Philomath Middle School

November Newsletter

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Veterans Day Assembly

On Tuesday, November 10th, at 8:10am, the middle school will be holding a Veterans Day Assembly to honor all the men and women who have served our country. Parents, relatives and community members are invited to attend this assembly, and we extend a special invitation to all veterans. If you are a veteran, or know of one who might like to attend, please join us for the assembly.

First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Our First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, November 20th. All students earning a 3.5 GPA or higher will be recognized. It will begin at 8:10am for all grades. Parents are welcome to attend. Student report cards should be in the mail the first week of November.

Turkey Bingo: 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.

All-State Musicians

Please congratulate Natalya Olsen for being selected for the 2027 Oregon All-State Honor Treble Choir and Ollie Becker-Blease for being selected for the 2027 Oregon All-State Honor Band. Well done!

School Musical- The Little Mermaid Jr.

The school musical this year is The Little Mermaid Jr. There will be an informational meeting for interested students on Tuesday, November 24th during A lunch, in the library. Auditions will be held after school on Tuesday, January 5th and Wednesday, January 6th. The first practice will be Monday, January 11th from 3:00-5:00pm. Practices will generally run Monday-Thursday, right after school until the performances on March 11th, 12th, and 13th.





October Students of the Month

Students of the Month

We recognize the students pictured above as the October Students of the Month. From Left to Right: Sienna Jarmain, Paisley Stephens, SJ Mills, Brooke St. Clair, Samantha Hammonds, George Price . These students have each contributed to the positive culture at Philomath Middle School. Way to go, and keep up the positive attitudes!



8th Grade Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to the 8th grade "Rotary Student of the Month" for October: Lindsay Harwood

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.

7th and 8th Grade Basketball

Girls basketball practice began October 26th. Girls can still join the team, there is time to register and play this season! Paperwork can be found on our website or picked up in our office. The student must have a sports physical on file in order to participate. The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball season begins in January. If you have any questions please contact our Athletic Director, Jamon Ellingson at jamon.ellingson@philomath.k12.or.us or at 541-929-3167.

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Philomath Youth Activities Club

The Philomath Youth Activities Club is now registering for 1st-6th grade basketball. **The deadline to guarantee your child gets a spot is November 13th.** The 5th and 6th graders will have an evaluation process on November 21st. Their season will start after returning from Thanksgiving Break. The 1st-4th grade season will not start until January, but the sign up is now. Registration forms can be found at the PYAC office at 421 S 19th St., or on the website at www.pyac.net. Forms must be dropped off, mailed, or emailed to PYAC.

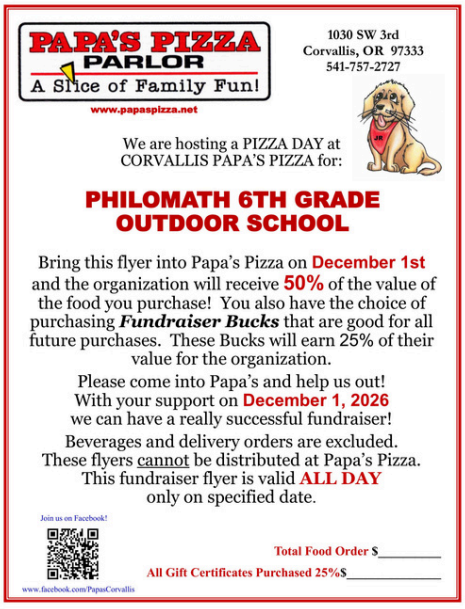
School and Office Closure

The middle school office will be closed Wedensday, November 11th in recognition of Veterans Day. The office will also be closed November 25th - 27th for Thanksgiving break. Monday, November 30th there is no school for students but the office will be open. The office hours for the middle school are as follows: 7:30am-4:00pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30-3:30pm. on Fridays.

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.

December 1st Fundraiser



December 1st , Papa's Pizza is hosting "Pizza Day" and 50% of the value of your food purchase that day will go directly to the Philomath 6th Grade Outdoor School. You can bring in the flyer, show staff the flyer electronically or mention this fundraiser upon purchase all day Tuesday December 1st.

Important Dates:

November 10th.....Veterans Day Assembly
November 11th.....NO SCHOOL– Veterans Day
November 25-27th...NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving
November 30th.....NO SCHOOL

7th graders– Tdap Booster

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 immunization by February they will be excluded from school on the exclusion date (the third Wednesday of February of each year).

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.

Parent Conferences

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended our parent-teacher conferences this month. Your active engagement in your child's education plays a vital role in their academic success and personal growth.

We deeply appreciate your continued support, open communication, and dedication as we work together to cultivate a positive, enriching, and supportive middle school environment. If you have any follow-up questions or further topics you would like to discuss with our staff, please feel free to reach out directly to your child's teachers.

Site Council

The Philomath Middle School Site Council meetings are the second Wednesday of every month from 3:15-4:15. Site Council members promote staff development and look at ways to improve schools. We have open Site Council parent positions. If you are interested in attending Site Council meetings, please contact Steve Bell at steve.bell@philomath.k12.or.us or 541-929-3167.

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.

Fall Basketball Camp



Scout Troop 161

Is your son or daughter interested in camping, backpacking, snow caving, canoeing, rock climbing, sledding, caving, bike riding, swimming. and lots of other great activites? If so give Scoutmaster Tom Klipfel a call at 541-704-7538 for more information. Boys and girls are welcome to join the troop at any time!

District News Website

Community events can be found on our district website, under the "News" page. Flyers and information sent to the schools/district will be posted there.

ParentVue

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.

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.

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. . **Please remember that vehicles should not be driven through the bus lane (front of school), while students are being dropped off in the morning, and when students are waiting for the bus after school.**