

# **BILLIE NEWS!**

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Office Hours: 7:30—4:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. Meal Prices: Free Breakfast / Lunch

Thank you for partnering with us as we navigate the 2021-22 school year. This year, like last year, promises to be a year filled with its own set of challenges, but together we can make it a great year! We greatly appreciate your grace, patience and support as we move forward with the 2021-2022 school year.

#### Seesaw, Text Messages and Email

This year we are using Seesaw schoolwide not only as our learning management tool, but for family communication and engagement. If you have not set-up your student's or your families account, please contact your student's teacher for assistance. As we learn of closures or delays from our district office, we will always post a message on Seesaw. In addition, we will be posting reminders for families of upcoming opportunities as well as the daily menu.

If you have not been receiving text messages or emails from Pleasant Hill School District office, please verify your phone number and email address with our office. The district uses a service called Blackboard which pulls contact information from the registration materials families filled out.

This is also a great time to update your student's contact information. It is also a good time to update your emergency contacts list, who we can call if your student becomes ill or you are authorizing to pick up your student. Please call our office at 541-736-0400 to update your contact information.

#### Student Safety

Student safety at school is our first and most important priority. We are working hard this year to continue to establish systems with this goal in mind in our parking lot before and after school. Here are just a few reminders about what parents can do to help keep Pleasant Hill Elementary students be safe:

- Parent drop off and pick up takes place:
  - $\,\circ\,$  K /1 students in the front of the school

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 $_{\odot}$  2 / 3 students in front of the library

 $\circ$  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.

- Please pause long enough to drop students off along the curb and move on.
- Please do not double park...this causes traffic jams and requires students to walk through the parking lot to get to the curb.
- If you plan to park, please walk your students to the sidewalk or meet them at the sidewalk and back to your car at the end of the day.
- Please drive slowly through the parking lot...watch for students and families who are walking in the parking lot.
- Students should arrive at school no earlier than 7:45 a.m. unless previous arrangements have been made. Students report directly to their classrooms starting at 7:45 a.m.
- Please send a note with your child or notify your child's teacher and the office in advance about any changes in your child's drop off or pick up routine prior to 1:30 p.m. when daily notes are delivered to classrooms.

Please also notify your child's teacher and the office about any changes in custodial agreements and/or legal issues that would pertain to your child's welfare here at school.



#### **Bus Transportation**

First Student Transportation is the district transportation provider. Thank you for being flexible with the schedule they have provided. First student tries their best

to estimate what time your child will be picked up or arrive home each day by providing you with 5-minute window as to when a bus can be at your stop. If you have questions or concerns related to transportation, please contact First Student at 541-688-0454, the main office in Bethel. If your concerns are not addressed, please feel free to contact me, Devery Stoneberg, at 541-736-0400, as well.

#### Attendance Notification

July 1, 2011, Legislation was passed requiring all schools to notify parents by the end of the school day if their child is marked as absent. If your child is going to be late or absent please call the elementary attendance line at (541) 736–0411. Leave a message stating your child's name, grade and reason for the tardy or absence. Otherwise, you will be receiving a phone call from our office to verify your child's absence.

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## Volunteer Packets Now Available On-line!

We so appreciate our wonderful volunteers, who donate numerous hours during the year assisting in the classrooms, on field trips and special activities, This year, the Ready Schools Safe Learners Resiliency Framework, RSSLRF, allows us to have volunteers once again in the building.

Our district office has prepared the new volunteer packets, which are aligned with our district volunteer policy, the RSSLRF and the Governor's Mask and Vaccination Orders. If you are interested in volunteering either in school or on field trips, please visit <u>https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/volunteer</u>.

All interested volunteers are required to:

- Complete a background check application, which takes 4-6 weeks for the Oregon Department of Education to complete the check. Please note there is no charge to complete this form.
- Submit a copy of either your vaccination card or the medical / religious exemption form to our school along with the completed background check paperwork. All paperwork is submitted to our district office for review and processing.

Once you application has been approved, you will be notified. When you come to campus to volunteer you will need to do the following:

- In the foyer sign the "Reasonable Steps Health Log"
- Fill out a quick self-assessment form, including taking your temp. and answering 5 questions.
- Place a volunteer badge on your clothing.
- Sanitize your hands before entering the office area.
- Drop the completed self-assessment form in the basket on the bookcase just inside the office door.
- Always wear a mask whenever inside any of the school buildings.
- Whenever entering or leaving a classroom either wash / hand sanitize your hands.

## When Should I Keep My Child Home?

Student's Symptoms or Illness	Student May Return to School
	When
Fever: temperature by mouth greater	No fever is present for at least 72 hours without the use of
than 100.4 degrees	fever reducing medicine.
Skin rash or open sores	Rash is gone; sores are dry or can be completely covered by a
	bandage; or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
New Cough illness	In general, when symptom-free for 72 hours. If pertussis
	(Whooping cough) is diagnosed, after taking 5-day course of
	prescribed antibiotics, or when cleared for return by local
	public health authority. If COVID-19 is diagnosed, with
	orders from local public health authority.
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
one day <b>OR</b> newly not able to control	
bowel movements	
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 48 hours.
Headache with stiff neck and fever;	Symptom-free or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>OR</b> with recent head injury	
Jaundice: (new) yellow color in eyes	After orders from doctor or local public health authority to
or skin	school nurse.
Red eyes or eye discharge: yellow	Redness and discharge is gone <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to
or brown drainage from eyes	school nurse.

### U of O / OHA Free Weekly Covid-19 Screening Opportunity

The University of Oregon is working with the Oregon Health Authority to offer free Covid-19 testing to all schools in the southwest Oregon Region. The program is a voluntary weekly testing program for students in participating schools. All Pleasant Hill School District schools will be participating in the program.

What does the program consist of? The saliva-based test kits will be given to participating students to take home to collect the sample. The collection kits will then be returned to school. Project couriers will be dispatched to Pleasant Hill School District to collect all the returned test kits.

Each week, test results will be emailed directly to the parent / guardian, the Oregon Health Authority and the Lane County Public Health Department. Pleasant Hill School District will not receive any test results, unless contact tracing is required by the Lane County Public Health.

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The Oregon Health Authority recommends participants be without Covid-19 symptoms or exposure to Covid-19 and unvaccinated, who have not tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days. If you are interested in your student participating in this weekly free testing program, please visit <u>https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_0OkXNV7jhFOEyRU</u>. Please also note you may opt your student out of the program at any time.