped spread the holiday cheer throughout our community. Thank you to all who participated.

In January, we took the opportunity to thank and celebrate our wonderful school board members. Our school board members are citizen-servants who shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices for our district, all with no pay. Serving as the link between the community and the classroom, our elected school board establishes the policies that provide the framework for our schools and, as you look around our District, you will see the great care and pride that our school board members have taken in fostering that link through establishing and carrying out effective strategies that truly make Pleasant Hill School District the hub of our community.

It has been an exciting winter term. Our sports and cheer teams are out in full force, our music department has been actively performing at home and throughout the state, and our facilities have been buzzing with community activities every night and most weekends. Our staff has been actively participating in professional development activities ranging from social emotional learning, classroom management strategies, reading assessments, math development, and the updating of course outlines.

I look forward to continuing to get to know and serve the wonderful students, staff and stakeholders that make up Pleasant Hill Schools and the Pleasant Hill Community. It is a pleasure to be able to work for and serve such a great community and I look forward to reflecting on the great accomplishments yet to come.

My 'WHY' is to provide an educational environment where our students feel safe to explore their boundaries as they grow and mature while also being pushed to meet and exceed academic expectations so that they are prepared to be a productive, compassionate citizen no matter where their post-secondary experiences take them. In order to complete this mission we have to work together on their behalf. We have to model and maintain cooperative partnerships in order to ensure that every Pleasant Hill student finishes the school year having maximized their achievement and individual growth.

Sincerely,

Jim Crist

Interim Superintendent

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OPEN BUDGET COMMITTEE POSITIONS

There are two open seats on the 2022-2023 Budget Committee. If you are interested, please find the application at <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/district-updates/news/budget-committee-opening-application>. The Budget Committee is a ten-member financial advisory committee consisting of five elected School Board members and an equal number of qualified district voters appointed by the Board for staggered three-year terms. The primary purpose of the Budget Committee is to bring public participation into the budget development process. Their responsibilities are governed by Local Budget Law, in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 294.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS AND UPDATES

Our School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is busy promoting the physical and emotional health of our school staff, students, and broader community. We have six goals for the 2022-2023 school year. Here's the progress we have made:

Goal 1: Consider modifications to the District Wellness Policy: SHAC recommended

that Pleasant Hill School District add the following statement to the existing policy: *Integration of social, emotional, and mental health supports into school programs (e.g., promote a positive school climate where respect is encouraged and students can seek help from trusted adults.).* This policy statement will reinforce the good work the District is already doing to promote social-emotional learning.

Goal 2: Increase awareness of accessibility to COVID supplies, including testing kits and district protocols. SHAC continues to monitor supplies.

Goal 3: Audit drinking water fountains and stations in the District and remedy any issues to ensure there is a cold water drinking station for student access in key areas in both the elementary and high school buildings. SHAC has completed the audit and is considering funding another drinking station in the elementary building.

Goal 4: Continue to maintain the equipment box for community use in the outside courts. SHAC continues this maintenance and is providing new tennis rackets.

Goal 5: Fund the PHHS woodshop's creation of picnic tables for student use. SHAC has completed this goal.



Goal 6: Plan a Community-wide Wellness Event for the Fall of 2023: SHAC is focusing on this planning currently.

SHAC is an active committee that is always looking for new members. Our next meeting is set for February 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 6 at the high school, or you can join in virtually. Call Beth McCool at (541) 747-4541 for more information, and check out SHAC on the District website:

<https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/committees/school-health-advisory-committee>

UPDATES ON OUR MUSIC PROGRAMS

PHES MUSIC (RYAN STRONG)

Wow, this school year is blowing by! The two Winter Concerts held at the elementary school in 2022 were a jingling success. Thank you to everyone who supported the many students of PHES. The students still talk about how much they enjoyed performing and cannot wait to do more. In 2023, I am looking forward to having concerts for every grade level beginning in late March. We will also be learning ukulele, xylophones, how to show expression through movement, and the history of composers! Thank you, Pleasant Hill community, for your continued support of the elementary school music program and for allowing me to be a part of it. I come to work with a smile on my face every day because of it. Have a great year and go Billies!

