
BILLIE NEWS!

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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Attendance Line: 541-736-0411

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.



Last week 2nd quarter attendance letters were dropped in the mail. The 2nd quarter of the year was made up of 38 days. We deducted 5 days from the actual total due to the ice storm. In order for a student to have been presently 90% or more days in the 2nd quarter that student could miss no more than 5 days.

We greatly appreciate all of our families who, if their student is going to be absent, call the attendance line, 541-736-0411, each day they are absent. In addition, making every attempt to schedule appoints after school.

In addition to the letters, we continue to celebrate students who have 90% attendance or greater each week, entering them into a drawing for some Billie Swag, a Billie Book Token, or a dip in the office treasure chest. Students who also have 90% or greater monthly attendance receive a certificate. The K-2 and 3 -5 class with the highest attendance rate for the month also receives an extra PE class with Mr. Bofto.



It's time for Kindergarten Registration / Orientation at Pleasant Hill Elementary

Pleasant Hill Elementary will be hosting its annual Kindergarten Registration / Orientation **March 20th from 3:00-4:00 p.m.**, for students who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2024, at the Pleasant

Hill Community Center.

Students will have an opportunity to meet the teachers while parents learn more about our program and complete some paperwork. **Please bring your child's immunization record and birth certificate and proof of residence.** Exciting things are happening at Pleasant Hill Elementary and it all starts in kindergarten.



You are Invited March 14th to the PTO Nacho Feed, Art Museum, the 3rd Grade Living Museum and the Spring Scholastic Book Fair



The staff and students are busily preparing pieces of artwork for the Billies Art Museum, which will consist of an art piece created by each of our students from each grade level in the gym and the 3rd Grade Living Museum will be throughout the halls and commons areas of our school.

The PTO will also be hosting a community nacho feed starting at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be open 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The Billies Art Museum will be open 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. In addition, the 3rd Grade Living Museum will be open 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Mark your calendars and be watching for more details!



Toys, Trading Cards, and Electronics on the Playground

We provide all the equipment the students need on the playground such as basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, footballs, 4 square balls, funnel balls, jump ropes, swings, and climbing apparatuses. Toys, trading cards and electronic devices are expensive, and the school is not responsible for toys and electronics, including cell phones and digital watches, that are lost, broken or shared between friends. Absolutely at no time are toy guns, knives or swords allowed on school grounds. Please remind your student only on their sharing day may they bring something from home to share in the classroom only. 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.

Why does Attendance Matter?

The belief that attendance is not important is a common myth. On the contrary, attendance is very important!! Going to school regularly is a first step toward school success and graduation!

Important facts to Remember about Attendance:

- Students with regular attendance do better in school, have more friends, like school and are more likely to graduate.
- Frequent absences are associated with lower (foundational) reading and math skills.
- Successful students miss no more than 7 days of school per year.
- **A missed school day is a lost opportunity to learn!**

Pleasant Hill Elementary to Participate in the Regional Oregon Battle of the Books Competition



In the fall, students in grades 3-5 were invited to formulate teams and participate in the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) program. The program is a voluntary statewide program designed to motivate students to read for enjoyment, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote cooperative learning.

Teams consisting of four—five members have been meeting together during lunches or after school for weeks preparing for our school-wide battle to be held Tuesday, February 27th. Either the Jumbies or the Bookworms will be representing our school this Saturday, March 9th at the regional OBOB competition at Thurston High School.

The 2023-24 participants were Sidney J., Oliver K., Dagny A., Nora S., Charlotte C., Violet R., Jazzy M., Cecilia R., Emelia N., Hailey W., Ella T., Addy S., Lily F., Hayla H., Isis E., Addison W., Olivia F., Lexi D., Olivia M., Brunson H., Lucy S., Bella N., Clara P., Caleigh P., Kenzie J., EB W., Cruz B., Parker G., Avery B. Izzy G., Ayla H., Shamce M., Haleigh B., Emma A., Chesney A., Simon G., Miles J., Jaxon N., Elliot H., Ben F., Baylee J.

A special thank you to Mrs. Shaddon for coordinating this year's OBOB program for our school, as well as Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Howell for assisting, too. Also, thank you to all the student's families who supported their students and assisted with their students' team too. Thank you to PTO for funding a portion of the book costs for this program with proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair.

Why Your Child Should Read for 20 Minutes A Day

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 x 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.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 27th - 100th Day of School - Dress as your 100 Year Old Self

Feb. 27th - 1:35 p.m. Final Pleasant Hill Elementary OBOB Battle

Feb. 28th - 1:35 p.m. Grades 3-5 Billie Spirit Assembly

Feb. 28th - 2:30 p.m. Site Council, Library

Feb. 29th - 1:35 p.m. K-2 Billie Spirit Assembly

Mar. 1st - Billie Spirit Day! Wear your Billie Gear or blue and yellow

Mar. 1st - 1:25 p.m. Early Release for All Elementary Students

Mar. 5 - 6th - 5th Gr. OSAS SEED Survey

Mar. 7th - 8:10 - 9:45 a.m. 2nd Gr. Guest Speaker

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Mr. Billie's Pageant

Kids Helping Kids is an enduring tradition for our mid-Willamette Valley area high schools where each high school selects a group of contestants and coordinators to compete in a pageant benefitting the Children's Miracle Network program. Being a part of this activity includes local fundraising, an exciting display of talents, and shared meaningful experience supporting this cause. All money raised goes directly to the Kids Helping Kids program at Riverbend PeaceHealth Hospital.

Pleasant Hill High School Mr. Billie Pageant is Friday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the student center. Tickets to attend are \$5.00 if bought prior to the pageant available in either the high school or elementary office or \$7.00 at the door.