

BILLIE NEWS!

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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Supervision: 7:45 - 2:30 p.m. Mon.-Thur.

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Office Hours: 7:30—4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Meal Prices: Breakfast 1.75 / Lunch 3.00

School Pay <https://www.schoolpay.com/>

Daily Schedule: 8:00 - 2:15 p.m., Mon.-Thur.

8:00 - 1:25 p.m., Fri.

Winter Break



It's hard to believe winter break is less than two weeks away. The next two weeks are filled with exciting activities. . We have had an incredible start to the 2023-24 school year, thank you to all of our wonderful families and staff!

The last day of school prior to winter break is Friday, December 15th. Winter Break will last from Monday, December 19th through Monday, January 1st. Tuesday, January 2nd is an Inservice Day for staff only. Classes resume for our students on Wednesday, January 3rd.

I want to wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and hope you all enjoy a wonderful, healthy, and relaxing winter break!

Music is in the Air!



Our students under the direction of Mr. Strong, have been hard at work preparing for our annual winter concert series. This year we will hold a series of three concerts, on three separate evenings, all concerts will be held at our school gym. Our 4th, and 5th graders will be performing Tuesday, December 5th.

Wednesday, December 6th, our 2nd and 3rd graders will be performing. Then

Thursday evening, December 7th, our Kindergarteners and 1st grade students will be performing.

All the performances will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The doors to the gym will open at 6:00 p.m. each evening.

You are also invited to bring non-perishable food for our Billie's Buck Food Drive.

Billie's Bucket Filler Food Drive



Our annual PHES Billie's Bucket Filler Food Drive to assist local Pleasant Hill and Dexter families is underway. As of this morning we have collected 250 lbs



of food. Students may drop off donated food items each day in the tubs located in the main hallway.

Some suggested items for donation are: Canned fruit, pasta, canned meals such as chili & stew, canned vegetables, dry beans, packaged meals, rice, soup, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter, flour, sugar, salt, condiments like ketchup, salad dressing, etc.

Billie's Winter Shoppe Sale Billie Buck Sale Needs Your Donations!

**WE NEED YOUR
TREASURES!**



The PBIS committee and PTO, need gently used donations for our Billie's Winter Shoppe Sale / Billie Buck Sale, December 14th. This sale is an opportunity for students to spend their Billie Bucks to purchase holiday gifts for their family members. Possible things to donate include decorations, videos, books, toys, and any other items people of all ages would enjoy. Please bring your donations to the office by December 8th. Thank you for helping our students celebrate the season of giving.

Top Billie Attender for the Month of November



Check with your student every Monday or the first day of the week to see if their class received weekly Billies Attendance Banner given to classes who have at least 90% attendance during the week.

Congratulations to Mrs. Griffiths, Ms. Michlanski's, Mr. Bond's and Mrs. Smythe's classes for the highest rate of attendance, 95% during the month of November. These four classes will be receiving an extra PE class with Mr. Bofito.

School Attendance Matters!

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason - it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:



- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month! We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and the principal for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans to get to school if something comes up.

Immunizations



Just a reminder now is the time to make sure your child's immunizations are up-to-date. State law requires that all children in public schools either have vaccinations or a medical exception.

If your student's immunization record shows that they have not received the required vaccinations you will be receiving a letter from our school nurse. Children will not be able to attend school starting Feb. 21, 2024 if their records show any missing immunizations.

Families are advised to contact their health care provider or the local health department. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines.



It's Cold Outside!

It's a little chilly outside. Our students go outside for recess daily rain or shine. All students are encouraged to wear a jacket.

Please label the inside of your child's jacket. If you write your child's name inside their coat, should they become separated from their coat, we make every effort to return it to them. Also, please encourage your child to check lost and found in the main hallway. All coats remaining in the lost and found will be boxed up December 15th after school and donated to Bags of Love.



Why Should Students Read Twenty Minutes Every Night?

Let's figure it out--mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week; Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!

1st: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 minutes x 5 times a week = 100 minutes/week.

Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes.

2nd: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 400 minutes a month. Student B reads 80 minutes a month.



3rd: Multiply minutes a month \times 9 months/school year.

Student A reads 3600 minutes in a school year. Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year. Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 5th grade, if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 50 whole school days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 10 school days.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE



ARRIVAL TIME—7:45 a.m. Students may enter their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. **Classes start at 8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast: Students may enter the cafeteria as early as 7:30 a.m. if they will be eating breakfast at school. All students will be sent to class by 7:55 as school starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. .

PHONE MESSAGES: We really appreciate and request that all of our families who discover throughout the school day their students' after school plans need to change **please call the school office before 1:30 p.m.** Bus notes are delivered to the classrooms around 1:45 p.m. daily. **On Early Release Days please call in the messages before 12:30 p.m.**



Contact Information

You never know when someone from school may need to contact you due to a child not feeling well. If you have changed any of your phone numbers where we may reach you please call the office, so we can update your child's student information contact form. In addition, if someone you have listed as an emergency contact may have changed their number please let the office know.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 5th - 6:30 p.m. Gr.4/5 Winter Concert, Gym
- Dec. 6th - 10:00 a.m 4th Gr. Field Trip
- Dec. 6th - 6:30 p.m. Gr. 2-3 Winter Concert, Gym
- Dec. 7th - 8:30 -11:15 a.m. 3rd Gr. Toys for Tots Field Trip
- Dec. 7th - 6:30 p.m. Gr. K/1 Winter Concert
- Dec. 8th - Ugly Sweater Day!
- Dec. 12th - 2:30 p.m. PTO Mtg., PHCC
- Dec. 14th - Billie's Winter Shoppe / Billie Buck Sale
- Dec. 18th - Dec. 29th - Winter Break / No School
- Jan. 1st - New Year's Day! No School
- Jan. 2nd - Teacher In-service Day / No School
- Jan. 3rd - Classes Resume
- Jan. 5th - Friday, Jan. 5th will be a full day of school, not an early release.

