



PHILOMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Be Brave. Be Kind.

2023-2024 School Year

Veterans Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 9th, at 8:10am, the Middle School will be holding a Veterans Day Assembly to honor all the men and women who have served our country. Parents and relatives are invited to attend this assembly, and we extend a special invitation to all veterans. If you are a veteran, or know of one who might like to attend, please join us for the assembly.

First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Our First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, November 17th. All students earning a 3.5 or higher will be recognized. It will begin at 8:10am for all grades. Parents are welcome to attend.

Student report cards should be in the mail the second week of November.

Gradebook/ParentVue

Parents, if you would like to view your child's grades from home, you can log into your ParentVue account at any time. If you need help with your user name or password, please contact the middle school at 541-929-3167.

7th and 8th Grade Basketball



Girls basketball practice begins October 30th.

The season runs through the middle of January. Girls can still join the team, there is time to register and play this season! Paperwork can be found on our website or picked up in our office. The student must have a sports physical on file in order to participate. The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball season begins in January. If you have any questions please contact our Athletic Director, Jamon Ellingson at jamon.ellingson@philomath.k12.or.us or at 541-929-3167.

Important Dates:

- November 2nd...End of First Quarter 1/2 Day
- November 3rd....NO SCHOOL
- November 9th....Veterans Day Assembly
- November 10th.....NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day
- November 22nd-24th...NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving
- December 1st- NO SCHOOL-End of 1st Tri PHS



October Students of the Month

Students of the Month

We recognize the students pictured above as the October Students of the Month. From Left to Right: Sam Noakes, Brayden Felina, Gabi Mollova, Jayce Iverson, Grace Goeke, Zaynab Plaire. These students have each contributed to the positive culture at Philomath Middle School. Way to go, and keep up the positive attitudes!



8th Grade Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to the 8th grade "Rotary Student of the Month" for October: Rainey Hamblin

School Musical

The school musical this year is Matilda. There will be an informational meeting for interested students on Tuesday, November 21st during B lunch in the music room (room 27). Auditions will be held after school on Monday, December 11th and Tuesday, December 12th. If needed, callbacks will be on Wednesday, December 13th. The first practice will be Thursday, December 14th 3:10-5:00pm. When school resumes in January, practices will generally run Monday -Thursday, right after school until the performances on March 14, 15, and 16th,





Philomath Youth Activities Club

The Philomath Youth Activities Club is now registering for 1st-6th grade basketball. **The deadline to guarantee your child gets a spot is November 14th.** The 1st-4th grade season starting in January and the 5th—6th grade season starts after Thanksgiving. Registration forms can be found at the PYAC office at 421 S 19th ST., or on the website at www.pyac.net.

Covid Take Home Tests

We have Covid Take Home Tests available for all students. If interested, please visit the school office and pick up a test to take home.

School and Office Closure

The middle school office will be closed Friday, November 10th in recognition of Veterans Day. The middle school will also be closed November 22nd - 26th for Thanksgiving break. We will reopen on Monday, November 27th. Office hours for the middle school is 7:30-4:00pm Monday through Thursday. On Fridays the front office is open 7:30-3:30pm.

Volunteers

Philomath Middle School welcomes volunteers throughout the school year. If you plan to volunteer or chaperone any field trips please be sure to have a current volunteer application and background check on file at the district office. Volunteer background checks are good for 3 years. Please go to the Philomath School District website and follow the "Volunteers Register Here" link to fill out the background check. All volunteer background checks are done electronically through this link.

The Le Stew Learning Lounge

The Le Stew Learning Lounge is a space where students can come during lunch to do school work. We are pleased to announce this program has seen much success!! Students receive grade reports, organizational help, and assistance with class work for any subject matter. If you have a student who could use some extra support, we would love to see them in Le Stew. If you have any questions please contact Adeline Stewart adeline.stewart@philomath.k12.or.us or Nancy Thompson nancy.thompson@philomath.k12.or.us

7th graders- Tdap Booster

7th graders need a Tdap booster. This is a requirement by Oregon Law for school attendance. Most students have 5 DTap (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis) vaccines, and need a Tdap booster for this age group. These boosters can be administered through a provider office and/or pharmacy. If your student is not up to date for required immunization by February they will be excluded from school on the exclusion date (the third Wednesday of February of each year).

Bus Routes

If you have any questions regarding your student's bus route, please call Mid Columbia Bus Company at 541-929-5474. **Please remember that vehicles should not be driven through the bus lane, while students are waiting for the bus after school.**

Career Day

We are planning to host Career Day this year at Philomath Middle School. We are yet to set a date, but it will probably take place in February. If you are interested in presenting or would like more information please click on the link: [CAREER DAY FORM](#) and submit an interest form. The level of interested presenters will help guide our decision making process. Please submit a form if you have any level of interest.

East Parking Lot- Morning Drop Off

The east parking lot is primarily used by families with sixth grade students, although it is open for everyone. In the morning we have some confusion of whether to do a drive through loop or park and drop off. While there is no explicit rule, we encourage everyone to try the drive through loop style of drop off. If you need extra time and would like to park we encourage you to park at the far end of the parking area closest to the field.