

Pleasant Hill School District #1

Spring & Summer 2022 Newsletter



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A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Pleasant Hill School District Community:

PHSD has resumed in-person instruction this past school year. The COVID-19 crisis has been described by many as the most challenging time of their personal lives and careers. I know as a practicing school superintendent, it was a most challenging time for the PHSD staff, students, families, and for our community. Many times in the last couple of years, school leaders were challenged because they were simply following the law. As we reflect and move forward from this crisis, it is important that we remember to take care of ourselves and support each other.

I'm reminded of the words of Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund. In her important essay, "Standing up for Children," Marian provided seven key suggestions to help leaders like us advocate for children, and as we move forward, they should serve as a guide for us as leaders.

- "Have a positive vision for our children and nation." This is so true since the COVID-19 crisis has divided our country in more ways than anyone could imagine.
- "Believe we can serve all of our children and then do it. We can transform our nation's priorities if we truly believe we can."

I strongly believe that we must never give up insisting that our students be protected and given the opportunity to be educated at all costs; that is our first priority.

- "Have faith and act without ceasing."
- "Don't be intimidated or silenced by budget experts or political spinsters."
- "Be strong and courageous planting the seeds of hope and caring."
- "Recognize and honor the sacredness of each and every child."
- "Organize, mobilize, and hold our leaders accountable."

We, the PHSD educational staff, are continuing to step up and be dealers of hope and have the courage to realize that every single one of us can make a difference. We must hold ourselves and each other accountable to do this important work. We must make a difference and we must never give up, working tirelessly to provide equal opportunities for every student that we serve. We must move past the survival stage caused by the pandemic crisis and move to the thriving stage.

PHSD is here as an organization dedicated to support our students, families and community in this important quest. Together, we can move to the next level of success. I personally want to thank each of you for all that you do for our students and this district. I wish you all the best as this most challenging school year comes to an end, and take some time off this summer to enjoy your family and hopefully a time to rest.

Respectfully:
Scott Linenberger
Superintendent

Pleasant Hill Education Foundation

The 2021-2022 school year has been a fantastic year and we would love to thank all the donors, volunteers, teachers, and staff that have helped support the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation. We were thrilled to see kids and families back on campus and to have been able to support them through Innovative Educator Grants, scholarships, and donor-directed funds. This year we are also excited to see the creation of the Luehring Endowment Fund, which will begin generating funds for students and teachers in fiscal year 2023-2024.



We are delighted to announce that **Nancy Geyer** will be our new Executive Director! Nancy is a PHSD parent, substitute teacher, a former PHEF board member, and is actively involved in the high school FFA program, among other things. We look forward to having Nancy leading the charge for PHEF!

Save the Date!

Let the good times roll! Please join the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation in celebrating our 30th Anniversary at our Mardi Gras Celebration, presented by **Aggregate Resource Industries, Inc.** on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at the UO Alumni Center. We will have dinner, dancing, combined live and silent auction, and mind-blowing entertainment by Hart Keene.

Want to get involved? We have a variety of different ways to help support our mission ranging from donating, sponsorships, volunteering at events, serving on a committee and board membership! Contact us at foundation@phillfoundation.org for more information or visit us at www.phillfoundation.org.

PHSD Music Program Updates

Zac Tendick: High School and Middle School Band

Coming out of online learning, there were several question marks at the beginning of this school year. Many school music programs around the state and country have really struggled to get back on their feet. The performing arts are just not something that can be implemented effectively in a remote capacity. We began slowly, but continually built momentum this year as things returned more and more to "normal."

As the year went on, online-only music festivals gave way to partially in-person, and then this last spring we experienced a true return to form. Our own Pleasant Hill Jazz Festival was the first "normal" festival experience that our students experienced in over two years. The festival was well attended, ran smoothly, and our own top jazz band, Solar Jazz, placed third overall in our division. Our jazz combo also placed third in their division. It was remarkable to see the hard work and dedication to music payoff for these students. Thank you to everyone that helped run the festival. It was wonderful to see it return and flourish after being on hiatus for two years.

In other exciting news, Solar Jazz has qualified for the first time to compete at the OMEA State Jazz Championships on May 20 at Mt. Hood Community College. The students are ecstatic, and I couldn't be more proud of them. We are currently working hard preparing for the performance and are hopeful that we do well.

The pandemic was long, but I'm pleased to say that our band program has survived and even thrived. We are currently preparing for some fantastic concert celebrations to finish our year, and I look forward to all the great music we will make next year. Thank you for supporting music and band in Pleasant Hill and we hope to see you at a performance next year!

Booster Club Activities & Updates

The Pleasant Hill Booster Club would like to thank all of the community members that attended the 2022 Annual Booster Auction. It was a record year! We appreciate all the support from the community in raising over \$26,000 for our two "Funds in Need."