MS/HS CHOIR (KYLE LUDWIG)

The Pleasant Hill Choir Department had an outstanding turnout for the Winter Choir Concert in December. We had over 80 middle schoolers and 15 high schoolers open the concert with a group song surrounding the audience. We sang holiday favorites along with some relevant popular songs for all audiences to relate to. The students had so much fun and we're looking forward to sharing more music with you at our next concert on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Come join us!

MS/HS BAND (ZAC TENDICK)

Thank you to everyone that attended the winter band concert in December. It was a ton of fun and well attended by the community. We are looking forward to the next one on March 23.

In the meantime, our high school ensembles are busy rehearsing for the various music festivals we will attend this year. In January three ensembles attended and performed at the Oregon Jazz Festival at the University of Oregon and Lane Community College. Noah Bernacki, Ethan Bahen, Caitlin Olinger, and Charlotte Newman received outstanding musician awards. We are looking forward to our next festival at West Salem High School in February.

Please be on the lookout for a volunteer sign up for our own 46th annual Pleasant Hill Jazz Festival, happening on April 15 this year. We are excited to continue this long-standing tradition. Please consider helping if you can.

Thank you for supporting music in our community and we hope to see you at an upcoming performance.

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Billies that demonstrate Billie Spirit, are Kind, Respectful, Responsible, and Safe, but they've got H.E.A.R.T too! We have added a character trait component to our current Billie Spirit program.

Each month we will be featuring a different character trait. Mrs. Black, our school counselor, will introduce the character trait as part of her counseling lessons the first week of each month. Teachers will follow up with additional lessons and examples of what that trait looks and sounds like. So, what traits do Billies need to display to show they've got H.E.A.R.T?

HONOR

A Billie who displays Honor demonstrates fairness, honesty, and always does what is right.

EMPATHY

A Billie who displays Empathy demonstrates kindness, friendship and being able to understand what others may be feeling.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A Billie who is Accountable demonstrates a willingness to take responsibility for your actions.

RESPECT

A Billie who is treating other people, things and yourself in a positive and considerate way is demonstrating Respect.

TEAMWORK

A Billie who is demonstrating leadership and working together towards a common goal is displaying Teamwork.

At our monthly Billie Spirit Assemblies students will be recognized by their teachers, our specialist, and myself for demonstrating Billie Spirit, being Kind, Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. Student's will also be recognized for demonstrating the featured character trait of the month starting with the letter H, Honor, in H.E.A.R.T.



Also, mark your calendars and help spread the word if you have an incoming Kindergartener or know of one for the 2023-2024 school year. We would like to invite you to a special Kindergarten Registration Night March 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

We will be sharing a presentation called "The Day of a Pleasant Hill Elementary Kindergartener," assist you with registering your student, and your student will have an opportunity to visit one of our three kindergarten classrooms while we are meeting. Following the completion of the registration process, you will have an opportunity to visit our Kindergarten area too.

Hope to see you there if you have an incoming kindergartner for the 2023-2024 school year.

Respectfully,
Devery Stoneberg
Principal

PLEASANT HILL ATHLETICS

The PHHS winter sports programs are gearing up for the postseason.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

has been competing at a high level. Leading the way is senior Gavin Hoellrich with a 26-1 record. Senior Brazen Ellis currently has a 18-4 record, and freshman Boone Marquess currently sits at 24-3. PHHS is hosting the wrestling Special District 3 Championships on Friday and Saturday February 10-11. Top three wrestlers qualify for the OSAA State Championships on Thursday and Friday February 23-24.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

is currently 14-1 and ranked fifth in 3A. The Billies are undefeated in league and hoping to secure a league title in February.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

is currently 13-4, 3-2 in league, and ranked 7th in 3A. The boys program is working towards securing a league title and a state tournament bid. The first round of the OSAA playoffs begin on February 21 (girls) and February 22 (boys) with the OSAA final site on Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 2-4 at North Bend High School.

