

A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear PHSD Community:

I am very excited to be serving you as the Interim Superintendent of Pleasant Hill School District for the 2022-2023 school year. I am currently in my 27th year as an Oregon educator and starting my 20th year as a school administrator. I have spent the last 24 years with Springfield Public Schools serving as a teacher, coach, school administrator and in my most recent position as a district office administrator (Assistant Director of Human Resources).

I was born and raised in Oakridge, Oregon, so I am very familiar with the rich cultural history, traditions, and pride that exists in the rural school districts of Lane County and, in particular, Pleasant Hill and I cannot wait to immerse myself into your community.

My wife, Stephanie, and I have three boys: Cade, Nolan, and Eli. Cade is a Junior at Bushnell University studying biology and playing baseball, Nolan will be starting his freshman year at Oregon State University studying engineering, and Eli is a junior at Thurston High School. We are a very active family that can normally be found at a baseball field, floating a river, or on the ski slopes.

The 2022-2023 school year brings with it much hope and expectation as we continue our return to in-person events while maintaining our vigilance for safety so that our students, staff, and visitors are well taken care of.

My 'WHY' is to provide an educational environment where our students feel safe to explore their boundaries as they grow and mature while also being pushed to meet and exceed academic expectations so that they are prepared to be productive, compassionate citizens no matter where their post-secondary experiences take them. To complete this mission, we have to work together on their behalf. We have to model and maintain cooperative partnerships in order to ensure that every Pleasant Hill student finishes the school year having maximized their achievement and individual growth.

I look forward to getting to know and serve the wonderful students, staff, and stakeholders that make up Pleasant Hill Schools and community. Time is of the essence and we are off and running to ensure that the short time we have to make everything possible for our students is a success. It is a pleasure to be able to work and serve the Pleasant Hill community and I look forward to reflecting on the great accomplishments to come.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to us,

Sincerely,

Oim Crist
Interim Superintendent

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BUDDIES PROGRAM

The Buddies Program is back! K-3 parents, if you feel your student may be struggling socially, academically, or in any other way, this may be a great opportunity for them! Or they might benefit from a short classroom break once a week to socialize with older students. Our buddies program matches up middle school and high school students with our K-3 students. They meet weekly during the school day in the Community Center to play games, do activities, and learn positive behaviors from older students. We also host parties for our families and attend fun field trips. If you are interested in signing your child up for this program, please reach out to ROMP Coordinator Allicia Knox at aknox@pleasanthill. k12.or.us or call or text (541) 285-8652.

A LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear PHSD Community:

At the start of the new school year, many people may have noticed that in addition to all of the new student faces, the Pleasant Hill staff has a lot of new faces. The School Board would like to welcome the new staff members and all new students to Pleasant Hill.

After the unexpected resignation of Superintendent Linenberger this summer, the Board enlisted the help of the Oregon School Boards Association to find an Interim Superintendent. The position was widely advertised and drew several very qualified applicants. A screening committee of community members, staff and the Board was established to review the applications. In-person interviews were conducted with the top five candidates. We are happy to introduce Jim Crist as Pleasant Hill's new Interim Superintendent.

Jim, as well as new administrators, High School Principal Garth Gerot, Athletic Director/ Assistant High School Principal Kyle McClain, and Assistant Middle School Principal Caleb Salmond are enthusiastically working their new jobs. I believe our team of new and seasoned staff will continue to grow the positive culture at Pleasant Hill. However, we know that there is always room for improvement as we all strive to provide the best educational experience for our kids as possible. With some normalcy returning to schools, ground lost to the pandemic can be regained.

With Pleasant Hill's strong community support, I am optimistic about the future. Thank you.

Sincerely, John Oldham Board Chair

UPDATES ON OUR MUSIC PROGRAMS

PHES MUSIC (RYAN STRONG)

What a wonderful start of the school year! In music class at the elementary school, we have been spending our time learning songs and how to use and play our classroom instruments. I am ecstatic about our upcoming winter concert on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. where every grade will be performing holiday-themed songs for our community. Keep an eye out for announcements about this performance from me. It is a privilege to serve the Pleasant Hill community and the families here. I am looking forward to another great school year! Go Billies!