I would also like to thank all volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it happen! We couldn't do it without you. We are always looking for volunteers for jobs big and small, so if you would like to learn more you can join our monthly meeting at the Pleasant Hill Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month (except August).

For more information, visit our website at pleasanthillboosters.com.

Again, we appreciate all of your support and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jordan
Pleasant Hill Booster Club President

Ryan Strong: Elementary Music

The elementary school has two concerts coming up! There will be a 3rd and 4th grade combined concert on May 31 at 6:30 p.m.; and a 5th grade concert on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. These concerts will be in the Blue Gym on the elementary school campus.

The students have been working hard to learn ukulele and would love to see support from around the district. We are looking forward to having more music performances from every grade level at the elementary school next school year! It has been exciting to see everyone's wonderful smiles and to work as a team to build our music program at Pleasant Hill Elementary School. I can't wait for next year!

FOOD, FRIENDS & FUN!



KIDS AND TEENS AGES 18 FIND YOUR LOCAL PROGRAMS AT SUMMERFOODOREGON.ORG

Free Summer Meals for 2022

Meals are available for persons 18 years or younger and those 19 years or older with a physical or mental disability as defined by the state AND who participates during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program.

- Meals are provided at no charge
- No income requirements apply
- Children do not need to attend school at the site where picking up meals
- Students/participants must be present to receive a meal (e.g. a parent or neighbor cannot pickup food for a child)
- Participant must remain onsite when consuming their meal (food items may not be allowed offsite)
- Multiple meals will not be served at one meal service

Find Summer Meal Sites

Each summer, free healthy meals are available to all youth 18 years old and younger. To find the nearest summer meal site, visit SummerFoodOregon.org, call 2-1-1, or text "food" or "comida" to 304-304

Food for Lane County Meal Sites: foodforlanecounty.org/find-a-meal-site/

For meals while you travel outside of Oregon over the summer, you may find a summer site in your community anywhere in the US with the Summer Meal Site Finder mapping tool. You can also text "Summer Meals" to 97779 or call 1 (866) 348-6479 to find a site near you.

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1. Mail:

Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
1320 Braddock Place, Room 334
Alexandria, VA 22314; or

2. Fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442;
or

3. Email:

FNSCIVILRIGHTSCOMPLAINTS@usda.gov

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Changes to School Meals Next Year

Due to COVID-19 waivers expiring, school meals will not be free next year, 2022-2023.

If your household income is at or below the federal guidelines below, or if your family receives food stamps, TANF, or FDIPIR, you qualify! You can apply anytime during the school year, should your situation change or in case of a short-term hardship, such as a temporary layoff.

Pleasant Hill School District participates in the Oregon Expanded Income Guidelines (EIG), so based on the income table below, a Pleasant Hill family of four with an annual income of up to \$83,250 would be eligible for free school meals in 2022-2023.

Apply to Qualify

To avoid meal charges, please complete your Free and Reduced Meal applications prior to school starting. Applications for 2022-2023 will be available online or at the district office starting July 1.

www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/school-nutrition/nsip-free-and-reduced-applications

Federal Free Meals Qualification Levels

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	17,667	1,473	737	680	340
2	23,803	1,984	992	916	458
3	29,939	2,495	1,248	1,152	576
4	36,075	3,007	1,504	1,388	694
5	42,211	3,518	1,759	1,624	812
6	48,347	4,029	2,015	1,860	930
7	54,483	4,541	2,271	2,096	1,048
8	60,619	5,052	2,526	2,332	1,166
Each add'l house member, add	6,136	512	256	236	118

Federal Reduced Price Meals Qualification Levels

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
Each add'l house member, add	8,732	728	364	336	168

Oregon's Expanded Income Guideline for Free Meals Qualification Levels*

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	40,770	3,398	1,699	1,569	785
2	54,930	4,578	2,289	2,113	1,057
3	69,090	5,758	2,879	2,658	1,329
4	83,250	6,938	3,469	3,202	1,601
5	97,410	8,118	4,059	3,747	1,874
6	111,570	9,298	4,649	4,292	2,146
7	125,730	10,478	5,239	4,836	2,418
8	139,890	11,658	5,829	5,381	2,691
Each add'l house member, add	14,160	1,180	590	545	273

* Oregon students qualify for EIG meals at no charge if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Reduced Price Meal chart.

A Letter from the PHHS Principal

It is with the utmost respect and admiration that I write this letter to our school community, our unbelievable staff, our school board and all of the wonderful people that support Pleasant Hill Schools.

I've had the great pleasure to serve as the Pleasant Hill High School principal for the past 14 years, working alongside an incredible staff, a supportive school board and community that cares deeply about fostering an environment that allows students to thrive. This culture of care is really the foundation of what the Pleasant Hill School District and community is about, and I have been fortunate to witness it every day.

So, as I move into being semi-retired, I thank our school community for taking such great care of our kids, supporting our schools, and allowing Pleasant Hill to be my home.

This is truly a wonderful place.

