



Pleasant Hill SCHOOL DISTRICT FALL NEWSLETTER 2020

A Letter from Your District Superintendent

We are starting a new school year, and it is likely to be more challenging than any we've experienced in our lifetimes. We'd like to have all students back for on-site classroom instruction and for our K-3 students, we have been able to offer this opportunity. While our students in grades 4-12 cannot be on-site, we look forward to the day when we can reconnect in person.

I want you to know what you can expect from PHSD and how this fall will be different from last spring. Even if working from a distance, our staff has taken on the challenge to create a live connection with our students every school day. We have asked our staff to provide designated educator "class hours" to ensure consistency and access to all students and families. There must be regular opportunities for students to interact with their teachers and peers. We are offering school meals for all students whether they are on-site or using the distance learning opportunity. All of this is designed to provide what our students need to help them be successful.

PHSD school leaders have spent a lot of time over the last few months working to make sure that our schools were ready for this school year. Our staff is taking extra time to ensure they have plans in place to support each one of our students. The usual routine of school may be disrupted, but learning will not be.

We know you want to feel safe and secure, and be physically, emotionally, and mentally ready to learn, as well. As a district we are striving to continue to provide guidance that specifically addresses physical health and social, emotional, and mental wellness.

A new component PHSD will be offering in the near future is Limited In-Person Instruction. This is an opportunity for students to come on site at any grade level on a limited basis. We will use this time to address internet connectivity issues; provide academic support; administer tests, provide social, emotional, or mental health support; ensure culturally relevant and sustaining instruction and more. Limited In-Person Instruction is limited by group size with stable cohorts. Cohort groups are limited to no more than 10 students at a given time in a cohort. Students cannot be part of more than two cohorts (including transportation) in any given week. Any one staff member cannot interact with more than three cohorts in a given day and five in a week. Please reach out and contact our building principals and/or our special education director for more information.

We need your help and the help of our community to make this school year the best it can be. If something isn't working right with the learning experience, please let your teachers and principals know – and do this with grace and patience as none of us have operated school or a district in these circumstances. For students specifically, stay engaged with your school and your classmates so that everyone feels welcomed and a part of the school community. Help each other out and take advantage of the services your school offers if you need help. We know this isn't going to be easy, but your teachers, counselors, staff, and administrators are here to support you.

Finally, I want to say thank you. We know starting the school year learning from home or with partial day on-site instruction is not what any of us wanted. Until conditions improve, it's what we must do ensure the health and safety of you, your families, and for all who come on-site. This year will teach us a lot about the importance of working together for a common goal.

Respectfully,

Scott Linenberger
Superintendent

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

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PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME?

Keep Students Home If They Have These Symptoms or Illnesses:

- **Fever:** temperature by mouth greater than 100.4 degrees
- **Skin rash** or open sores
- **New cough** illness
- **Diarrhea:** 3 loose or watery stools in one day OR newly not able to control bowel movements
- **Vomiting**
- **Headache** with stiff neck and fever; OR with recent head injury
- **Jaundice:** (new) yellow color in eyes or skin
- **Red eyes or eye discharge:** yellow or brown drainage from eyes

Student May Return to School When:

- No fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.
- Rash is gone; sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage; or with orders from doctor to school nurse.
- 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.
- Redness and discharge is gone
- Symptom-free for 48 hours or with orders from doctor to school nurse.

A Letter from Your School Board Chair

Hello Pleasant Hill families. I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy.

The School Board is grateful to have begun the 2020-2021 school year recently, but circumstances sure have not made it easy to do so. Obviously, our educational program this year looks very different from one year ago. I think it is safe to say that all of us, including the School Board, Superintendent Linenberger, and every District Employee, wish that we could return to the way school was before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

We all know that our students and families want more, need more, and deserve more from their educational experience than we are able to provide at this time. We join you in the frustration, exhaustion, and concern for the future of our youth. However, we must continue to press forward and do the best we can for each and every Pleasant Hill student despite the challenges we face. We may not look back and say that this was our best school year ever, but I hope we can look back and say that we have never tried harder to give our students the best education possible. Our kids deserve nothing less.

