



PHILOMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Be Brave. Be Kind.

2026-2027 School Year

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will be held on Thursday, October 8th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the gymnasium and library. You will be able to have a brief conversation with the teachers of your choosing. We also offer more private conversations, in the classrooms or library, on Friday, October 9th, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. If neither of these times work for you please contact your child's teachers and they will meet with you at your convenience. There is no school for students on Friday, October 9th.

Craft Fair

The Philomath Frolic and Rodeo's Holiday Craft Fair will be held at the Philomath Elementary School Saturday November 7th and Sunday November 8th. There will be a full lineup of vendors selling crafts and food. Get your holiday shopping started early by buying local. Proceeds from this year's Holiday Craft Fair will go towards helping support 6th Grade Outdoor School.

School Calendar Reminders

Wednesday, October 28th, marks the end of the first quarter of the school year and the completion of the first grading period. There will be no school for students Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th. The PMS office hours for October 9th and October 30th will be 7:30am-12:00pm.

Cross Country Home Meet

The cross county team will have it's home meet on Monday, October 19th. The race is held on the fields on the south side of the school. The girls race is at 4:00pm and the boys will run at 4:30pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Coach Thompson (nancy.thompson@philomath.k12.or.us) or Coach Peterson (sarah.peterson@philomath.k12.or.us)

Philomath Classic Car Show

Thank you to the directors of the Philomath Classic Car Show for your generous donation of \$500. This contribution was used to purchase and install a brand-new banner in the middle school gym. The new banner is already hanging proudly in the gym and looks fantastic. We truly appreciate the Philomath Classic Car Show's continued dedication and investment in our students and community.

Important Dates:

October 8th.....Parent Conferences 4:00-7pm
October 9th.....Parent Conferences 8am-12pm/NO SCHOOL- PMS
Office Hours 7:30am-12:00pm
October 29th.....Grading Period/NO SCHOOL
October 30th.....Grading Period/NO SCHOOL-PMS Office Hours
7:30am-12:00pm

HERO Challenge

7th graders will have an opportunity to attend the HERO Challenge, an experiential bullying prevention and personal empowerment field trip. Over four days Mrs. Burton, Mr. Witt, and Mr. Panico will challenge groups of 7th graders to increase their confidence and courage so that they are better able to interrupt negative peer interactions. We will spend part of the day at the City Park and the rest of the day at the OSU Challenge Course, climbing up telephone poles and walking across wires 30 feet in the air, with our newfound courage. This is our challenge...**Don't stand by. Stand up. Be a HERO.** Thank you to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and the Philomath Community Foundation for sponsoring the HERO Challenge

Outdoor School Fundraiser

Outdoor school is an exciting and valuable learning experience available to all 6th grade students at Philomath Middle School. During this five-day, four-night program, students engage in hands-on learning focused on plants, animals, water and soil. All lessons take place outdoors and are designed to be fun and interactive. Beyond field studies, students build lasting friendships during cabin time and gather each evening for traditional songs and skits around the campfire. This year, we are raising funds to ensure our students continue to enjoy the complete Outdoor School experience. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 through grant writing, hosting Turkey Bingo on November 13th, and community donations. Please consider supporting this important opportunity for our students. Donations can be made by cash or check at the school office, by scanning the QR code, or online [HERE](#). Thank you for your consideration and support of Philomath Middle School students.



Turkey Bingo Fundraiser: Nov. 13th

Turkey Bingo, an entertaining and exciting fundraiser for Philomath Middle School, is taking place on November 13th, 5:00pm-8:00pm. This event will be held at Philomath High School with all proceeds to go to the Philomath Middle School Outdoor School. Bingo will start at 5:30. There will be food and drinks to purchase and a silent auction.

Here is how you can help. We need:

- Frozen turkeys
- Silent Auction baskets
- Volunteers

Please contact Shelby Juhl about donations or volunteer opportunities, sjbasonbgcc@hotmail.com or 541-908-3651.



Philomath Youth Activities Club

The Philomath Youth Activities Club will be registering for 1st through 6th grade basketball from mid-October through November. Forms will be available at PYAC at 421 S 19th St., and on the PYAC website at www.pyac.net.

The Clemens Clubhouse serves 4th-8th graders and is open after school until 6:00pm, on Monday through Friday. It is a place where your child can sign themselves in and out based on your schedule. Some kids get picked up by a parent, some walk to a practice, activity, or home depending on what works for you. The Clubhouse is just \$45 per month, and is a flexible option that is supervised, but not as structured as a childcare setting. Clubhouse members do arts/crafts, play games, get help with homework and get a snack included with membership.

PYAC still has limited tickets for our Getaway Giveaway annual raffle. Our drawing will be on October 19th, and you can win one of five great trips out of town! With destinations up and down the coast, and around the state, there's nothing better than a weekend away. THE GRAND PRIZE IS A WEEK STAY AT a Worldmark Resort! Tickets can be purchased for \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. All proceeds will directly benefit the PYAC programs. Winners do not need to be present to win, and will choose their prize in the order they are drawn. To purchase tickets, contact PYAC at 541-929-4040 or pyac@pyac.net or any board member directly.

Volunteers

Philomath Middle School welcomes volunteers throughout the school year. If you plan to volunteer or chaperone any field trips please be sure to have a current volunteer application and background check on file at the district office. Volunteer background checks are good for 3 years. Please go to the Philomath School District website and follow the "Volunteer Registration" [link](#) to fill out the background check. All volunteer background checks are done electronically through this link.

