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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

You are Invited March 16th to the PTO Nacho Feed, Knowledge Night at the Museum, the 3rd Grade Living Museum and the Spring Scholastic Book Fair



The staff and students are busily preparing for the Knowledge Night at the Museum, which will consist of artifact displays of work samples from each grade level in the gym and the 3rd Grade Living Museum will be throughout the halls and commons areas of our school.



The PTO will also be hosting a community nacho feed starting at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be open 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The Knowledge Night at the Museum will be open for families to visit 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. In addition, the 3rd Grade Living Museum will be open 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Mark your calendars and be watching for more details!

Student Safety



Student safety is our first and most important priority. Here are a few reminders about what parents can do to help keep Pleasant Hill Elementary students safe in the parking lot areas.

Use the appropriate parent drop off and pick up locations:

- o K /1 students in the front of the school
- o 2 / 3 students in front of the library
- o 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. or the cafeteria for breakfast.
- Please notify your student's teacher and the office in advance about any changes in your student's drop off or pick up routine prior to 1:30 p.m. when daily notes are delivered to classrooms.

Please also notify your student'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. Please provide the school with copies of any legal paperwork.

Transportation Update



First Student Transportation, the district's transportation provider, is adding another bus increasing the number of routes we presently have from 6 to 7 buses. If your student will be riding a different bus, you should have received a phone call. Otherwise your student will continue riding the current bus they are assigned to. Thank you for being flexible with the schedule they have provided. First Student Transportation tries their best to estimate

what time your child will be picked up or arrive home each day by providing you with 5-minute window as to when a bus can be at your stop.

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 Stoneberg, at 541-736-0400, as well.

2023 - 2024 On-line Returning Student Registration Opens March 10th

- Registration instructions will be sent home the first week of March. Returning student registration opens March 10th for the 2023-2024 school year.
- For those without internet or use of a computer, beginning March 10th, computers will be available in the elementary office if you would like to drop in to re-enroll your student(s) for the 2023-2024



school year.

- All currently enrolled students need to complete registration for the 2023 - 2024 school year by June 15, 2023.
- Postcards announcing your child's teacher for the 2023 - 2024 school year will be mailed the first week of August to those families who completed the re-enrollment process by June 15, 2023. Otherwise, you will need to wait until class lists are posted the third week of August.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Registration is Coming Soon!



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Pleasant Hill Elementary will be hosting its annual Kindergarten Registration March 21st, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., for students who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2023 in the cafeteria. Students will have an opportunity to meet the teacher while parents learn more about our program and complete some paperwork.

Please bring your child's immunization record, birth certificate and proof of your address such as a utility bill with your name on it. Exciting things are happening at Pleasant Hill Elementary and it all starts in kindergarten!

Toys, Trading Cards, and Electronics on the Playground



We provide all the equipment the students need on the playground such as basketballs, soccer balls, volley balls, footballs, 4 square balls, funnel balls, jump ropes, swings, and climbing apparatuses. Toys, trading cards and electronic devices are expensive, and the school is not responsible for toys and electronics, including cell phones and digital

watches, that are lost, broken or shared between friends. Absolutely at no time are toy guns, knives or swords are not allowed on school grounds. Please remind your child only on their sharing day may they bring something from home to share in the classroom only.

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 need to remain turned 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 their watches and place them 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.

Attendance Matters!

Regular and prompt attendance is necessary and important in order for your child to get the best possible education. The majority of your child's learning experiences in the classroom occur through

hands-on activities, demonstration, and classroom discussions, not to mention reteaching and enrichment opportunities too. Written work is only a small part of what goes on in the classroom. The classroom is filled with academic and social opportunities for every child. Therefore, regular and prompt attendance is vital.

If your child has missed 18 or more days, they are considered a student who is chronically absent. If your child has missed 10 - 17 days, they are in the warning zone. Nine or fewer absences puts them in the good attendance range. Remember, everyday missed is the equivalent of missing two days, not just one as the next day back they spend a fair amount of time catching up what they previously missed before they can move on with the current day's lesson.



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 improve 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.

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in students with GI Symptoms. Lane County Public Health has asked that I remind you if your student should have any GI symptoms, vomiting or diarrhea, please do not send them to school until they are symptom free for 48 hours.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

ARRIVAL TIME—7:45 a.m.: Students may enter their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. **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.

Bus Notes: We really appreciate and request that all of our families who discover their child needs alternate go home plans to please send a note with their child. If, 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 by 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:

February 24th - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
March 3rd - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
March 6th - 12:00 p.m. 2nd Grade Guest Speaker
March 10th - Spring Registration Opens for all students K-11
March 10th - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
March 12th - Daylight Savings Begins
March 16th - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. PTO Nacho Feed
March 16th - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair
March 16th - 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Knowledge Night at the Museum
March 16th - 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. 3rd Grade Living Museum



Community Opportunity:

VISIT THE DESTINATION IMAGINATION SHOWCASE SATURDAY, 2/25

Fifteen teams from Portland (depending on snow!) to Grants Pass will be here Saturday, February 25, from 10:00 to 3:00 showing off their solutions to challenges that they've been working on since October.

Three of those teams are from Pleasant Hill. The Koalas (grade K-2) will be showing their solution at 10:00 in the Music Room. The Middle School team will be demonstrating their "Thrill Ride" roller coaster in the Blue Gym at 11:30, and the Dinamite Girls (grade 3) will be closing the day in the Elementary Gym at 1:00.

There's lots to see and enjoy at the various sites. Come and get a taste of what Destination Imagination is.