



Pleasant Hill SCHOOL DISTRICT SPRING/SUMMER 2021

A Letter from Your District Superintendent

Dear Pleasant Hill School District Community,

It's been a busy year for students, staff, and families here in the district and I wanted to reach out with a message of acknowledgement and gratitude. We have learned a tremendous amount about the importance of working together towards a goal of returning all students back to in-person learning. Pleasant Hill is one of few districts to push the boundaries and bring students back to campus in some capacity since the start of the school year in September.

Pandemic Impacts on the 2020-2021 School Year

With the combined research and guidance given by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) we now know much more about the effects of COVID-19 in schools. The Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL) guidance has allowed Pleasant Hill to develop four learning models, each having many changes within them as well. We began the school year with small cohorts in grades K-3, and have now successfully returned all grades in at least a Hybrid Learning model.

Starting with Comprehensive Distance Learning, we made our way through Limited In-Person, to Hybrid, and now In-Person Instruction. The RSSL guidance has been updated to allow several athletic activities as well. As we await further potential changes from ODE for the coming school year, we can't thank you enough for your resilience and the care you show to our students, staff, and community.

Upcoming Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year

Finally, in the coming weeks, PHSD and other districts throughout the state will be waiting for the ODE to share key potential changes for the 2021-22 school year. We anticipate an emphasis on returning to full-time in-person instruction with attention to unfinished learning, acceleration, and a renewal of what education can be to meet the needs of all of our students. As we have learned through the past year, these plans always come with the stipulation of future changes to attend due to current COVID-19 conditions and updated mitigation information. We look forward to sharing with you the latest information when it becomes available.

Respectfully,

Scott Linenberger
Superintendent



**"WHEN YOU CAN'T
CONTROL THE WIND,
ADJUST YOUR SAILS."**

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PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

Despite a year unlike any other, I'm pleased that our music programs continue to thrive. We are fortunate to teach in a community that values our music program.

At PHES, Ryan Strong has been finding creative ways to bring music to younger students online and in person. Working with students in person makes such a difference in their music education. We look forward to students experiencing a freshly renovated music room with all kinds of musical opportunities next year. Ryan is also excited to host an Elementary School Zoom Music Showcase, dates TBD.

Kyle Ludwig has been keeping students singing through distance and in-person learning via live rehearsals, recording projects, and videos. You can find them on the "Pleasant Hill Music Department" YouTube channel. Kyle is also looking forward to beginning two new classes next year for higher and lower voice ranges. All PHHS students are welcome to join, no matter their experience!

I've had the privilege of meeting with 6th grade beginners for the first time. Students have shown great enthusiasm and dedication despite delays in learning an instrument in April. The PHHS Pep Band will hopefully be able to provide school spirit to players at basketball games soon! You may hear us if you tune in on the Billies Athletic website.

All high school ensembles will perform in a Spotlight Concert on June 2. It will likely happen on the football field at 6:00 p.m. Keep an eye out for how to reserve a spot. Our middle and high school band and choir students will be performing at graduation on Friday, June 4. We look forward to bringing back the tradition of the band and choir performing together at this ceremony.

I've seen so much growth and joy amidst all of the distress and I attribute that largely to the resilient and supportive Pleasant Hill School District and community. Thank you for your support!

Zac Tendick
PHSD Band Director

A Letter from Your School Board Chair

Hello, Pleasant Hill families!

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, I think that it is safe to say we are all feeling a mixture of emotions right now. Some of us are happy that summer is on the way and looking forward to a break from the school routine. Some are feeling disappointment that our students, especially our seniors, missed out on many of their favorite activities, experiences, and traditions again this year that make Pleasant Hill a special place to be. And many are feeling optimistic that the worst days of this pandemic are behind us and that soon our students will again be able to gather, socialize, and learn without the concern of COVID.

As a parent of two Pleasant Hill students, I share all of these emotions with you. As a member of the School Board, I also am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication that the entire District staff have shown our students and this community during this very challenging school year. I am grateful for Superintendent Linenberger's steadfast leadership that resulted in our K-3 students remaining in the classroom the entire school year, while the surrounding Districts did not. I am thankful for Principal Stoneberg, Principal Fisher, and the entire Administration Team for keeping our students safe and healthy on campus, allowing in-class learning and sports to resume in February for grades 6-12 when many surrounding Districts were not ready to do so. And finally, I am inspired by the entire District staff that went the extra mile all year long to make sure that no student, online or in person, was left behind during a school year when so many were facing unprecedented challenges. I know that every member of the Pleasant Hill School Board shares these emotions with me and I hope you do too.

Finally, I want to give a special thank you to my fellow school board members for the support you have shown me over the past four years and the servant leadership that you continue to provide on behalf of Pleasant Hill's students and families. Curt Offenbacher and I will be leaving the Board at the end of June and two new members will be joining. I am convinced that Pleasant Hill's best days are still ahead and the future is bright indeed. Go Billies!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bernardo
School Board Chair

Booster Club News and Updates

The Pleasant Hill Booster Club is proud to announce that Darwin Terry is now handling all of our Social Media. We are so happy to have all of his help!