The School Board is also grateful for the hard work and dedication that our administrative team and staff put in over the summer months to prepare for this unprecedented school year. Despite the challenges, they have absolutely made the best of this situation. Our Elementary School has been retooled to accept our youngest learners (K-3) using a modified schedule that supports in-person learning for small groups in a safe environment. We now have over 700 students (grades 4 – 12) learning completely online in a virtual environment that did not exist last school year. We continue to provide our students and families with grab-and-go meals from our amazing food service staff.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the Board voted unanimously in June to approve a \$20M operating budget for the 2020-21 school year. This budget included over \$800,000 from our reserve accounts in order to maintain staffing levels and cover additional expenses necessary to deliver our educational program amid the pandemic. Here is a quick rundown on how some of this budget has been spent:

- Over 1,000 Chromebooks distributed to support distance learning
- About 45 Cellular Hot Spots distributed to those without internet
- 6 new online curriculums purchased to support distance learning (3 at both Pleasant Hill High School & Pleasant Hill Elementary School)
- 1 new online Learning Management System (to be rolled out soon)
- 4 new electrostatic backpack disinfectant sprayers
- PPE, sanitizer, and other safety equipment for students and staff
- Over 6900 grab-and-go meals served (funded by State grant)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to our school board members by phone or email that are listed on the District website.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bernardo
School Board Chair

Good News: Library Now Open

The Middle School/High School Library is OPEN. Students can browse titles and place holds using the library system linked on the school website.

<https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/library-and-media-center>

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Free “Grab and Go” Meal Program Extended Through June 2021

Free grab-and-go meals will be available for all Pleasant Hill students and youth 18 years old and younger through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. K-3 in-person students will be offered free meals during their scheduled morning and afternoon class times.

PICKUP LOCATION

Pleasant Hill High School
Monday-Friday on scheduled school days
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adjusted Time starting November 9: 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

REMINDERS:

- There are no income requirements and no application necessary
- Parents/Guardians may pick up meals; children do not need to be present
- Follow directions posted at site. Families are required to use social distancing strategies (6 feet distance from anyone not in your household) when accessing meal site



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Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: 202.690.7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DAILY DROPOFF SCHEDULE

This year all K-3 students participating in on-site or hybrid learning should go directly to class after being dropped off by parents/guardians or the bus. Unfortunately, we do not have designated areas for students to wait in until classes start.

Morning Session

If your student attends the morning session, your student may be dropped off **no earlier than 7:50 a.m.**

Afternoon Session

If your student attends the afternoon session, your student may be dropped off **no earlier than 12:20 p.m.**

We appreciate everyone's help remembering to stay in their cars and help keep our busy drop-off and loading zones safe and efficient.

CONTACT INFO

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A Letter from the Principal

Calling all Billies, calling all Billies! Welcome back to a brand new, exciting school year! We have had a crazy start to the year, but with all the craziness we officially welcomed back 172 students participating in the K-3 hybrid, a blend of on-site and distance learning, and 239 students participating in distance learning.

I want to thank all of the community members who responded to the surveys sent out this summer. This gave us great information to move forward in the creating the operational blueprint for our school. Combined with the survey data and the assistance of both school personnel and community members we created our 2020-2021 operational blueprint. The blueprint for this school year has been submitted to the Oregon Department of Education, Lane County Public Health and a copy is available on the Pleasant Hill School District website.

In the spring of last school year, we clearly heard from families we need a better communication tool, so families didn't have to worry about logging into multiple accounts to communicate with each teacher who worked with their student. So, we looked around for a tool that would allow all the teachers and staff to be interconnected to each student they worked with, Seesaw. The Pleasant Hill Education Foundation funded a grant request to purchase a schoolwide version of Seesaw, for the purpose of parent and schoolwide communication as well as family engagement. Upon writing the operational blueprint, we discovered we are required to have a Learning Management System, LMS, to assist the teachers and staff with the delivery and management of daily instruction. We were very fortunate Seesaw is also a recognized LMS and highly recommended for use at the elementary level.

