



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

October 19, 2023

Graduate EVERY student and transition each into a job, training, or college.

Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 9, 2023):

Thanks to the City of Philomath for hosting a recognition event on this day. OSU Professor and Corvallis School Board Chair, Luhui Whitebear, shared her story.

In belated honor of this day, I would like to take a moment to read our Native Land Acknowledgement.

Staff Recognition:

National IT Professional Day September 19, 2023

School Custodian Appreciation Day October 2, 2023

National Principals Month October 2023

National School Lunch Week October 9-13, 2023

National School Bus Safety Week October 16-20, 2023

Follow-Up:

- September Public Comment:
 - CPS Staff Payment
 - Following investigation, all employees have been paid for time worked.
 - CPS Outdoor Covered Play Area
 - Thanks to the Philomath Frolic Board for allowing CPS to borrow a covered tent area. Thanks to your generosity, we can have students play outside on rainy days.
 - Thanks to CPS staff for investigating cost of covered tent from the Corvallis School District.
 - The District plans to request bids soon for the completion of a permanent outdoor learning space for the school.

Downing Forest:

- The Paul Mariman Invitational Cross Country Meet was a successful event, hosted on Saturday, October 7th. Thanks to all who helped bring the course to life. Congratulations to our Philomath Middle School and Philomath High School runners on their racing success.
- Ongoing goodness, the Oregon West Cross Country Championships will be hosted in Philomath on October 28, 2023!

Synergy:

As expected, the implementation of our new Student Information System (SIS) has brought some bumps along the way. LBL continues to be supportive to help us over the hurdles of a new system.

Philomath Food Service:

In hopes of not jinxing our progress, we believe we may be finally nearing a full staff to support our Food Services program. Our staff have been working hard to feed our students each and every day.

OSBA Fall Regional Meeting:

Director Wells and I attended the fall regional meeting on Wednesday, October 11th. OSBA (Oregon School Boards Association) staff shared recent legislative information with the group. All twelve regional school districts were represented.

December Dates:

- November 30 (Thursday) PHS Musical (7:00pm @ PHS)
- December 1 (Friday) PHS Musical (7:00pm @ PHS)
- December 2 (Saturday) PHS Musical (1:00pm & 7:00pm @ PHS)
PHS Boys & Girls Basketball @ Junction City
PHS Dance Competition @ West Albany
PHS Wrestling @ Cascade
PHS Jazz Band Festival @ McKay High School
- December 5 (Tuesday) PHS Boys & Girls Basketball vs. South Albany
- December 6 (Wednesday) PHS Swimming vs Sisters & Crosshill (Turner)
- December 7 (Thursday) PHS Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Pendleton
PMS Winter Concert (7:00pm @ PHS Auditorium)
- December 8 (Friday) PHS Wrestling Invitational
- December 9 (Saturday) PHS Dance Invitational @ Sherwood High School
- December 12 (Tuesday) PHS Swimming vs Junction City & Crosshill (Turner)
- December 13 (Wednesday) PES Winter Program (6:30pm)
- December 14 (Thursday) PHS Winter Concert (7:00pm @ PHS Auditorium)
KVCS High School Academic Presentation Night (6:00pm)
- December 14-16 (Th-Sat) PHS Varsity Basketball @ Les Schwab Tournament (Marshfield)
- December 16 (Saturday) PHS Swimming @ Blanchet Catholic