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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.

7:45 - 1:30 p.m. Fri.

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.



Attention Parents / Guardians!

Monday, February 19th, Will be a School Day

Pleasant Hill School District is making this adjustment to the academic calendar.

Due to our unexpected recent school closure due to the weather January 16, 17, 18, and 19, we will be making up some instructional time on Monday, February 19th. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.



Classroom teachers will be preparing your child's report card on Friday, February 2nd. Therefore, Friday, February 2nd is a Grading / No School Day. Report cards will be sent home the following Friday, February 9th.

I would like to recognize our teachers who spend endless hours preparing and presenting your students with the best possible instruction. Also, our wonderful support staff, who work with your students every day on the playground, in the library, cafeteria, office and on the bus supporting their needs.

I would like to thank each of you for assisting your child in being successful, too. Not only do you see that they complete their homework, listen to them read daily, at least 20 minutes, and take an interest in their schooling, but see that they are in school daily.

Daily attendance goes hand and hand with school success. Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause students to fall behind in school. Missing 10%, 17 - 18 days, in a school year drastically affects a students' academic success. Attending school regularly helps kids to feel better about school and themselves. Good attendance will also help your child do well in high school, college and beyond. So, thank you for making school a priority in your home. Also, thank you for scheduling appointments and outings after the school day.

Student Safety

Student safety at school is our first and most important priority. We are working hard this year to continue to establish systems with this goal in mind in our parking lot before and after school. Here are just a few reminders about what parents can do to help keep Pleasant Hill Elementary students be safe:



- Parent / Guardian drop off and pick up designated locations:
 - K / 1 students in the front of the school
 - 2 / 3 students in front of the library
 - 4 / 5 students in front of the community center

****Drop off and pick-up all your students in the location of the youngest student in your household.**
- Please pause long enough to drop students off along the curb and move on.
- Please do not double park...this causes traffic jams and requires students to walk through the parking lot to get to the curb.
- If you plan to park, please walk your students to the sidewalk or meet them at the sidewalk and back to your car at the end of the day.
- Please drive slowly through the parking lot...watch for students and families who are walking in the parking lot.
- Students should arrive at school no earlier than 7:45 a.m. unless previous arrangements have been made. Students report directly to their classrooms starting at 7:45 a.m.
- Please notify your child's teacher and the office in advance about any changes in your child's drop off or pick up routine prior to 1:30 p.m. when daily notes are delivered to classrooms.

Please also notify your child's teacher and the office about any changes in custodial agreements and/or legal issues that would pertain to your child's welfare here at school.



Statewide Immunization Exclusion Day, Feb. 21st!

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, is the statewide immunization exclusion day. If your child is not up to date on the required vaccinations for the State of Oregon or does not have a valid exemption on file, they will be excluded from valuable instruction time.

You should have received a letter from both our school nurse and Lane County Public Health if your child could be possibly excluded due to 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.

LATE STUDENTS MISS OUT...

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.



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

ARRIVAL TIME—7:45 a.m.: Students may enter their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. **Attendance is taken and classes starts promptly 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 before 12:30 p.m.

Cell Phones and Digital Watches: Students may bring cell phones, for safety reasons, and wear their watches to school. However, cell phones and the watch volume needs to remain off during the day to not distract students from their studies. In addition, 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, which we will begin OSAS testing in March. 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.

Has your Household Budget Been Affected by the Economy?



In these economic times, many families who have never before 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. The program is designed not only to help you financially, but the district as well by reimbursing the district in commodities to be served at lunch.



Families who would qualify for free meals (up to \$90,000 a year for a family of four) or receive other public benefits (e.g. SNAP, TANIF) should fill out a confidential free on-line meal application at <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/school-nutrition/nsfp-free-and-reduced-applications> You may also stop by school to pick-up an application or call the office at 541-736-0400 to request an application be sent home with your child.

You will receive an Eligibility Determination Notification letter once the application has been processed.

A Note from Food Service

Low balance notices are now being emailed to your email address each Wednesday. Thank you for adding funds to your students account when needed. If you have any questions regarding your child's account balance, please call our food department at 541-736-0400.

Family Resource Center:

Parents & Caregivers of children age 2-12: The Family Resource Center is excited to be offering parenting workshops & discussions in the near future. DINNER & CHILDCARE PROVIDED!

Triple P Discussion Groups: Explore common parenting challenges and discuss tips and strategies for navigating them (choose one or come to all). 5-7pm, Feb. 7th - Managing Fighting & Aggression, Feb. 21st - Developing Good Bedtime Routines, Feb. 28th - Dealing with Disobedience

Make Parenting a Pleasure Series: 12 sessions focused on strategies and attitudes to help manage stress & create a positive, nurturing environment for your children. 5-7pm, Tuesdays beginning March 5th - May 28th

Registration required to reserve materials. Email pcooksey@pleasanthill.k12.or.us or call 541-736-0495.

CLOTHING DRIVE: The Family Resource Center is now accepting new and gently used clothing and shoes to set up our children's clothing closet. Please drop off donations in the yellow bin outside of the office, Feb. 5th - 9th.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 1st - 12:15 p.m. K-2 Assembly, Guest Performer Noah Philpot, Puppetry
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- Feb. 2nd - Grading Day / No School
- Feb. 8th - 8:30 a.m. 2nd Gr. Guest Speaker
- Feb. 9th - Report Cards Sent Home.
- Feb. 9th - Billie Spirit Day! Wear your Billie Gear or blue and yellow
- Feb. 9th - 9:25 a.m. 2nd Gr. Field Trip
- Feb. 9th - 1:25 p.m. Early Release for All Elementary Students
- Feb. 13th - 2:30 p.m. PTO Mtg., PHCC
- Feb. 14th - Oregon's Birthday / Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16th - Billie Spirit Day! Wear your Billie Gear or blue and yellow
- Feb. 16th - 1:25 p.m. Early Release for All Elementary Students
- Feb. 19th - 8:00 - 2:15 p.m. School is in Session
- Feb. 19th - Billie Store is open for business during morning recess