So, what does daily instruction look like this year for all of our Billies at the elementary? The staff is hard at work ensuring students receive the same high-quality instruction they have presented in the past. Students continue to receive whole group daily lessons in both reading and math either in-person or via Zoom. Teachers are implementing small group instruction providing students with assistance ranging from remediation to acceleration as well as assigning guided practice activities.

The district purchased two new programs Dreambox Math and Lexia Core 5 Reading to be used as guided practice. These programs do not replace our core state approved adopted curriculums and teacher lead lessons. The programs provide students with immediate feedback. The staff monitors a daily reports to see who has completed their guided practice, as well as feedback as to how the student is progressing towards meeting the grade level standards. Teachers are also providing instruction in other areas such as science, social studies and music.

Daily attendance is taken regardless if a student is attending hybrid instruction or receiving daily instruction via distance learning. The Oregon Department of Education is requiring all districts to provide K - 3 students with 2 hours and 20 minutes of daily synchronous, live instruction including guided and applied learning, and 2 hours 30 minutes for students in grades 4 - 5. Two hours a day are set aside for breakfast, lunch, snacks and rest breaks and our teachers have incorporated this time into the schedules they have provided families as well.

Mark your calendars! Our first set of virtual parent conferences will be held October 22-23. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your students teacher or myself.

We are looking forward to a year filled with new experiences, which we know Billies always approach with a can-do attitude as part of our Billie Spirit program of being Kind, Respectful, Responsible and Safe! The staff and I want to say thank you to our community and parents for being supportive. We couldn't do this without you!

Sincerely,

Devery Stonberg

Principal, Pleasant Hill Elementary School

PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

DISTANCE LEARNING

PHHS is off to a running start now. We are using a few different learning platforms this year to enrich our students' online learning experiences. Our staff are using Google Classroom as the landing page for all classroom instruction. From this location, our teachers will instruct students to one of the following learning platforms: APEX, SHMOOP, Delta Math, GIZMOS, or iCVES.

PHHS has an Instagram page and can be followed at @phhsadmin. On our Instagram page, there are links to the previously mentioned websites for parents and students to learn more. Updates will go out on Instagram weekly as needed.

Teachers are conducting live synchronous instruction in the mornings with ZOOM meetings Monday through Thursday. During the afternoons, teachers are available for small group support by Zoom Meeting and students are able to reach out to teachers by email or phone. Our teaching staff continually look to improve and adapt to online distance learning. Stay tuned for more updates!

(by Assistant Principal Brandon Haberly)

ATTENDANCE

If your middle or high school student will be absent for any part of the school day, call the PHHS Front Office at 541.747.4541.

ATHLETICS

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

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A Letter from the Principal

Welcome students, parents, and community to the 2020-2021 school year at Pleasant Hill High School!

Without question, the start of the school year without students in the building has been the most challenging that I have experienced in 30 years of my career. I am sure that parents and students feel the same. What I also know is that with challenge often comes success, once we have solved the nagging issues that we are all experiencing.

We are up for that challenge and can assure you that the entire staff at Pleasant Hill High School from the front office, to teachers and educational assistants, to administrators are committed to making this year the absolute best experience it can possibly be. We will get through this together as we look forward to the day that kids once again occupy the hallways of Pleasant Hill High School.

Thank you and be safe.

Go Billies,

Randy Fisher

Principal, Pleasant Hill High School and Middle School

COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

To stay current with what's happening in the counseling office, be sure to check out the PHHS Counseling Blog at <https://phhscounseling.blogspot.com/>.