SPRING SPORTS

Registrations are now open at billiesathletics.com. Sports offered for high school athletes include Baseball, Softball, and Track & Field. Middle school athletes can participate in Track & Field. All fees must be paid through the PHHS Front office.

Sincerely,
Kyle McClain
Assistant Principal
Athletic Director
Pleasant Hill High School

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! First semester ends on February 3. This is an important time to talk to and review academically how your student is doing to ensure they are keeping up with all of their schoolwork. If you have a high school student who struggled to get their grade up to passing before the end of the semester, they can receive an additional two weeks if they are at 45% or better and make a plan with their teacher on how to get their grade to passing within the two weeks.

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have participated in DIBELS assessments the week of January 9 which will provide important information to Language Arts Teachers about how to best support all students as well as individual needs

Congratulations to the following high school students who have been awarded the following for the month of December:

HIGH SCHOOL MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Freshman: Joseph Holley Junior: Alex Cloyd
 Sophomore: Skylar McIrvine-King Senior: Mason Buckley

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Freshman: Josie Chevalier Junior: Jack Perini
 Sophomore: Ellie Epperson Senior: Lena Daniel

Congratulations to the following 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who have been awarded thus far in the 2022-23 school year for being examples of Billie Pride through academic achievement, academic perseverance, and being a positive citizen in our school community!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade: Damian G, Scott M, Jackson S, Parker Wh.
 7th Grade: Kyle D, Adrian A, Styles B, Adaleena B.
 8th Grade: Ellie W, Tucker P, Juno B, Haven B.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade: Zoe H, Sienna M, Arianna B, Ainsley S.
 7th Grade: Eliza A, Annaleigh E, Reagan D, Peyton W.
 8th Grade: Benaiah C, Bella M, Blake B, Aurora B.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade: Caroline C, Trevor O, Emerson H, Kaden S.
 7th Grade: Nellie S, Wyatt K, Brianna H, June J.
 8th Grade: Kailynd F, Olin A, Olive B, Sophia K.

Congratulations to Aspen Casey and his team on placing second place overall, as well as taking best in show at the 2022 codeORcreate game creation challenge this past month! Aspen and his team programmed an entire video game in less than two days, and even beat out the team that designed a VR game! Great job Aspen!

Thank you for sharing your children with us at Pleasant Hill Middle and High School!

Respectfully,
Garth C. Gerot
 Principal

OTHER INFORMATION

DISTRICT-ISSUED CHROMEBOOKS

As we make our way into second semester, we are asking that while students are on campus, they are utilizing a Pleasant Hill School District-issued Chromebook. The reasons for this are as follows:

1. Oregon Statewide Assessment Testing will not work on personal computers;
2. Students cannot print to PHSD printers;
3. The filtering software that keeps student's internet searches and choices online safe while at school cannot be utilized on personal devices;
4. Security is seriously jeopardized by the use of un-managed devices on our Network.

If your student currently does not have a PHSD Chromebook issued to them, please have them check into the office to get one checked out. If you are concerned about your student taking the Chromebook home with them, please let the office know so that we can set up a plan for your student.

If your student needs access to additional academic needs that the Chromebook does not offer, please notify Mr. Traylor at straylor@pleasanthill.k12.or.us and we can work to find a solution. Thank you!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO MRS. RIVERS!

Pleasant Hill School District would like to congratulate former third grade teacher, Mrs. Jean Rivers, who taught from 1960 to 1982 and is turning 100. Her family would like to invite former students and staff to help celebrate at the Staffordshire Clubhouse, 34621 Devonshire Dr, on April 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

CTE PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

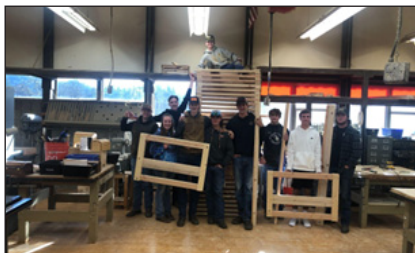
PHHS CTE Program is excited to partner with the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation and receive a fall educator grant that allows our students to take industry field trips to Stahlbush Island Farms, Fall Creek Nursery, Oregon State University, Lane Community College, and a variety of Career Development Events. We will be attending the Oregon Logging Convention again with over 140 students exploring natural resource based careers and post secondary education.

