

# **BILLIE NEWS!**

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Last week was Parent Conference week at Pleasant Hill Elementary. Our goal was to meet with 100% of our families. The staff is very committed to helping each and every student to experience success. I saw a lot of smiles on faces following conferences. If you were not able to attend conferences, please reach out to your student's classroom teacher either on Seesaw or by calling the office at 541-736-0400.

Just a reminder we are all "On the Road to Read 1,000,000 Minutes." Please make sure your student is submitting their reading minutes to their teachers either weekly or monthly. All students who have read 300 minutes will be earning a special Billie Reader's Recess, a raffle ticket to be placed in our drawing for Billie Book Vending Tokens, bookmarks, Billie gear and gift certificates and have a picture taken with other classmates that met the challenge for the month of October.

Congratulations to Ms. Mason and Mr. Grassman's class for having 95% of your class in attendance last week. I wonder which two classes will be receiving an extra PE class for the month of October for having the highest rate of attendance during the month of October.



# Harvest Parties / Book Character Day, October 31st

All of our classes will be hosting harvest parties October 31st. Be watching for more details from your student's teacher regarding harvest parties.

Students can dress up as their favorite book character. Students may wear their costumes during the day, no costume masks or toy weapons of any kind may be brought to school as part of the costume.

## 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. If you are interested in volunteering either in school or on field trips, please visit https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/volunteer.

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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 your application has been approved, you will be notified. When you come to campus to volunteer between 8:00a.m.-2:30p.m. you will need to do the following:

- In the foyer sign the "Reasonable Steps Health Log"
- Fill out a quick self-assessment form and answer the 5 questions placing the form in the basket inside the office on the bookcase.
- Place a volunteer badge on your clothing.



#### Grading Day / No School November 10th

Teachers will be spending Thursday, November 10th preparing your student's progress report. A progress report is similar to a report card, except it does not contain comments, as teachers conferenced with families this past week.

#### End of Daylight-Savings Time

**Saturday**, **November 6th** turn your clocks **BACK one hour** before going to bed. Daylight savings time officially ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 6th. We will see everyone Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for school at 8:00 a.m. well rested.



## 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** <u>(541) 736–0411</u>. 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.

# LATE, TARDY, STUDENTS MISS OUT ...

During the school year, parents have the important responsibility of seeing that students establish patterns for punctuality and good attendance. The patterns established during these years very often become life patterns. If your student is late for school...

- They may feel conspicuous and embarrassed when entering the room late.
- They miss morning greetings from their teacher and their classmates.
- They will miss the group experience of starting a new school day together.
- They will miss the important instruction given at the start of a lesson. Instruction promptly begins at 8:00 a.m.
- They may feel pressure from having to catch up.

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#### Counseling Corner with Mrs. Black

Hello Billie Families!

This October your Billies have been working on recognizing, reporting, and refusing bullying. We are currently using the Second Steps Bullying Prevention curriculum. I have been so impressed with the thoughtful conversations we have had in all classrooms around treating others how we want to be treated. Along with the weekly lessons your child is bringing home a "home link," family letter for you to look at to see what your child is learning. This also gives them the opportunity to practice the skills we are working on. We are always talking about how our goal and focus is to be the best we can be! I have seen some great improvements already this year and I am excited to see how these lessons empower our children to be kind, respectful, responsible, and safe!

#### 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:
  - K /1 students in the front of the school
  - 2/3 students in front of the library
  - 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. or the cafeteria for breakfast.
- Please notify your student's teacher and the office in advance about any changes in your student's drop off or pick up routine prior to 1:30 p.m. when daily notes are delivered to classrooms.
- All visitors who enter the building between 8:00a.m.-2:30p.m. need to sign in and complete the required paperwork and wear a badge.

Please also notify your student'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. Please provide the school with copies of any legal paperwork.

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#### Complaints/Grievances

Students or parents with complaints about academic or athletic matters should first confer with the applicable teacher or coach. If the outcome is not satisfactory, a conference with the principal should be requested. If the matter remains unresolved, a meeting with the superintendent should be requested. Further action can be pursued by writing directly to the school board.