7th graders- Tdap Booster

Incoming 7th graders need a Tdap booster; This is a requirement by Oregon Law for school attendance. Most students have 5 DTap (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis) vaccines and need a Tdap booster for this age group. These boosters can be administered through a provider office and/or pharmacy. If your student is not up to date for required immunizations by February, they will be excluded from school on the exclusion date (the third Wednesday of February each year.) If you have questions regarding the Tdap booster or vaccine requirements please reach out to the District Nurse, Tina Hoch RN at 541-609-6246 or tina.hoch@philomath.k12.or.us

Breakfast/Lunch Program

All Philomath School District students are eligible to receive one free complete breakfast and one free complete lunch each school day. Students opting to only get milk, with no meal, will be charged \$0.60. Additional information about the nutrition program can be found [HERE](#) or on the school website.

Bus Routes

If you have any questions regarding your student's bus route, please call First Student at 541-413-5411. Please remember that vehicles should not be driven through the bus lane, while students are waiting for the bus after school.

The Le Stew Learning Lounge

The LeStew Learning Lounge is a space where students can go during lunch to do school work. We are pleased to announce this program has seen much success!! Students receive grade reports, organizational help, and assistance with class work for any subject matter. If you have a student who could use some extra support, we would love to see them in Le Stew.

PASSPORT

Students are hard at work trying to earn Passport this quarter. Passport is our incentive program to encourage and reward students who complete all their work and stay out of trouble. To earn Passport at the end of each quarter, students need to have zero missing assignments and zero negative behavior consequences. For those who meet these expectations (and there will be LOTS of them!), we will throw them a party! Hard work deserves a reward!

After School Archery

Archery meets in the middle school gym every Wednesday. This program is run by PE Teacher, John Hanson. All equipment is provided for the students and there is no cost. If you have any questions or are interested please contact John Hanson at john.hanson@philomath.k12.or.us

ParentVue Access

Parents can access their students grades through the ParentVue portal at the Philomath Middle School website. Parents created their accounts during the registration process. If you need to know your Parent ID or need help setting up your account please contact the office at 541-929-3167. Students have learned how to check their grades online and should know their username and password.



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District News Website

Community events, summer lunch program schedule, and free summer activity lists can be found on our district web-site, under the "News" then "Community Flyers" page. Flyers and information sent to the schools/district will be post-ed there as well.

Philomath Health and Safety

The annual Philomath Health and Safety fair is on Saturday October 10th from 11am-2pm. This is a family fun event with activities and community business' at the Philomath Fire Station

PHILOMATH FIRE & RESCUE
and
STRENGTHENING RURAL FAMILIES
OPEN HOUSE and HEALTH FAIR
October 10, 2026
11 am to 2 pm

**Come down to the Fire Station,
1035 Main Street, Philomath,
to meet your local responders
and community partners!**

**Thanks to
our regional
safety and
health
partners!**

Benton County Sheriff's Search
and Rescue and Posse
Oregon Dept of Forestry
Corvallis-Benton County Library
Marys Peak Search & Rescue
Philomath Community Svcs
Benton County CERT
Willamette Valley Chaplains
Benton Co Health-EASA
Jackson Street Youth Svcs

Activities include:
Engine Rides
Dress the Firefighter
Smokey Bear/Sparky the Fire Dog
Face Painting
Kid's games

Benton County Schools
Credit Union
211Info
Ride Line
Mud Oven Pizza
3 Potato More
Dusty Aces
Drone Demo
Oregon Health Authority
... and more!

**HEALING MOTION
PHYSICAL THERAPY**

24/7

**MUD OVEN
PIZZA**

**CLATSOP COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

PHILOMATH FIRE & RESCUE

Afternoon Pickup Chapel

At the end of the school day there is alot of student pickup activity at Clemens Primary and Philomath Middle School. Please us the Chapel Drive entrance to access the middle school. Using this entrance and exit should be easier, safer, and quicker for all middle school families.

Trunk or Treat

The Philomath Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Philomath Trunk or Treat again this year. Wear your costume and Trick-or-Treat down main street in Philomath on October 30th from 3:00pm- 5:00pm.

PHILOMATH TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY OCT. 30TH
3:00-5:00PM

MAIN STREET BUSINESSES BETWEEN 9TH &
17TH STREET AND THE MUSEUM PARKING LOT
WEAR YOUR COSTUME! BOO

Tires LES SCHWAB
BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Oregon State Credit Union
CITIZENS BANK

Lilly's Lope for Hope

Lilly's Lope for Hope is a youth suicide awareness and prevention event in memory of Lilly who was a Freshman at Philomath High School, when she died by suicide in 2013.

13th Annual Lilly's Lope for Hope
Youth Suicide Awareness 5K & Resource Fair

Saturday, October 17, 2026 • Philomath City Park

10:00am Race Start • 9:00am Check-In & Race Day Registration

Lilly's Lope for Hope is a youth suicide awareness and prevention 5K held in Philomath each October. The event raises awareness of youth suicide—the second-leading cause of death among young people—and creates hope for the future.

Along with the 5K, this important fundraiser includes an informational Resource Fair and a raffle featuring four great prizes!

Proceeds provide mental health counseling and suicide prevention education for Benton County youth.



Join us!
Whether you walk, run,
or cheer on a friend,
you'll make a difference
for local youth.

Online Registration is OPEN!

Special
early bird
discount
until
Sept. 30!



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