Our FFA chapter is excited to be able to attend the Oregon State FFA Convention in March and represent our chapter in Farm Business Management, Co-op, and Public Speaking Career Development Events. We will also have our first FFA State Officer Candidate representing our Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter this year! 3 FFA students will also make State Degree presentations to earn awards at the District and State level. FFA State Degree awards are detailed reports highlighting the entrepreneurship, parliamentary procedure, and leadership projects students completed.



CONTINUING PROJECTS

The Beds for Heavenly Peace project is going well with over 30 beds constructed for the foster child support project. Construction students are finishing the last of the orders along the St. Vincent DePaul Storage Sheds project. Our Advance Construction students get to build and assemble these shelters alongside professional contractors allowing for amazing work-based learning opportunities.



We are excited to be able to teach students basic skills on our new Plasma CNC table located in the metal shop, with a grant provided from the Perkins Lane ESD. Mr. Bowden's advanced metals class is completing five custom designed picnic tables funded by our SHAC Committee. This semester many improvements and upgrades in our welding booths and project work areas were made by expanding tables and booths.

Rexius graciously donated all of the soil needed for the Greenhouse bedding plant sale May 6th. Students are propagating and managing thousands of seeds donated by Wilco and Territorial Seed Company. The horticulture students will learn how to grow plants, manage the greenhouse, and sell to the public in May.

We look forward to using our new arboretum for the advanced forest science and firefighting certification program. This new program features a FF2 wildland fire certification option and also other critical skills applied to many high demand high wage careers. This outdoor classroom provides students with new hands-on opportunities to discover career preparation and equipment handling.

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PLEASANT HILL BOOSTERS

On behalf of the Pleasant Hill Booster Club, I want to thank the community in advance for your continued support! We could not do what we do for the teams, athletes, and clubs without you!

Thank you to all the volunteers/teams who continue to make Concessions happen! We appreciate you and your hard work!

We are now preparing for the annual **Pleasant Hill Booster Auction on April 29 at the Emerald Valley Golf Course.** We are accepting sponsors and donations at this time. If you would like to get involved, visit our website at www.pleasanthillboosters.com. You can also e-mail us at pleasanthillboosters@gmail.com. We will also be sending out a mailer with information as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, don't forget about our Monthly Meetings at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. This is a great way to meet the current Booster Board, see what we are up to, and get involved! We could always use more help and no task is too small! Again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jordan

Pleasant Hill Booster President
(541) 554-1070

INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFERS

Phase 1 High-Priority Transfer Period for the 2023-2024 school year will be March 1 to June 2, 2023. Inter-district transfer forms will be available on the Pleasant Hill School District website on March 1, 2023.

<https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration/new-student-registration/inter-district-transfers>

CTE PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

DISTRICT PROJECTS

This spring high school ag students will share with our elementary classrooms and Ag in the Classroom literacy project. High school students will connect delivering mini lessons with our elementary students on basic animal science production, careers in agriculture, ag opportunities in High School, and the benefits of FFA.

AWARDS AND HONORS

This winter Advanced members of the FFA chapter placed in the top 15 teams at the State Agricultural Sales Career Development Event. Students partnered with Stahlbush Island Farms and received extensive industry coaching on product development, business management, processing, and marketing. Stahlbush Island Farms also donated all of the supplies used in our final presentations at the state event. Thank you so much to all of our parents, business, and industry partners for your generosity of time and donation of products to our CTE programs.

PHHS earned first place in Beginning Agriculture Mechanic and Resume and Job Interview Career Development Event in January. Students had to use plumbing, electrical, plasma cutting, engine Id, written test, and tractor knowledge in a series of different tests. The Job Interview team drafted resumes and competed in a challenging 15-minute panel interview. Congratulations to our FFA Chapter for outstanding performances.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about our PHHS CTE programs contact Angela White, FFA Advisor, at awhite@pleasanthill.k12.or.us or at (541) 207-2184.

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