Senior Meetings have started! Email Ms. Ruiz at cruiz@pleasanthill.k12.or.us to schedule your half-hour meeting. Parents are welcome to join!! Job shadowing, mentorships, and virtual tours of local manufacturing companies are all being offered through ELEVATE Lane County.



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by Connected Lane County

Fall 2020 Calendar

WWW.ELEVATELANECOUNTY.ORG

Manufacturing Mondays [Register Here](#)
STARTS OCTOBER 5th
Join us for live virtual tours of local manufacturing companies. You'll get an inside look at their facilities, tools, and what you can do to start your career in manufacturing!

Tour Tuesdays [Register Here](#)
We'll be hosting virtual tours on these Tuesdays during the fall. Each tour will be followed by a panel with industry professionals! From 2 to 3 pm on these dates.

Date	Company
September 22	Johnson Crushers International
September 29	Riverbend Materials
October 6	Urban Lumber
October 20	Emerald Broadband
October 27	Oregon Pacific Bank
November 3	State Farm (Fri: this tour will be entirely in Spanish)
November 17	East West Tea Co.

Mentorships [Apply Now](#)
Interested in pitching a project idea? We'll match you with an industry mentor and fund the cost of supplies for it!
Applications due Thursday, October 1st

Working Wednesdays [Register Here](#)
Short webinars designed to teach useful life and career skills, hosted by industry experts. From 2 to 3 pm on these dates.

Date	Topic
September 23	Adaptability
September 30	Solution Mindset
October 7	Collaboration
October 21	Communication
October 28	Empathy & Social Diversity
November 4	Entrepreneurial Mindset
November 18	Self Awareness

Oct. 12-23 Job Shadow Placement Week
High School Students — Apply for a Virtual Job Shadow and we'll place you in an industry you're interested in!
APPLY BY SEPT. 28 [Apply Now](#)

Oct. 20-30 Career Expo
Middle School Students — Come to a virtual expo of local industries, career paths, and interactive demos of workplaces in Lane County!

Are you a student who needs access to CTE supplies or help with internet connectivity? Contact info@connectedlaneounty.org to let us know!

(by Cheryl Ruiz and Kathy Duval)

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF FOR 2020

Ms. Jill Marie Pallin

ATHLETIC TRAINER, TEACHING HEALTH SCIENCE, BODY SYSTEMS, ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY, MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Ms. Pallin grew up working with chickens and sheep on the Pallin Family Farm on Lost Creek Road. She loved school and was active in many clubs and activities. A volleyball injury during her freshman year led to surgery and a long rehabilitation process. This injury gave her a lifelong interest in healing from sports injuries.

Ms. Pallin enrolled at Oregon State University to study Animal Science and Agriculture Science with an aim for Veterinary School. However, her plans changed and she became an athletic trainer at OSU before transferring to University of New Mexico to study Athletic Training. She then went on to graduate from Oklahoma State. Jill has worked at multiple high schools, got married, and had three kids. Then, in 2009, she moved to Salem.

She did a lot of substituting and worked as an Educational Assistant in the Salem Keizer district until getting a job teaching at George Fox University for two years. After losing her son in a tragic accident and her daughters grew up and moved out, she decided to return to her folks' farm in Dexter. At the same time, the Athletic Trainer position opened up in Pleasant Hill. She is delighted to be a part of her Alma Mater and serving as a teacher and trainer.

CLAIM TO FAME: Billie Class of 1983

PASSIONS: Helping athletes get back to health as quickly and safely as possible, showing Southdown sheep and Bantam chickens, and her family

Ms. Teala Diester

SPECIAL EDUCATION, GRADES 8, 9, 10

Ms. Diester grew up in Lebanon, Oregon, where she appreciated teachers she could easily connect with. She was involved in several extracurricular activities at Lebanon High School, including STARS, Key Club, soccer, and track. She attended the University of Oregon with the intent to be an elementary school teacher where she fell in love with Special Education.