MS/HS CHOIR (KYLE LUDWIG)

The Choir Department is in full swing for fall/winter. Ascensions, the advanced jazz ensemble, sang for the first official University of Oregon hockey game. In addition, this year Ascensions will be traveling with the band to go to the Reno Jazz Festival in Nevada. Our first fundraiser will be Wednesday, December 7 at Roaring Rapids Pizza Co. in Springfield, and the Winter Choir Concert will be Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Student Center. The choir department will also be performing locally as we enter into the winter season. Connect with us by following our Facebook page or Instagram at Pleasant Hill Choir Department.

CLOSURES, DELAYS, AND SNOW/ICE BUS ROUTES

During inclement weather conditions,

portions of Pleasant Hill School District bus routes may become inaccessible to school buses or school may be cancelled. Information on the changes to bus routes is available on our website at: https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/transportation/route-changes-weather

When the district makes a change to the school schedule or bus routes, it is communicated as quickly as possible in several ways:

- Blackboard will send an alert.
- Check FlashAlert at http://www.flashalert.net/news.
 <a href="http://
- Tune in to local news media.
- Check our website.

In the event that bus routes are operating on a 2-hour delay, students will be picked up 2 hours later than their normal pick-up time. When the district switches to snow routes, students will not be transported to and from their regular bus stop, but can use the alternate stop closest to them.

MS/HS BAND (ZAC TENDICK)

Band is busy as ever with seven instrumental ensembles in full swing. We had great turnout with beginners in 6th grade, and the other middle school groups have been falling into a rhythm as well. The Pep Band is the largest I've had yet at Pleasant Hill and students are bringing energy and great music to athletic events. The high school groups are hard at work preparing for upcoming performances such as the annual assembly honoring veterans on November 9. Our first music festival will be the McKay High School Jazz Festival in Salem on December 3. Our first school band concert of the year is on Thursday, December 15, and will feature all band students grades 6-12.

CHANGES TO THE FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023

Due to COVID-19 waivers expiring, school meals are no longer free for all students unless your household qualifies. To avoid meal charges, please complete your Free and Reduced Meal applications now. Applications are available online or in school/district offices.

https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/school-nutrition/nslp-free-and-reduced-applications

If your household income is at or below the federal guidelines below, or if your family receives food stamps, TANF, or FDPIR, you qualify! You can apply anytime during the school year, should your situation change or in case of a short-term situation, such as a temporary layoff. Pleasant Hill School District participates in the Oregon Expanded Income Guidelines (EIG). Check the income table guidelines to see if you may qualify. This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Oregon National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

Federal & Oregon Expanded Income Guidelines (EIG)¹

Effective School Year 2022-23: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Federal Free Meals

Participants may qualify for free meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

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 household member add	6,136	512	256	236	118

Federal Reduced Price Meals

Participants may qualify for reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

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 household member add	8,732	728	364	336	168

Oregon Expanded Income Guideline (EIG)

Oregon students may qualify for EIG meals at no charge² if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart and above the limits on the Federal Reduced Price Meal chart.

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 household member	14,160	1,180	590	545	273

¹ EIG only applies to NSLP and SBP and not all Child Nutrition Programs

 2 Available through SSA funding. CNPWeb must document the selection to participate in EIG.

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Email: program.intake@usda.gov

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Many parents / guardians often ask how they may best help their child be successful in school. The following is a piece of research I found from The Parent Institute:

- When schools partner with families to support learning, students tend to succeed not
 just in school, but throughout life.
- One of the most accurate predictors of student's achievement in school is the extent to which a student's family is able to create a home environment that encourages learning and expresses high expectations for their child's achievement.
- Students from homes with involved family members get higher grades, test scores, have better attendance, higher graduation rates and enrollment in college.
- When there is strong parent involvement, schools and communities reap the benefit
 of increased instruction time, higher student achievement, and stronger collaborative
 relationships.
- When parents are involved in their children's education at home, their children do better in school.
- When parents are involved at school, their children go farther in school, and instructional quality in the school increases.

