
BILLIE NEWS!

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Pleasant Hill Elementary

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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.



**You are Invited March 14th to the
PTO Nacho Feed, Billies 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 in the gym. The 3rd grade has been researching and writing speeches to share with you during the Living Museum which will be staged throughout the halls and commons areas of our school.

PTO will be hosting a community Nacho Feed starting 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be open 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the community center, as well as Kona Ice will be on-site by the book fair. So plan to grab dinner before the fun begins at the Billies Art Museum, open for families to visit 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the gym followed by the 3rd grade Living Museum from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the main building.

Spring Pictures



LifeTouch Pictures is offering our families a Spring Picture Package. Pictures will be taken Tuesday, March 19th. If you choose to order online, orders must be in no later than the night before and the EVT code for our picture day deactivates on March 19th. Also, should you decide to order pictures on-line, please let your student's teacher know via Seesaw as we want to make

sure your student has their picture taken. If you have any questions please contact customer service @ (866) 955-8342 or mylifetouch.com. PHES Picture day ID: EVT6FGTX4, order on mylifetouch.com

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Wednesday, March 20th, Kindergarten Orientation / Registration

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

Our future Billies will have an opportunity to meet the current teachers and staff, while parents learn more about our program and complete some paperwork. After our meeting, you too will have an opportunity to visit Kindergarten when you pick up your student.

Please bring the following documents with you to kindergarten registration:, Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- child's immunization record
- birth certificate
- proof of your address such as a utility bill with your name on it.

Exciting things are happening at Pleasant Hill Elementary, and it all starts in kindergarten!

Inter-district Transfer Paperwork



If you moved mid-year this year and completed the inter-district paperwork allowing your student to remain in our school district for the remainder of this school year, you need to complete a new transfer form for next year. These are now available on the district website at

<https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration/new-student-registration/inter-district-transfers>

For information regarding 2024-25 mid-year transfer requests, please call the District Office at (541) 746-9646.

Dress Code

Several students have asked about clothing that is appropriate to wear to school now that temperatures are getting warmer. The dress code for the elementary school is that all students are expected to dress appropriately, same as those students attending the high school. Students are asked not to wear clothing that would hinder or interrupt their own learning or others around them.



Therefore, inappropriate clothes to wear to school would be:

1. Anything that is offensive or disruptive due to vulgar language or reference to drugs/alcohol.
2. Garments that promote discrimination, harassment, prejudice or racism.
3. Garments that are dirty or torn, pose a health, or safety hazard.
4. Garments that are provocative such as midriff shirts, see through clothing, shirts with plunging necklines, strapless shirts, baggy pants that expose undergarments.
5. Garments identified with membership to a gang.

Students who arrive at school wearing these items will be given other attire to wear over that which is considered against the dress code. If students refuse to wear the provided clothing, parents will be called to bring the child a change of clothes.

Please also keep in mind when assisting your child in selecting their clothing and footwear for the day, all of our students do participate in physical education classes in the gym at least twice a week, and have at least two recesses a day outside, rain or shine. **We encourage all students to wear the appropriate footwear to school, so they may fully participate in P.E., as those wearing flip-flops or high heels will be asked to sit out, due to safety concerns.**

Common Sense Media



In this day and age, it is hard to keep up with so many new technology sites such as TikTok, Discord, Snapchat, Instagram, web sites, movies, games such as Roblox and Minecraft, television shows, books, podcasts, AI, and music being released weekly to review everything on your own to determine if it is age appropriate or not for your child. Well, there is a website called Common Sense Media, www.commonsensemedia.org designed to assist parents and educators with teaching our kids how to be safe and smart in today's 24/7 media world.

Common Sense Media is a nonpartisan, nonprofit resource led by concerned parents and individuals with experience in child advocacy, public policy, education, media and entertainment. The goal of this organization is to assist parents and educators by providing them with a comprehensive media review system available on the web free of charge.

Attendance Matters!

Did you know that:

- Early childhood is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that poor attendance in preschool/kindergarten can predict absenteeism in later grades.
- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.
- Absences can add up before you know it. Our goal is student's miss no more than 10% of the school year, 18 days of lost instruction. That's just two days each month!

- It doesn't matter if these absences are excused or unexcused. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.
- Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade. Foundational reading skills are taught at the kindergarten level. Missing out on these early reading lessons due to absences can create gaps in their learning that are harder to fix later.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

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

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 shortly before 8:00 a.m.

PHONE MESSAGES: We really appreciate and request that all of our families who discover their child needs alternate plans after school to please send a note with their child. If 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.**

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. 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. Therefore, we will be asking students to take off their watches and place them in their backpacks during testing sessions. 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.

Upcoming Events:

- March 11 - 15th - 7:30 - 5:00 p.m. Spring Book Fair, PHCC
- March 12 - 14th - 5th Grade Science Testing
- March 12th - 2:30 p.m. PTO Mtg., Music Room
- March 14th - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. PTO Nacho Feed
- March 14th - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair
- March 14th - 6:00 -7:15 p.m. Knowledge Night at the Museum
- March 14th - 6:30 - 7:15 p.m 3rd Grade Living Museum
- March 15th - Wear Green to School Day!
- March 15th - Poppin Good Friday!
- March 15th - Early Release
- March 19th - Spring Picture Day



March 20th - 3:00- 4:00 p.m. Kindergarten Orientation / Registration, PHCC

March 22nd - 1:25 p.m. Early Release

March 25 - 29th - Spring Break / No School

April 1st - Classes Resume