Sharie Thompson and Lora and Wayne Hazel have recently resigned as board members. They have been involved with the Pleasant Hill Booster club for MANY years and we will deeply miss their passion and energy helping the kids!

Other Updates:

- The annual Boosters Scholarship winners will be announced before graduation. We are still reviewing applications.
- An online platform is being developed for Billie Gear purchases.
- We are hoping to have our auction again in spring of 2022 and see all of you again then!

We are still having our monthly meetings via Zoom and need volunteers more than ever! Please let Jennifer Jordan know if you would like to attend meetings and get involved. You may email her at pleasanthillboosters@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and Go Billies!

PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Pleasant Hill Elementary School families,

This year has been a year filled with change. One thing that has not changed is our district-adopted goals of relationships, engagement, and literacy. Unfortunately, community members aren't able to travel the halls of PHES, due to the Ready Schools Safe Learner guidance. If you did, you would see first-hand the relationships staff and peers have built developing a supportive and safe environment for learning. You would see an incredibly dedicated staff designing engaging lessons and activities for students while striving to accelerate student learning not only in the area of literacy but across the entire curriculum.

Oregon State Assessments

With the arrival of spring also comes Oregon State Assessments for students in grades 3–5. Just like the rest of the year with a twist, the state is only requiring students to take one assessment at each elementary grade level, unless a parent requests their student take all assessments. This means the 3rd graders will be taking the English Language Arts assessment, 4th graders the math assessment and 5th graders the science assessment. May 27 has been reserved as K-8 state assessment testing day in our district. If you would prefer your student not participate, fill out the Opt-Out form located on the district website at <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/ode-2020-21-statewide-testing> and return it to school.

Encouraging Positive Habits

We appreciate our community supporting our students by encouraging them to always try and do their best, ensuring students are getting plenty of sleep each night and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day off right.

Registration for the Upcoming School Year

Although we don't know what the upcoming year will look like, this is when we start preparing. It's not too late to complete Spring registration for your student online at <https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/registration-main>. Click the returning student link to register students presently in Kindergarten through 11th grade for the upcoming school year. If you need assistance, please call our office, 541-736-0400, we will be more than happy to assist you. Families who complete the online registration process will receive a postcard in the mail around August 16th sharing who your student's teacher will be for the 2021-22 school year. If you elect not to register your student in the spring, you may complete the process in August prior to school starting.

Online registration is also available for kindergarten if your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2021. You may enroll online at <https://sites.google.com/pleasanthill.k12.or.us/pheskindergarten/home>. Before your child may officially start school September 1st, we will need you to provide our school with all required registration documents. The list of these can be found at the website as well.

Before you know it, we will be saying "hello" and "welcome back" to both our new and returning families. Until then, have a wonderful and safe summer!

Respectfully,

Devery Stoneberg

Principal, Pleasant Hill Elementary School

PLEASANT HILL EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS



For 30 years, the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation has invested over \$2.3 million into the Pleasant Hill K-12 educational community through our programs:

- Innovative Teacher Grants
- Donor-directed funding for Robotics, Community Greenhouse, CTE programming, etc.
- Scholarships for graduating seniors

This school year has been challenging and different than previous years. Thank you to the teachers, administrators, parents and students who have shown perseverance, patience, creativity and flexibility as they adapted to a constantly changing situation. This school year, we have funded nearly \$57,000 for Innovative Teacher Grants, technology, COVID-relief funds, scholarships, and donor-directed funds.

We look forward to the '21-'22 school year and hopefully celebrating our 30th anniversary with you in person!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We have many different ways to help support our mission, ranging from sponsorships, volunteering at events, serving on a committee and board membership! Contact Jennifer Anderson at janderson@phillfoundation.org.

**Congratulations to the PHHS
Class of 2021!**

PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

The amazing and resilient Class of 2021 has been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

- Arizona State University
- Boise State University
- Bushnell University
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Corban University
- Dixie State University
- George Fox University
- Grand Canyon University
- Lane Community College
- Lewis & Clark University
- Michigan Technological University
- Montana State University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwest Lineman College
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Oregon State University
- Oregon State University, Honors College
- Oregon State University, Cascades
- Southern Oregon University
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Hawaii, Manoa
- University of Oregon
- University of Oregon, Clark Honors College
- The United States Air Force Academy
- University of Portland
- Washington State University
- Whitman College
- Willamette University

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

The front office will be closed Friday, June 18 for the summer. We will be back in the office on Monday, August 9 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will continue with those hours through the school year.

ATHLETICS

For all information regarding Billies Athletics, please follow us on our website at www.billiesathletics.com.

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Pleasant Hill Middle School and High School families,

Congratulations 2021 Pleasant Hill High School graduates. We are all so very proud of you for graduating during unprecedented times. It goes without saying how resilient you have been during the pandemic and all that has happened during the past year. If you can make it through this, you can make it through anything.

So, again, congratulations to you and your family for your accomplishment of receiving your Pleasant Hill High School diploma.

So very proud,

Randy Fisher

Principal, Pleasant Hill High School and Middle School



SUMMER SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that PHHS will be offering Summer School!