Therefore, we, the staff of Pleasant Hill Elementary, are asking you to do four things this year:

- 1. Each day take a few minutes to ask your child about their day at school.
- 2. We, the staff of Pleasant Hill Elementary, are partners with you, working to assist your child in being successful. Therefore, don't hesitate to talk with your child's classroom teacher about any concerns as well as successes. If I can be of assistance, also feel free to contact me, Mrs. Stoneberg either at (541) 736-0498 or dstoneberg@pleasanthill.k12.or.us.
- 3. Make reading 20 minutes nightly a priority within your family. To assist with this task as a school we are On the Road to Read 1,000,000. Our goal is to read 1,000,000 minutes before the end of the school year. If your students read at least 300 minutes they will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into monthly drawings for Billie Book Vending Machine tokens, Billie Gear, and gift certificates.
- 4. Make daily attendance a priority. Daily attendance has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten continuing through high school.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But we also know when students miss too much school, regardless of the reason it can cause them to fall behind academically and feel less socially connected becoming discouraged.

Students are less likely to succeed if they are chronically absent, which means missing 18 days or more during the school year. Research shows:

- Students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your students to be in school daily. We want every student to be successful!

Respectfully,

Devery Stoneberg

Principal

PHES BILLIES ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Absences add up quickly. A student is chronically absent if they miss two days every month! We don't want our students to fall behind and feel discouraged.

So, we have put together a PHES Billie School-wide Attendance Incentive program this year.

WEEKLY:

- Each class with 90% or greater attendance will receive a Billie Attendance Banner for their door.
- The K-2, primary, and 3rd -5th, intermediate, grade class with the highest weekly percentage of attendance will be recognized during our weekly announcements.

MONTHLY:

 The primary and intermediate class with the highest percentage of attendance will get to participate in an extra PE class. Congratulations to Mrs. Craig's class for October and Mrs. Smith's class for September!

QUARTERLY:

- Students with perfect attendance will be recognized at a Billie Spirit awards assembly.
- Students will receive a Billie's Attendance certificate and a pencil, sticker, or a brag tag.

CTE PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND ACTIVITIES

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the Career and Technology programs at PHHS. The program and student success is made possible by donation of resources from parents, business partners, and our amazing community. Here are some highlight from our CTE projects, Career Events, and FFA Activities to date.

CTE PROJECTS FUNDED BY GRANTS

In April 2022 the Ag/Horticulture program attained grants and private funding to construct storage sheds for the program. Our advanced construction class with help from local business volunteers completed the shed construction this fall. These sheds will house a variety of equipment needed for the Fire Fighting II Certification Course, Horticulture, Animal Science, FFA, and Supervised Agriculture Experience Projects. We would like to thank Wilco, Weyerhaeuser, C&E Rental, Larson Family Foundation, and many others for giving us time and financial resources to complete this project.

Last spring, the Ag CTE team received a grant to upgrade the metals and fabrication shop to include a new Arc Light Plasma CNC Table. Advanced Students will be able to have some cross training on both our Wood Laser CNC machines and our CNC Plasma table to produce high quality projects. Once installed, students will learn design, programing, and how to custom create template allowing for high quality production and industry aligned skills development. Some student projects will be donated back to the Pleasant Hill Education Foundation for auction.

In 2022-2023, the Advanced Construction course will participate in a Transitional Housing Project through LESD in conjunction with several other Lane County business and contractors to provide temporary housing in Lane County. These 8 'x16' homes will be built from scratch in our wood shop, assembled at the school, and transported to locations in Lane County. Students work alongside licensed contractors to complete the electrical and finishing work. All construction classes will participate in building 40 bed kits for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization specializing in providing beds for foster children and other children in need. We are pleased to provide our students with opportunities to develop career skills while making a lasting positive impact on our local community.

SUMMARY OF FFA AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (CDE)

On October 10, the PHHS FFA hosted the first official meeting of the year and met with many new families and members about the resources, benefits, and chapter membership opportunities. 187 AG/ Natural Resource students are affiliate FFA members and can participate in a wide range of CDE's throughout the year. Our Executive officers are busy writing grants, making community appearances, and networking with Chapter members to start committees and plan for a great 2022-2023 year.

