

SEPTEMBER PHES BILLIE NEWS!

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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Pleasant Hill Elementary

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

Attendance Line: 541-736-0411

Daily Schedule: 8:00 – 2:15 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 1:25 p.m. Friday

Supervision: 7:45 – 2:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:45 – 1:30 p.m. Friday

Welcome Back!

We have had a wonderful start to the year! I am so excited to be sending out the first Billie News of the year. The Billie News will now come out monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. I will send out weekly Seesaw reminders once a week on the Wednesdays in between.



Seesaw, Text Messages and Email

Our classroom teachers use Seesaw, and we use it schoolwide too in order to provide you with information we receive from our transportation provider First Student, school closures or delays due to weather, as well as reminders for families of upcoming events.

If you have not set-up your student's or your family account, please contact your student's teacher for assistance.

If you have not received any of our school emails or messages from our school district, please verify your phone number and email address with our office. This is also a great time to update your student's emergency contacts list, who we can call if your student becomes ill or you have authorized to pick up your student from school either during the day or after school. Please call our office at 541-736-0400 to update your contact information.

Parking Lot Safety

Just a few reminders about what parents can do to help keep our parking lot safe:

- Use one of the following drop off and pick up locations:
 - o K / 1 students in the front of the school
 - o 2 / 3 students in front of the library
 - o 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.**

- Pause long enough to drop students off along the curb and move on.
 - Do not double park...this causes traffic jams and requires students to walk through cars to get to the curb.
 - If you park, please walk your students to the sidewalk or meet them at the sidewalk and walk back to your car.
 - Drive slowly through the parking lot.
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Go Home Plans

Please notify your student's teacher and the office in advance about any changes in your student's drop off or pick up routine prior to 1:30 p.m. when daily notes are delivered to classrooms Monday - Thursday or 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. If you have a weekly plan or long term plan, please let us know so we can document this. The end of the day can get very hectic with last minute changes. Sending a note with your child to school is very helpful if their go home plan will be different than usual that day. The earlier we know, the better we can get kids where they need to be!

First Student

First Student Transportation is the district transportation provider. If you have questions or concerns related to transportation, please contact First Student at 541-688-0454, the main office in Bethel ext. 300 or ext. 304. If your concerns are not addressed, please feel free to call our office for assistance.



Smile, It's Picture Day! Thursday, September 26th

Thursday, LifeTouch will be on campus taking photos of every student. If you plan to purchase photos you may send back the envelopes that your student brings home or simply order on-line at mylifetouch.com. The Picture Day ID is EVT3RD9S3.

Jog-a-thon, Friday, September 27th

Pleasant Hill Elementary's major fundraiser of the year is our annual jog-a-thon. This year the Jog-a-thon is September 27th.. The Jog-a-thon provides funds for educational opportunities such as field trips, guest speakers, special grade level activities such as swimming lessons, etc. More information about the Jogathon is coming soon!



You are welcome to join us on the track Friday morning to encourage our joggers, and walkers.

8:30 – 9:00 K / 1 will be on the track

9:35 – 10:05 2 / 3 will be on the track

10:30 -11:00 4 / 5 will be on the track

Our theme this year is Safari Adventure. Students are encouraged to show their Billie Spirit by dressing like an animal, in their safari gear, or like any type of explorer/adventurer.

All pledges must be collected and turned in by Friday, October 4th in order to receive any prizes you may have earned at our Jog-a-thon Prize Assembly. Also, if we raise \$32,000 before the assembly Ms. Fairchild will be slimed!



Medications at School

Please remember, children are not to transport any medication. A Parent/Guardian must bring the medication to the school office and fill out a medication form that must be kept on file in our office.

Healthy Snacks & Soda

We have all breakfast and lunch free this year to all students. Please send a snack with your child so they can have something to eat in between. Please make sure this is a healthy snack option. Per the state of Oregon nutritional guidelines, caffeinated drinks are not allowed in elementary schools. Please do not send coffee, soda, or energy drinks to school with your child.



Cell Phones



Students may bring cellphones to school for safety reasons. However, cell phones must remain off, in a student's backpack or book bag and used only for emergencies with teacher permission. Misuse of cell phones will result in the cell phone being placed in the office for a parent / guardian to pick-up.

What is Billie Spirit?

Billie Spirit is our Positive Behavior Intervention Support System, PBIS, which is a systematic approach to building the capacity of schools to educate all students. It is based on the idea that when students are taught clearly defined behavioral expectations and provided with positive corrective responses to behavior, 85% or more of students will meet those expectations. Those needing additional assistance are provided with more support.



We have four school wide expectations of students: **Kind, Respectful, Responsible, and Safe**. Each area of the school, playground, classroom, and other areas of the campus have specific behavior expectations for our students based on these principles. These expectations are taught at the beginning of every school year, and are reinforced throughout the year, with booster lessons after every major break.

Students have an opportunity daily to earn Billie Bucks for demonstrating Billie Spirit by being Kind, Responsible, Respectful and Safe. Students can buy special privileges with their Billie Bucks. Classroom teachers also hold special drawings and have classroom specific privileges students can purchase too.

Character Trait of the Month

Our character trait for the month of September is Responsible!



Pleasant Hill Elementary PTO

We are very fortunate to have an incredibly supportive parent group and community who organize events and fundraising activities. All funds raised are used to enrich your student's school experience. If you would like to learn more about our PTO or like to assist with projects and events join our next PTO meeting of the year, Tuesday, October 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pleasant Hill Community Center. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. in the community center. They will alternate between after school start time (2:30p.m.) and an evening start time (6:30p.m.).

Attendance

Did You Know?

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Matters

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in their future!

Safety Week

The week of October 7th – October 11th, we are hosting our first of three safety weeks held throughout the school year. Safety week is designed to review many of the possible safety drills that we may need to implement in the event of an emergency. Safety week does not take the place of monthly drills.

On Monday, we will practice a 3-Whistle Drill. All classes will also practice a Room Clear Drill. On Tuesday we will practice a Fire Drill. On Wednesday as a school we will practice a Hold Drill. On Thursday we will be practicing an earthquake drill. Finally, on Friday we will practice a Secure Drill.



Upcoming Events

September 20th- Popcorn Day!
September 20th- Jogathon Packets sent home
September 26th- Picture Day!
September 27th- Jogathon
September 30th-October 4th- Jogathon Packets Collected
October 7th-11th- Safety Week
October 8th- PTO- Evening Meeting
October 14th-18th- Book Fair
October 16th- Site Council, 2:30pm
October 17th- Vision Screening
October 18th- Popcorn Day!
October 21st-25th- Spirit Week!
October 31st- Halloween