Best wishes,

Randy Fisher
Principal

The Pleasant Hill High School graduation ceremony will be held on the football field, Friday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. No tickets required.

A Letter from the PHES Principal

You never know what is going to happen when you challenge students to raise \$20,000 and promise to kiss a goat if they do. We couldn't have asked for a better day to hold a Jog-a-thon than April 20, the weather was just perfect.

The students far exceeded their goal to raise \$20,000. This meant I kept my promise to kiss a goat! Not only did I kiss a goat, ten of our teachers got pied in the face by a student of their choice. We witnessed our community pulling together to support Pleasant Hill schools. This year's Pleasant Hill Elementary Jog-a-Thon raised \$41,865.80! Thank you all for helping make our Jog-a-Thon a HUGE success!

As we look forward to all the enriching experiences for students that are now possible due to the success of the Jog-a-thon, it is also time to start planning for next school year. If you have not completed Spring registration for your student by visiting www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration-main please do so. If you need assistance, please call our office, (541) 736-0400 we will be more than happy to assist you.

Kindergarten registration is also open to any Pleasant Hill School District resident who has a child who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2022. You may enroll your child online at www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration, click on Kindergarten. Before your child may officially start school September 6, we will need you to provide our school with:

1. Birth Certificate for the student(s)
2. Immunization Records
3. Proof of Residency, which consists of at least one of the following:
 - Utility Bill with your name and address listed
 - Lease / Rental Agreement
 - Mortgage Statement

Before you know it, we will be saying "welcome back" and "hello" to both our returning and new families. Be watching for a postcard in the mail, mid-August, letting you know who your child's teacher will be and sharing a few great back-to-school opportunities. Until then, have a wonderful and safe summer!

Respectfully,
Devery Stoneberg
Principal

FFA & Ag Updates

First Annual Plant Sale

We were awarded a grant to purchase seeds, plants, soil, and point of sale supplies. Our Horticulture and Intro to Ag students helped plant and care for over 3,000 plants during semester 1 and 2. During this time, we learned valuable skills and greenhouse management, technical horticultural skills, marketing, and sales. We were able to offer over 35 different varieties of flowers and vegetables to our community at our first annual plant sale May 7.

We exceeded our earning goal of \$6,500, thanks to the blueberry plant donations and donations from the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation. These funds will be used towards course activities throughout the coming years. Students gained a variety of Career and Technology Education through this valuable project.

Discovery Arboretum

Months prior to working on the Discovery Arboretum, we received grants used to purchase the materials needed, such as mulch for the trail, metal for the entry sign as well as rebar for the individual plant signs. Students' time and labor was and will continue to be used to build the trails, inventory native plants, select new plants to add, design signs with the CNC machine, trail cleanup, and grant writing. Please come tour the arboretum, located behind the PHHS gym!

FFA Careers, Conventions, CTEs

More than 49 middle and high school students competed in: public speaking, farm business management, and many more events. While attending the Oregon State FFA Convention, our chapter placed in sophomore public speaking and farm business management. We will show our market animal projects at the Lane County Fair, July 20-24. Please join our market animal sale July 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Horticulture and Floriculture

Horticulture classes designed all of the senior flower bouquets for our athletic sports teams. We also created several prom corsages and will be assisting with the floral arrangements at the high school graduation. Students were able to learn floral design and business invoicing through this valuable on-site project.

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FFA & Ag Updates, continued

Community Service

Once a month, we went to every single room in the high school and collected bottles and recycling to help our maintenance, teachers, and sports teams. During our conservation efforts, we also helped our athletic department by painting the baseball and softball dugouts and maintenance buildings while learning valuable skills useful for student employment.

Ag in the Classroom

Leadership students designed curriculum and taught mini-courses in the greenhouse and arboretum. We created fun and engaging course levels to get our middle school and elementary kids excited about CTE programs and offered small take-home projects for students to continue learning at home. Thank you to **Selco Community Credit Union** Spark Grant for funding this opportunity.

CTE Storage Buildings

Using a \$7,500 grant from Weyerhouser, Mr. Smith and the advanced construction class designed and built storage buildings for our horticulture, animal science, and firefighting needs. These buildings will house a variety of supplies and SAE projects, and allow industry certification for advanced projects.

Tech Information

All students in grades 9-11 who are presently attending PHHS and are interested in a paid summer Technology Internship can pick up applications at the high school office. This position will be 15-20 hours per week, Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (flexible hours), starting the week of July 5. You will learn some new tech skills while helping our district Technology Department prepare for the 2022-2023 school year. Must have a positive attitude, rudimentary technology knowledge, and a desire to learn. Applications are due by June 6.

If your student's PHSD Chromebook is having issues, broken, or missing, please let the school know as soon as possible, so we can mitigate the issue before they are turned in for the summer. As we near the end of the term, check for any extra/loaned Chromebooks and chargers at home and turn them in. We are short by quite a lot for next year.

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