

Pleasant Hill Elementary School

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Dear Pleasant Hill Families:

It is hard to believe school will be starting in just a few weeks. I hope you have had a wonderful, relaxing summer! The staff and I are busy preparing for the upcoming school year.

- Staff Assignment Changes for the 2023-2024 School Year:
 - Jennifer Fisher will be teaching Kindergarten
 - Angie Yates will be teaching 1st grade
 - Mrs. Croucher, formerly Ms. Collins, will continue teaching 3rd grade
 - Kaitlyn Michlanski will be teaching 3rd grade
 - Rachelle Smythe will be teaching 5th grade

Student Registration

Student registration opens August 16^h for all new and returning families, who may not have completed the Returning Student Registration process last spring. You can find the registration link at <https://phes.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration>.

Postcards:

Postcards indicating your child's teacher for the 2023-24 school year were dropped into the mail on August 15th. If you do not get a postcard in the mail by August 25th, please call our office to verify your student's enrollment.

Food Services:

- To see if you qualify for meals at either Free or Reduced lunches complete an application at:
<https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/school-nutrition/nsfp-free-and-reduced-applications>
- If you need a paper application, please either stop by our office to pick up an application or contact the school office at 541-736-0400 we will be more than happy to assist you in obtaining a copy.
- All students who bring a lunch from home but would like milk will need to purchase milk regardless of Free and Reduced Lunch status.

Technology Fee

All schools in Pleasant Hill School District will be charged a technology fee. The fee will be \$25.00 per student with a maximum fee of \$75.00 for families with three or more students. If a family fills out the Free and Reduced Lunch Application on line at <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/school-nutrition/nslp-free-and-reduced-applications> a discount of \$10.00 per student will be applied with a maximum discount of \$30.00 per family.

Open House Kindergarten Families Only, September 5th:

All Kindergarten students and families are invited to attend a special Kindergarten Open House Tuesday, September 5th, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- Families will receive a passport and have an opportunity to explore the kindergarten wing and receive a special prize when they have completed the passport.
- Following the Open House, we invite you to visit the tables set-up in front of the school on the sidewalk:
 - ◆ Place money on your child's lunch account
 - ◆ Talk with our transportation provider, First Student, regarding bus schedules for your student.
 - ◆ Checkout other programs such as PTO, ROMP, health services, etc.
 - ◆ Meet other families!

Meet and Greet the Teacher for Students in Grades 1 -5, September 5th:

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual "Meet and Greet the Teacher" Open House, September 5th, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you and your student to:

- Meet their teacher
- Visit their classroom
- Drop off school supplies
- Place money on your student's lunch account
- Talk with our transportation provider, First Student, regarding bus schedules for your student.
- Checkout other programs such as PTO, ROMP, health services, etc.
- Meet other families!

Kindergarten Staggered Start the First Week of School:

This year we are implementing a strategy called staggered start designed to assist our families, students and teachers in building relationships and teaching routines in small groups.

Your student will receive a postcard in the mail sharing which day your student will be attending school the first week either Wednesday, September 6th, or Thursday, September 7th. They will spend the day with one of our teachers and EA. At the conclusion of the day, September 7th our teachers will put together their class lists based upon classroom observations and your input from our Kindergarten questionnaire.

Friday, September 8th, all Kindergarteners will stay home as our classroom teachers final class lists. Class lists will be posted on the office windows by 4:00 p.m. announcing who will be your student's Kindergarten teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. All students will attend class together Monday, September 11th.

First Day of School for Students in Grades 1 -5:

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 6th. School instruction begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 2:15 p.m.

Buses:

- All buses will enter and exit the campus via Enterprise Road. We ask that you do not park in the bus loop, the gravel area by the district office, or exit the school campus by the baseball field.
- Students will be dropped off along the side of the cafeteria entering the campus via a large gate at the back of the cafeteria, only open during bus times.

Parent Drop Off / Pick-up:

- Students may be dropped off as early as 7:45 a.m.
 - Students arriving by car need to be dropped off:
 - K-1 students in the first horseshoe in front of the office.
 - 2-3 students in the 2nd horseshoe in front of the library
 - 4-5 students in the 3rd horseshoe in front of the community center.
- ***Please drop off and pick-up all of your students at the same location, that of the youngest student in the household.
- If you elect to walk your student to class, you will need to park your car in the parking lot, as cars are not to be left unattended along the curb. This area is reserved for pause parking, pull up along the curb, drop off your student and go.
 - If you plan to walk your student to class, we ask that you sign in and wear a badge if you will be in the building at 8:00 a.m. In addition, if you will be volunteering in your student's class, you will need to sign in and wear a volunteer badge while in the building.

I look forward to seeing you and your student for either Kindergarten Open House, 1:30 – 2:30, or Meet and Greet the Teacher for students in grades 1 -5, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 5th. If you have any questions before school starts, please feel free to call our office, 541-736-0400, between 7:30 – 4:00 p.m. daily.

Respectfully,

Devery Stoneberg, Principal