

CUB UPDATE

Your weekly newsletter about our school!



A Note From Mrs. Fitz

It has been such a fun week at school! Seeing the creativity and enthusiasm from students and staff during Spirit Week brought so much energy to our building. We also want to share our appreciation for the incredible support our classified staff received during Classified Appreciation Week. Their work is essential to our school community, and it was wonderful to see them celebrated.

As a substitute principal, I have also been so impressed by the kindness our students show one another each day. It truly speaks to the caring culture of our school.

A quick reminder for families that parent-teacher conferences are coming up next week. Thursday will be an early release day at 12:10 PM, and there will be no school for students on Friday. We look forward to connecting with you and sharing about your child's progress!

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

Honesty

SOCIAL STORY OF THE WEEK

I Will Tell the Truth



NEXT WEEK

Monday: Normal Day
National Barbie Day

Tuesday: Normal Day
National Mario Day

Wednesday: Normal Day
National Johnny Appleseed Day

Thursday: Early Release @ 12:10
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday: NO SCHOOL
Parent-Teacher Conferences

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10th: PTO Mtg. @ PES
6:30-7:30pm

March 12-13th: Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 17th: Jog-a-thon

March 23rd - 27th:
SPRING BREAK

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 17th from 11:45 to 2:45!
(students will be running during their PE time)

11:50-12:20 pm Bennett/Kampfer
12:25-12:55 pm Crawford/Opheim
1:35-2:05 pm Ochs/Blackstone
2:10-2:40 pm Allen/Malusky



Please make sure you send your child with a good pair of running shoes and a water bottle to stay hydrated. You are more than welcome to make a sign or two and come root your kiddo on! Look for their PE time above.



P.E. News

Hello Clemens Families,

This week in Physical Education class students practiced hand eye coordination challenges using the scoops and balls as well as throwing and fielding off the wall. We practiced listening, following directions and and learned and played a classic favorite "Sharks and Minnows". A few classes were able to get outside on the track and enjoy some of the nicer weather. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.

-Mr. Nick Burnett

PE Teacher Blodgett/ Clemens Primary



Philomath School District 17J

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Dear Community Partner,

Currently, Strengthening Rural Families (SRF), in partnership with the Philomath School District, serves roughly 50 students in a combination of baby, toddler, three year old, and preschool children. These programs are housed with Philomath kindergarten and first grade students at Clemens Primary School. In addition, the SRF office is also located at CPS. The preschool program is currently free to all children who participate, meaning that families do not have to pay for this opportunity.

As with all school districts in Oregon, there are no general fund revenues provided to a district for pre-K student enrollment. In addition, grant or foundation funding has become much more competitive and sought after to support pre-school programs. The Philomath School District is able to provide limited funding for the preschool program through district general funds and KPI (Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation) funds. SRF strives to secure the remaining funding needed to run the half-day program, two days per week, for 36 local four-year olds. Due to current funding limitations, SRF will not be offering preschool programming during the winter term, hoping to re-open for the spring.

The State of Oregon is striving to improve outcomes for Oregon students, especially in the area of literacy. Research shows preschool experiences for children greatly increase their ability to be successful readers and writers by third grade. This equates to higher graduation rates and stronger citizens.

In the perfect scenario, Philomath would love to be able to offer preschool for every four-year-old child in our community for half a day, four days each week. To do this, we need consistent funding until Oregon is able to prioritize funding for preschool aged children. To do this, SRF continues trying to solidify the remaining balance with various grants and donations.

If able to and interested in contributing to Philomath's future, SRF would welcome your gift of support. You can donate at <https://www.ruralfamilies.org/donate/> or can send a check directly to their agency. As you consider contributing to this project, please be assured that the highest amount of respect comes with this request for support to SRF, whatever you decide.

Sincerely,

Abby Couture
CPS Principal

Paul Smith
SRF Executive Director

Susan Halliday
PSD Superintendent

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Enrolling for Fall 2026
Philomath School District 17J
Orientation & Registration Information for Parents

Tuesday, April 15th, 2026
Presentation ONLINE over Google Meet:
7:00PM-8:00PM

Google Meet Link for April 15th:

meet.google.com/nyj-thsh-jdd

Register Online April 16th:

<https://www.philomathsd.net/district-home/registration/enroll-new-student>

- To register for Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026
- All students who will attend kindergarten in town may register for Kindergarten at Clemens Primary School
- If your child plans to attend Blodgett Elementary please contact Blodgett Elementary at 541-453-4101
- If your child plans to attend the Kings Valley Charter School, please contact the Charter School at 541-929-2134

We look forward to meeting you and addressing any questions you may have about your incoming Kindergarten child!
If you're unable to attend this meeting, the Google Meet video will be available on the Clemens Primary School website after this date.



ORIENTACIÓN PARA JARDÍN DE INFANTES

Inscripciones para otoño de 2026
Distrito Escolar Philomath 17J
Información de orientación e inscripción para padres

Martes, 15 de abril de 2026
Presentación ONLINE por Google Meet:
7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Enlace de Google Meet para el 15 de abril:

meet.google.com/nyj-thsh-jdd

Regístrate en línea el 16 de abril:

<https://www.philomathsd.net/district-home/registration/enroll-new-student>

- Para inscribirse en kínder, los niños deben tener 5 años cumplidos antes del 1 de septiembre de 2026. Todos los estudiantes que asistirán al kínder en la ciudad pueden inscribirse en la Escuela Primaria Clemens. Si su hijo planea asistir a la Escuela Primaria Blodgett, comuníquese con la Escuela Primaria Blodgett al 541-453-4101. Si su hijo planea asistir a la Escuela Charter Kings Valley, comuníquese con la Escuela Charter al 541-929-2134.

Esperamos conocerle y responder cualquier pregunta que tenga sobre su hijo/a que ingresa a Kindergarten.
Si no puede asistir a esta reunión, la videollamada de Google Meet estará disponible en el sitio web de la Escuela Primaria Clemens después de esta fecha.