Ms. Diester describes herself as laid-back, supportive by nature, and can relate well with her students. Her goal is to help kids feel like they can achieve anything and to give them the proper tools in school to do so. She loves traveling, Disneyland, and her two Pit Bulls, Harper and Chucho.

CLAIM TO FAME: Coordinated the Mr. & Miss Thurston High School Pageant twice



Ms. Michelle Dodson-Olson

ALGEBRA, 7TH-8TH GRADE MATH

Ms. Dodson-Olson graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1996. In high school, she played volleyball and ran track, did well in her classes, had a diverse group of friends, and stayed very busy. In her time off, she volunteered with the Special Olympics. After graduating with a degree in Geology from Southern Oregon University, Ms. Dodson-Olson moved to South Korea to teach English. Her love for maps and oceanography led her to sign up with the Planetary Coral Reef Foundation working on a research boat. She became adept at Scuba diving and traveled throughout the South Pacific. A highlight of her travels was seeing a volcano erupt in the island of Rabaul, the headquarters of the Japanese army during the last battle of WWII.

After that adventure, Michelle returned to California for Sci-Con, a science and conservation program for 6th graders. Deep down, Ms. Dodson-Olson knew she wanted to teach science. An untimely rock-jumping injury led her to apply to Pacific University for a one-year Master of Arts in Teaching Science endorsement. Briggs Elementary then hired her to teach math, but not science.

At her 10th year high school class reunion, she reconnected with classmate and 7th grade crush Allen Olson and rekindled their romance. They are now married and have two children, Trevor (9) and Gracie (7).

Ms. Dodson-Olson is planning to start a travel club and coach middle school volleyball. She also wants kids to know that she is "very sarcastic" but that she cares tremendously and is always available to help; Math does not have to be hard, students just have to ask questions.

CLAIM TO FAME: Explored sunken WW II submarine while Scuba-diving at Truk Lagoon

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF FOR 2020

Ms. Emma Castle

8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES, ENGLISH (WRITING, READING, LITERATURE), AND US HISTORY FROM PRE-CONTACT THROUGH CIVIL WAR

Ms. Castle is a graduate of Philomath High School and has degrees from the University of Oregon in History and Art History. She was inspired to teach by her favorite teachers in school, and has a passion for teaching many subjects.

Ms. Castle loves the outdoors in the summer, hiking, swimming, and camping. When stuck inside, she likes to perfect her baking skills (ask her about her French Macarons). She also likes to play Cribbage because its rhythm allows for conversation. Ms. Castle considers her music taste to be eclectic; she enjoys alternative country artists like Orville Peck, as well as rapper Megan Thee Stallion.

At home, she has a cat named Mozart and a Chihuahua named Edie, who she considers a drama queen. She loves ice cream, which she describes as a “staple” food item.

Ms. Castle wants students to know that, even though she might look like she has a “mean face,” she is actually very friendly. She enjoys the cleverness of students when they express their thoughts and emotions.

CLAIM TO FAME: Loves spreadsheets and is super organized

Mr. Brandon Haberly

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PLEASANT HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Haberly grew up and attended Cottage Grove schools and even played football against teams coached by Mr. Fisher, whom he teasingly describes as a “phenomenal head coach.” He was active in the Lion King Pageant and developed a love for world cultures and language study.

After graduating from CGHS he travelled to China to teach English and helped develop a successful curriculum for the teaching of Chinese English teachers. He returned home to attend college, get married, then returned to China with his wife, and eventually returned to the US to enroll in an Administration program.

His first job as an administrator was Principal of a Yup'ik school in the remote town of Akiak, Alaska. Almost all 405 students were members of the Yup'ik people whose families relied heavily on what they could hunt and harvest from the land and sea. Mr. Haberly tried to introduce courses that offered the students practical opportunities, including creating a store to raise money for hunting and fishing activities. His students also learned about flying, operating heavy equipment and cooking healthy meals.

