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## Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Attendance Line: 541-736-0411

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.



Today is the first day of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. This quarter is going to fly by quickly. If you have not turned in your background check form for this school year, you might want to do so. Many of our grade levels will be in need of volunteers for field trips, class projects and our whole school field day on the last day of school, June 13th.



## 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration Is Now Open

If you have an incoming kindergartener for the 2024-2025 school year, it is time to register them for school. Simply go to <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration>, click on the Kindergarten Registration button and follow the step-by-step directions.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, 541-736-0400, between 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

You will need to provide our school with the following materials before we proceed with enrolling your student, before June 13, 2024. You may either email, [cthoms@pleasanthill.k12.or.us](mailto:cthoms@pleasanthill.k12.or.us) or [mkelton@pleasanthill.k12.or.us](mailto:mkelton@pleasanthill.k12.or.us), fax, 541-736-0446, or drop off between the hours of 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- **Birth Certificate for the student(s)**
- **Immunization records**
- **The approved Proof of Residency consists of:**
  1. **Electric Bill with your name and address listed**
  2. **Lease / Rental Agreement**
  3. **Mortgage Statement**



## Spring Verification of Information

Thank you to everyone who completed the Spring Verification of Information process. If you have not completed the process yet, please take a moment to do so by visiting <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration/returning-students>

If your student will not be attending one of our schools, Pleasant Hill Elementary or Pleasant Hill High School next year, please let our office know so we can count your student as having completed the process. If you need assistance, please call the office, 541-736-0400, between 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. daily.

## Progress Reports



This Friday, all students in grades K-5 will be bringing home their third quarter progress report. Progress reports are similar to the report you received at parent conferences. Each student will receive a mark showing their development in mastering grade level standards.

There will be no comments, so if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher.



## 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition

Will your student be a 6<sup>th</sup> grader next year? If the answer is yes, mark your calendar as you are invited to attend a special Parent Night at the high school Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the student center.

The evening is designed to allow you an opportunity to meet the middle school staff who will be working with your student next year and the building administrators, gain some valuable information regarding what you and your student can expect as well as get answers to any questions you might have.

## 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.**



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9<sup>th</sup> grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8<sup>th</sup> 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 daily routine.
- Students 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.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children, so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school!

## 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:

- April 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26th - 9:25 - 12:15 p.m. 3rd Grade Swimming Lessons  
Sheldon Pool
- April 16th - 12:00 - 1:00 Rm. 14 Guest Speaker
- April 18th - 12:00 - 1:00 Rm. 12 Guest Speaker
- April 18th - 1:35 - 2:05 p.m. Grades 3 -5 Billie Spirit Assembly
- April 19th - Progress Reports sent home
- April 19th - 12:00 - 1:00 Rm. 15 Guest Speaker
- April 19th - 1:25 p.m. Early Release
- April 22nd - Billie Store Day
- April 24th - 2:30 p.m. Site Council, Library
- April 26th - 9:00 - 9:45 Performing Arts Assembly
- April 26th - 1:25 p.m. Early Release

