



# 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



Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, marks the conclusion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Our students are excited about learning and demonstrating their skill growth in the classroom, which will be shared with you shortly via the third quarter progress report, which teachers will be spending Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, preparing. A progress report is one which shows student skill development levels, just like you received at fall conferences, without comments. Please contact your student's teacher anytime you have a question or a concern regarding their progress or classroom activities. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter progress reports will be sent home Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

With the arrival of spring, signals OSAS testing season is upon us. Students in grades 3 - 5 will begin taking state assessments in the areas of math and English Language Arts before the end of the school year. Classroom teachers will notify families when they are going to begin testing as the assessment window for these two tests opened prior to spring break and remains open through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for seeing that your student arrives on time, has eaten a good healthy breakfast and get a night's rest.

**18 OR MORE DAYS**  
**CHRONIC ABSENCES**  
 • Focused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.  
 • Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.

**10 TO 17 DAYS**  
**WARNING**  
 • Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.  
 • When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

**9 OR FEWER ABSENCES**  
**GOOD ATTENDANCE**  
 • Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.  
 • Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

## Attendance Matters

Regular and prompt attendance is necessary and important for your child to get the best possible education. Most of your student's learning experiences in the classroom occur through hands-on activities, demonstration, and classroom discussions, not to mention re-teaching 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 student. 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. 9 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 days lesson.



## LATE STUDENTS MISS OUT Too...

During the school year, parents have the important responsibility of seeing that students establish patterns for punctuality and good attendance. The patterns established during these years very often become life patterns. If

your student is late for school...

- They may feel conspicuous and embarrassed when entering the room late.
- They miss morning greetings from their teacher and their classmates.
- They will miss the group experience of starting a new school day together.
- They will miss the important instruction given at the start of a lesson.
- They may feel pressure from having to catch up.

Children like to feel that they belong to their group of classmates. Teachers try to make every member of the class feel that they belong and are important to the group. Please help by seeing that your child is in class as close to 8:00 a.m. as possible.



## 2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration Is Now Open

If you have an incoming kindergartener for the 2023-2024 school year, it is time to register them for school. Simply go to <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration>, click on Kindergarten Registration button and follow the step-by-step directions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call,

541-736-0400, between 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

You will need to provide our school with the following materials before we proceed with enrolling your student, before June 15, 2023. You may either email, [cthoms@pleasanthill.k12.or.us](mailto:cthoms@pleasanthill.k12.or.us) or [mskelton@pleasanthill.k12.or.us](mailto:mskelton@pleasanthill.k12.or.us), fax, 541-736-0446, or drop off between the hours of 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- ❖ Birth Certificate for the student(s)
- ❖ Immunization records
- ❖ Proof of Residency which consists of:
  - Utility Bill with your name and address listed
  - Lease / Rental Agreement
  - Mortgage Statement

## Re-enrollment for Students in Grades K-5 Is Open Too!

Thank you to everyone who re-enrolled their student prior to Spring Break. As of today, 83% of our K-4 students are re-enrolled and 52 of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be moving to the high school next year as 6<sup>th</sup> graders.



Will your student be attending one of our schools, Pleasant Hill Elementary or Pleasant Hill High School, next year? To assist us in determining how many classes to offer at each grade level, we need you to re-enroll your student for the 2023-2024 school year as soon as possible. If your student will not be returning next year, please call our office at 541-736-0400.

To complete your student's re-enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year please go to the following webpage <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration>, click on the Returning Student button and follow the step-by-step directions. You will need to answer any question with a red asterisk.

If you need assistance, please call the office, 541-736-0400, between 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. daily.

## Artist-in-Residence Artist, Kelly Thibodeaux, Joins the Staff April 10th

We are excited to have the pleasure of hosting guest Artist-in-Resident Kelly Thibodeaux. Kelly is a master fiddler who will be teaching all students, K-5, how to fiddle. In a very short time, students will acquire enough basic skills on the fiddle to be able to perform a three chord 2 step fiddle tune with guitar accompaniment. In addition, students will learn enough technique to produce sound effects to musically illustrate a short folk story narrated by Kelly. At the culmination of your student's classes lessons, you will be invited to their recital. Be watching for an invitation from your classroom teacher.



## Dress Code



The dress code for the elementary school is that all students are expected to dress appropriately, same as those students attending the high school. Students are asked not to wear clothing that would hinder or interrupt their own learning or others around them.

Therefore, inappropriate clothes to wear to school would be:

1. Anything that is offensive or disruptive due to vulgar language or reference to drugs/alcohol.
2. Garments that promote discrimination, harassment, prejudice or racism.
3. Garments that are dirty, torn, or pose a health or safety hazard.
4. Garments that are provocative such as midriff shirts, see through clothing, shirts with plunging necklines, shirts with spaghetti straps or strapless shirts, baggy pants that expose undergarments.
5. Garments identified with membership to a gang.

Students who arrive at school wearing these items will be given other attire to wear over that which is considered against the dress code. If students refuse to wear the provided clothing, parents will be called to bring the child a change of clothes.

Please also keep in mind when assisting your child in selecting their clothing and footwear for the day, all students do participate in p.e. classes in the gym at least twice a week, and have at least two recesses a day outside, rain or shine. We encourage all students to wear the appropriate footwear to school, so they may fully participate in P.E., as those wearing flip-flops or high heels will be asked to sit out, due to a safety issue.



### Keep Your Child Home If...



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, per PHSD Communicable Disease Plan / ODE.
<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 improve for 24 hours, no cough or cough is well-controlled, per PHSD Communicable Disease Plan / ODE. 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. **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.

**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.



### Toys, Trading Cards, and Electronics on the Playground

We provide all the equipment the students need on the playground various types of 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, that are lost, broken, or shared between friends.

Absolutely at no time are toy guns, knives or swords allowed on school grounds. Please remind your child only on their sharing day may they bring something from home to share in their classroom only.



### Has your Household Budget Been Affected by the Economy?

In these economic times, many families who have never needed assistance are suddenly finding themselves struggling financially. If your family is in this situation, you may not be aware that our district participates in the free or reduced lunch program available to qualifying families.



This program is a completely confidential program, easy to access, and provides breakfast and lunches at either no cost or a reduced cost. To see if your family qualifies visit

<https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/school-nutrition/nslp-free-and-reduced-applications> application, or call the office at 541-736-0400 to request an application be sent home with your child.

### Upcoming Events:

- April 7<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Guest Speaker
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - April 28<sup>th</sup> Artist-In-Residence Kelly Thibodeaux
- April 11<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. PTO mtg., PHCC
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Grading Day / No School
- April 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28 - 9:00 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Swimming Lessons, Sheldon Pool
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - Report Cards Sent Home
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Guest Speaker
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