Last spring, Mr. Haberly moved home. He now has a family with four young children, making him a busy man. His worldwide experience, his can-do attitude, and his goal to help students achieve their biggest dreams and aspirations landed him the Middle School Assistant Principal position at PHSD. Now he will be leading students through the strangest year in our history and he is ready to tackle anything.

CLAIM TO FAME: Principal of Akiak School, Yup'ik, Alaska and had to shut down school once because of prowling brown bear

Ms. Kaitlyn Michlanski

5TH GRADE TEACHER

Ms. Michlanski grew up in Pleasant Hill and graduated in 2015. She went on to earn her Bachelor and Master Degrees in Education at the University of Oregon. Her first year of teaching was in 4J School District with Kindergarten, but coming back to Pleasant Hill someday was the dream goal.

Ms. Michlanski loves hiking, spending time with family, and going to Disneyland. Her favorite holiday is Christmas because of the food, music, and family traditions. Some of her favorite movie series include Star Wars, Harry Potter, and The Avengers.

Her mission as a teacher is about helping all kids learn to love school and love learning. She is committed to supporting her students through distance learning this year and all of the challenges that are to come.

CLAIM TO FAME: Hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon twice, as well as the top of Mt. St. Helens

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF FOR 2020

Ms. Amanda Krumdieck-Moch

SPECIAL EDUCATION, GRADES 6, 7

Ms. Krumdieck-Moch is happy to be at PHHS where she went to school and graduated from. She had a great time in school, and now has a mission to help kids navigate through middle school. She worked after getting a Masters at UO at The Child Center, a day-treatment mental health center in Bethel School District. Her experiences at The Child Center included helping kids work through emotional and mental health challenges. She loves kids and has an easy sense of humor and loads of patience and compassion.

Ms. Krumdieck-Moch married her husband Vince Moch, who was a classmate of hers at Pleasant Hill. At first, she wasn't a fan of Vince; however, he was crazy about her. They now have two kids, Alexis (9) and Levi (7).

CLAIM TO FAME: Married her high school sweetheart, Class of 2007

Ms. Jessi Goble

SPECIAL EDUCATION, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3

Ms. Goble was born and raised in Northern Idaho where she was highly involved with a variety of horse activities. Through horse 4-H she quickly discovered to passion for teaching specifically working with children and adults with disabilities. After graduating from University of Idaho she moved to Connecticut to receive her Therapeutic Riding Certification. Upon returning to Idaho, she taught at Head Start. It was during this time, she determined to get her Master's in Special Education. Ms. Goble attended the University of Oregon and received her Special Education degree and certification for children aged birth through 8th grade.

Ms. Goble is excited to share her silliness, humor, high energy, and enthusiasm after six years working in Special Education (and beyond). She is looking forward to working in a district that reminds her of her hometown education and has so many music opportunities. Ms. Goble will happily talk with anyone who asks (or doesn't) about her Golden Retriever named Cayenne, horses, music and Harry Potter. She encourages you to reach out and talk with her!

CLAIM TO FAME: Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor through PATH International

PLEASANT HILL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PLEASANT HILL EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are pleased to announce that this school year we will be celebrating 30 years of working with our community to raise funds for the students of the Pleasant Hill School District. Funds raised go towards Innovative Teacher Grants, robotics, music programs and other donor directed funds that help us inspire education, enhance teaching and create opportunities for all students. While this year may look different . . . we are here to support students and teachers have the best year possible.

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 Jennifer Anderson at janderson@phillfoundation.org for more information or visit www.phillfoundation.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

January 2021

Virtual Bingo

Summer 2021

30th Anniversary Celebrations

Postponed until 2021-2022 school year

**Breakfast on the Hill
Casino Nights**

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Music Program Updates & News

The show must go on, even during a pandemic!

The performing arts are heavily reliant on in-person, group gatherings. Much like a team sport, there is only so much one can do on their own when studying music. It is an art form that must be shared and experienced in a physical space, together. Music, band, and choir, foster the social-emotional health of our students. Now, more than ever, our students crave the comradery and community that music in our schools provides.