The superintendent has appointed the building principal as the contact person on issues concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues:

Devery Stoneberg, Principal, Pleasant Hill Elementary School 36386 Highway 58 Pleasant Hill, OR, 97455 (541) 736-0400 Garth Gerot, Principal Pleasant Hill High School, 36386 Highway 58 Pleasant Hill, OR, 97455 (541) 747-4541

The superintendent will be informed of any complaints communicated to the district alleging non-compliance with civil rights law or discrimination issues. If the building principal is the subject of the complaint, the individual may file a complaint directly with the superintendent:

Jim Crist, Interim Superintendent 36386 Highway 58 Pleasant Hill, OR, 97455 (541) 746-2537

#### State Report Card

Each year the Oregon Department of Education prepares a report card for each school and district as required by law (ORS 329.115), requiring schools to notify families these are available for their viewing, as well. The purpose of the report card is to share a glance as to how the school district and schools are progressing towards meeting educational goals and other information such as student attendance, teacher experience and opportunities for extracurricular and intervention supports for students both in and out of school.

To view report cards online, head to the ODE <u>http://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx</u>, and enter Pleasant Hill School District and a list of available report cards will be generated. Select the one you are interested in reviewing. Hard copies of our school and district report card are also available in our foyer on the information table.

As you review this information, please note that the report cards have undergone significant redesign from prior years. This year data is very limited since schools moved to Supplementary Learning last March and no districts were able to assess students using the annual state summative assessment called OSAS, Oregon Summative Assessment System.

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#### White Elephant / Billie Buck Sale Needs Your Donations!

This year we will be holding our annual White Elephant / Billie Buck sale. This sale is an opportunity for students to spend their Billie Bucks to purchase gifts for their family members.

So, while you are in the midst of Fall cleaning, please consider donating items to our sale. Possible things to donate include decorations, videos, books, toys, and any other items people of all ages would enjoy. Please bring your donations to the office between now and December 9<sup>th</sup>. The White Elephant Sale will take place the December 13th a few days before Winter Break.



# When Should I Keep My Child Home?

Student's Symptoms or Illness	Student May Return to School When	
Fever: temperature by mouth greater	Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine	
than 100.4 degrees	And per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms.	
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 or new difficulty	Symptoms improving for 24 hours, no cough or cough is well-	
breathing	controlled. And per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms. If	
	pertussis (Whooping cough) the student must take 5 days of	
	prescribed antibiotics before returning to school.	
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one	Symptom-free for 48 hours.	
day <b>OR</b> not able to control bowel		
movements		
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 48 hours.	
Headache with stiff neck and fever; OR	Symptom-free or with orders from doctor to school nurse.	
with recent head injury		
Jaundice: new yellow color in eyes or skin	After orders from doctor or local public health authority to school	
	nurse.	
Red eyes or eye discharge: yellow or	Redness and discharge is gone <b>OR</b> with orders from doctor to school	
brown drainage from eyes	nurse.	

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#### REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

<u>ARRIVAL TIME—7:45a.m.</u>: Students may enter their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. Attendance is taken and classes start promptly at 8:00 a.m.

<u>Breakfast</u>: Students may enter the cafeteria as early as 7:30 a.m. if they will be ordering a breakfast to eat at school. All students will be sent to class by 7:55 to be in class on time.

<u>MESSAGES</u>: We really appreciate and request that all of our families who discover their child needs alternate after school plans to please send a note with their child. If you find throughout the school day your child's after school plans need to change <u>please call the school office before 1:30 p.m.</u> Bus notes are delivered to the classrooms around 1:45 p.m. daily.

<u>On Early Release Days please call in the messages before 12:30 pm</u>. It is important to allow as much time as possible on those days.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. Site Council, Library Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - 9:45 a.m. Kindergarten Field Trip Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - 1:25 p.m. Early Release Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Book Character Dress Up Day / Harvest Parties Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:25 p.m. Early Release Nov. 6th - Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Trip Nov. 8th - 2:30 p.m. PTO Mtg., PHHC Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - Picture Re-Take Day Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Grading Day / No School Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day / No School Nov. 18th - Progress Reports Sent Home Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - 1:25 p.m. Early Release Nov. 23rd - Contractual Compensation Day / No School Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break / No School Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1:25 p.m. Early Release

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