Who: Grades 6-12

When: June 15-18, 21 -24, June 28 - July 1

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

High School students will focus on completing courses and credits that align with the State of Oregon's graduation requirements. The Middle School students will have opportunities for extended learning in preparation for next school year.

If you would like your student to take part in this opportunity, please contact the PHHS office at 541-747-4541.

INSTAGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHHS will continue to use our Instagram page for weekly announcements. We can be followed at [@phhsadmin](https://www.instagram.com/phhsadmin).

PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

Agriculture and FFA Updates

This year has been a challenging but rewarding year for our Ag/Natural Resources Program and FFA Chapter. Our focus was learning new ways to discover opportunities, share our knowledge and passion for Agriculture, and promote our chapter. With COVID-19 restrictions, we were conducting research, practicing newly acquired skills, and improving our communication skills.

We are proud to report that many of our Career Development Events and competitions resulted in student and/or program awards and recognitions (see below and column at right).

Thru the Trees Pacific Northwest Forestry Video Competition

Tressa Geyer and Zoey Brott- 2nd Place High School Division

Lane County Livestock Association Youth Producer of the Year

Savannah White- 1st Place Scholarship and Jacket winner

2021 Oregon Future Natural Resources Leaders Convention

Prepared Public Speaking

- Tressa Geyer 2nd State Award
- Zoey Brott 3rd State Award

Written Expression Essay

- Tressa Geyer- 4th State Award
- Zachary McGuire – 6th State Award

4th Place Team Overall—FNRL Team and Delegates

- Tressa Geyer
- Zoey Brott
- Dominic Duckett
- Zachary McGuire
- James Gordon
- Garrett Foglio
- Blake Richardson

In addition to the student awards PH Ag program received a \$4,570 grant from Oregon Natural Resources Education Foundation for a Discovery Arboretum installation and education path that will be used as a living classroom for all Pleasant Hill School District students and visitors.

Sincerely,

Angela White

FAA Advisor



PHHS student Savannah White poses in front of our new greenhouse.

FFA AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

FFA Career Leadership Events

Prepared Public Speaking

- Tressa Geyer 1st Districts, 2nd State
- Zoey Brott 2nd Districts

Beginning Job Interview

- Dakotah Johnsen 1st Districts
- Savannah White 2nd Districts

Advanced Job Interview Team

- Kloe Harris and Erin Arney

Cooperative Business Test

- Kloe Harris 1st District and State Qualifier
- Preston Nibblett 4th Districts

Farm Business Management Team 2nd Districts and 6th State

- Zoey Brott
- Tressa Geyer
- Savannah White
- Jillian Seitz

FFA Career Development Events

Horse Evaluation Team – State Participant

- Dakotah Johnsen
- Erin Arney
- Savannah White
- Kylie Dean

Meats Evaluation Team- State Participant

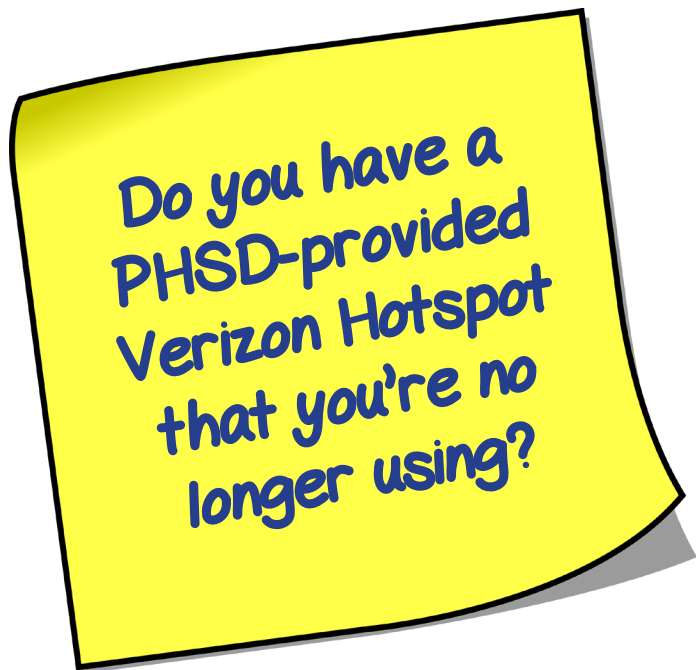
- Caden Richardson
- Blake Richardson
- Garrett Foglio
- Cameron Griffiths
- James Gordon
- Joe Arney

Floriculture Team- District Participant

- Tressa Geyer
- Zoey Brott

Vet Science Team- State Participant

- Savannah White
- Erin Arney
- Jillian Seitz
- Dakotah Johnsen



TECHNOLOGY: VERIZON HOTSPOT

It appears that either there are some who are not using their PHSD provided Verizon Hotspot, or their device is no longer functional.

Please return the Hotspot at your earliest convenience to the Pleasant Hill High School Front Office if this is the case. PHSD continues to pay for the device with monthly charges, and there are others who could use the device if it is not currently being used.

The Front Office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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