Even though it will be in a very limited capacity, Kyle Ludwig and I are happy to inform you that we will be holding rehearsals for some of our music ensembles this year. We are taking every precaution to provide environments that are clean, safe, and socially distanced. By following all of the guidelines set before us, we are excited to provide a place where students will connect with their peers, develop their musical skills, and make music together. There might even be the possibility of some broadcasted performances. Stay tuned and hopefully we will be welcoming you to a streamed concert or two this year!

In addition to these rehearsals, we are constantly implementing online learning and practice tools for our students. We will be using an online platform called MusicFirst that will allow students to practice, submit, and be assessed in real time what they are practicing for class. They will also have access to sight-reading and other music making tools through this software suite. We are looking forward to implementing it for all of our band, choir, and even elementary music students.

Speaking of elementary, I am ecstatic to welcome Ryan Strong (Pleasant Hill Elementary School) to join our music department. Ryan recently graduated from the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance, and is ready to serve our elementary music students. He is looking forward to providing them with musical opportunities both online and in person for the younger grades that are able to attend school physically. Kyle and I are happy to have him on board and we are grateful that our district continues to support the musical education of our students.

Even in these crazy times we are happy and thankful to teach and work with the exceptional young people in our community. Thank you again for your support and we hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Zac Tendick

Pleasant Hill Music

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Smith

**APRIL 29, 1933 -
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

Pleasant Hill School District has lost one of its own. Paul Leroy Smith moved from Kansas to Pleasant Hill in 1936 as a toddler, and graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1951. He met his wife Edith in high school, and they lived together in the house they built in Jasper for the past 52 years.

Over the years, Paul served on the Pleasant Hill Budget Committee, bond committees, and on the School Board. He was an avid sports fan who supported his children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as all Pleasant Hill athletes. He helped out the District by coaching t-ball, basketball, and baseball, and was instrumental in fund-raising for the football stadium, bleachers, and lighting. Paul knew our District well and was generous with his advice to a succession of superintendents. It was his idea to celebrate our most improved student each month.

The Pleasant Hill School District owes Paul a debt of gratitude. He will be missed.

Latest Information on Agriculture and FFA Programs

Agriculture Education and FFA continues to grow and develop at PHHS. Our classes are full and we have added one Middle School class targeting students wanting to have market animals or FFA projects to be shown at the Lane County Fair and State Fair. If students are interested in joining this class, please contact Ms. White ASAP. FFA students must be enrolled in a minimum of one Ag class per year and complete the registration process by October 15.

Our Career Development Events will look different this year, but education continues in most project areas. Participants are still eligible for awards and scholarships. With Distance Learning in place, Agriculture Students will have an at-home Supervised Agriculture Experience. We are seeking recent graduates, parents, and community members for the new Alumni Group. Interested parties should contact President Nancy Geyer at nancygeyer01@gmail.com or attend our Pleasant Hill High School FFA Fall Official Business meeting. The first meeting was held virtually on Friday, October 9, and we encourage all students, parents, and alumni to attend future meetings. A link for these meetings will be posted at a later time.

The District Greenhouse continued progress in 2020. Specialized tables and LED grow lights were purchased with High School Success funds this spring. We also acquired a large weight scale, weather station software, and other essential equipment with our Pathways and Perkins CTE Funds. Our Greenhouse was also awarded a \$10,000 Chambers Family Foundation Grant to help with completing security fencing and a small equipment building. Faculty continues to work on additional grants and funding this year.

The cancellation of the Lane County Fair made for a challenging time in our Market Animals and Lane County Fair Projects. Thank you to all the community members and businesses that supported students in animal purchases and contributions to the Lane Youth Ranchers campaign. This successful program generated funds to give each of our Market Animal students a \$365 kicker check. I am so thankful for the professional and financial support of our Agriculture and FFA Programs.

Contact Ms. White at awhite@pleasanthill.k12.or.us or 541-207-2184 for more information.

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