PHES BILLIE NEWS!



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Vision Statement: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Pleasant Hill Elementary

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Phone: (541) 736-0400 **Office Hours: 7:30–3:30 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: 7:30 – 2:15 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:30 – 1:25 p.m. Friday

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I would like to take a moment to address how we approach change within our community.

Please know that decisions are never made lightly, and they are certainly never intended to make our families feel disconnected or unwelcome. With any adjustment, there will naturally be changes that people appreciate and agree with, and others they may dislike or disagree with. While operational or privacy factors mean we aren't always able to widely communicate every underlying detail, please trust that every decision is backed by legitimate, thoughtful reasoning, focused on the school as a whole.

Through every adjustment, our core priority remains unchanged. We hope the one constant we can all agree on is that this school cares deeply about your children. We are truly grateful to partner with you to support what is best for our students every single day. Thank you for your ongoing grace, trust, and collaboration.

Safety Drills at PHES

To help keep our students and staff safe and prepared, our school routinely practices age-appropriate safety drills throughout the school year.

Standard Routine Drills

- **Fire Drill (Monthly):** Students practice exiting the building quickly, calmly, and quietly in a single-file line to a designated outdoor assembly area. Teachers take attendance to account for every student before returning to class.

- **Earthquake Drill (Twice a Year):** Students practice the "Drop, Cover, and Hold" protocol—dropping to the floor, taking cover under a desk or table to protect their head and neck, and holding on until given the all-clear.

Standard Response Protocol (SRP) Drills

We follow the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), an industry-standard emergency management framework built around clear, specific action commands:

- **Hold Drill ("In your room or area"):** Used when hallways need to stay clear, such as during a medical emergency or a maintenance issue. Classroom doors remain closed and students stay inside their room to continue learning while staff address the issue in the hall.

- **Secure Drill ("Get inside. Lock outside doors"):** Used when there is a potential hazard or police activity in the surrounding neighborhood outside the school. All exterior doors are locked and students move inside the building. School activities continue normally inside the classroom.

- **Lockdown Drill ("Locks, lights, out of sight"):** Used if there is an immediate threat inside or directly adjacent to the building. Classroom doors are locked, lights are turned off, and students move out of sight from windows and doors, remaining calm and quiet until emergency personnel or administrators unlock the door.

All drills are practiced gently and calmly so that students feel capable and safe rather than frightened.

We have conducted our monthly fire drills, a hold drill, and secure drill. We will practice our first lockdown drill this upcoming Friday.

Billie's Winter Shoppe

It's time for Fall cleaning! Billie's Winter Shop will be on Thursday, December 17th. We are looking for donations of gently used household items. Including but not limited to home decor, toys, jewelry, books, electronics, sporting goods, anything that would make a good gift! (School appropriate please) Also, GIFT BAGS and wrapping paper. There is a large box in the front of the school you can place your items in! Thank you for helping our students celebrate the season of giving.



Billie's Annual Food Drive



Our annual PHES Food Drive to assist local Pleasant Hill and Dexter families begins Monday, November 30th and runs through Friday, December 11th. Students may drop off donated food items each day in the boxes on the bench in the front of the school. Some suggested items for donation are: Canned fruit, pasta, canned meals such as chili & stew,

canned vegetables, dry beans, packaged meals, rice, soup, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter, flour, sugar, salt, condiments like ketchup, salad dressing, etc. Thank you for helping us support those who may need a little extra during the upcoming holiday season.

Pleasant Hill School District
CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS & GIVING TREE
Winter 2026

The Pleasant Hill School District Community Service Team will be distributing Christmas food and gift baskets to those in need in our community. If your child attends school in the Pleasant Hill School District and you are in need of a food basket and/or children's gifts, please complete the form below. Return it between November 17th - December 4th, to any Pleasant Hill School office in care of FBP. The earlier you send in the form the better we will be able to assist in your need. You will be called to confirm your requests.

2026 Food Basket--Giving Tree.pdf

Music



Running Club and the Eugene 5K!

Mr. Holladay and Mrs. Croucher are looking forward to starting Running Club again in the spring for any interested 3rd through 5th graders! Watch for more information in February about the exact start date and how to sign up. In the meantime, they want to invite any runners in grades 3-5 who have previously been in Running Club or are thinking of joining this year to also sign up to run in the Eugene 5K together on April 24th. This is a long-time Running Club tradition, which finishes at Hayward Field and includes a T-shirt and medal. Parents are also welcome to register to run, too. The event sold out very early last year, so we want to get the word out now so more students have the opportunity to participate. Reach out to Mr. Holladay or Mrs. Croucher for more information.



Bad Weather, School Delays or Closures

School closures, delays, or changes in bus routes, snow routes, may result from emergencies such as inclement weather conditions. School decisions are typically made by 6:00 a.m. after transportation personnel have examined the local conditions determining if we can safely bring everyone to school or we need to either delay the start of school or cancel school for the day.

When weather related emergencies occur, announcements are usually broadcast by the local television media (KEZI, KVAL, KMTR, KLSR) and announced on radio stations (such as KUGN, KPNW, AND KEED/KSND). The media obtains and broadcasts their information from Flash News, www.flashnews.net. You will also be getting messages via the district's messaging system Blackboard in the form of a Robocall, text message, and email message. In addition, we will be putting out an announcement via Seesaw to our elementary families.



Character Trait of the Month

Our character trait of the month for November is Kindness. We are looking for students who are demonstrating acts of kindness.



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE



ARRIVAL TIME–7:30a.m: Students may enter the cafeteria, covered area or gym (when needed for weather) starting at 7:30am. We do not provide supervision before 7:30am. Classrooms are open at 8:00am.



We do not provide supervision after school. Families are more than welcome to access the playground during this time, but we ask that you please have an adult present and actively supervise children. On Fridays, please wait until after buses have driven through the playground to leave the blacktop. Thanks for your help with keeping kids safe and respectful after school!

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 day their students' plans need to change please call the school office before 1:30p.m. On Early Release Days please call in the messages before 12:30 pm. It is important to allow as much time as possible on those days.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 19th- Thanksgiving Lunch
Monday, November 23rd- Conferences, 11:30am dismissal
Tuesday, November 24th- Conferences, 11:30am dismissal
November 26th- No School teacher comp day for conferences
November 27th & 28th- No School- Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, December 3rd- Billie's Got Talent, Talent Shows 1:00pm & 6:30pm
Wednesday, December 9th- PTO Meeting, 2:30pm in the Community Center
Thursday, December 10th- 5th Grade Winter Concert- The Polar Express, 6:30pm
Monday, December 14th- Board Meeting, 7:00pm
Thursday, December 17th- Billie's Winter Shoppe
Monday, December 21st-Monday, January 4th-Winter Break