Our High School FFA Executive Office Team attended The Upper Willamette District Leadership Retreat hosted by the Oregon State FFA Officers on Sept 14-15. Students learned valuable skills on conducting business meetings, developing a Program of Activities, networking with other officers around the Upper Willamette Valley, and gained experience in leadership activities. Our Chapter competed in the Business Meeting Procedures Career Development Event and performed well.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Things at Pleasant Hill Middle and High School are moving at a breakneck speed and continue to evolve. Here are a few highlights of what's been happening:

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Pleasant Hill Middle School students have been engaged in multiple activities related to creating a positive learning environment for all students. Teachers have walked students through a behavior expectations slideshow for the various areas on campus. Also, both middle school and high school students recently participated in an advisory lesson related to being a bystander vs. an upstander. As we continue this work, we hope to create a culture and climate at Pleasant Hill where all students feel they belong and know how to reach out for help if needed.

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

A huge thank you to all who helped during outdoor school. All sixth graders, along with thirty high school students spent four days and three nights at Grove Christian Camp outside of Cottage Grove learning about the natural world and most importantly, learning about themselves! Students learned Earth Sciences by participating in hands-on nature activities. Students also developed leadership, critical thinking and social skills while being exposed to scientific inquiry and applied learning.

Respectfully, *Garth C. Gerot*Principal

CTE PROGRAMS, CONTINUED

Thirty-one 7th and 8th grade PHHS Middle School Ag/FFA Students competed in an Ag Olympics Event Hosted by Scio High School FFA on September 22. The students were asked questions and to perform evaluations on 10 Agricultural areas. Several of our students earned perfect scores or were top contestants in knowledge areas. We had 6 students finish in the top 12 out of 198 competitors grades 7-9. The Pleasant Hill Education Foundation funded this Middle school trip, which allowed students to explore FFA



(FFA Executive Office Team)

membership and careers in Agriculture.

PHHS FFA attended the Upper Willamette Soils Career Development Event October 5th with 14 High School Students. This was the first time PHHS FFA took a team to this event and learned some new skills associated with Soils ID and Conservation.

FUTURE FFA WINTER EVENTS

Our students and FFA Chapter are preparing for Winter activities including Ag Sales, Food Science, Job Interview, Ag Mechanics, Chapter Leadership Conference, Willamette Valley Ag Expo Career Day, FFA State Officer visit, and hosting industry guest speakers. If you have questions or would like to learn more about our PHHS CTE programs contact Angela White, FFA Advisor, at awhite@pleasanthill.k12.or.us.

PLEASANT HILL ATHLETICS

Fall sports kicked off the 2022-2023 school year with immediate success.

HS Football, under new head coach Jeremiah Heacock, snapped a year-long losing streak with three wins to kick off the season against Cottage Grove, Salem Academy and Harrisburg.

HS Volleyball, under head coach Jessica Crawford, is currently ranked #2 in the state in 3A. Most notably, the Billies defeated #1 Sisters in a 5-set thriller at home and beat #3 Horizon Christian at the Riverhawk Invitational at UCC.

HS Boys Soccer, under head coach Ryota Sugitani, secured a playoff bid. Senior Adrian Arellano made history for the Billies when he scored his 85th career goal, breaking the all-time Oregon career goals record.

HS Girls Soccer, under head coach Chris Hammond. The Billies earned another playoff bid with a top three finish in league.

HS Cross Country, under head coach
Beth Sprague, is preparing for their
District Championships at Lane Community
College. They are looking to qualify a
large number of runners for the State
Championships. The boys team is currently
ranked 6th in the district and the girls
team is currently ranked 3rd in the district.

MS sports are wrapping up. The Billies saw a lot of success in volleyball, cross country and football. The future is bright for the Billies!

Sincerely,

Kyle McClain

Assistant Principal Athletic Director Pleasant Hill High School

UPDATES FROM THE PLEASANT HILL BOOSTERS

I want to thank all the teams and volunteers that make it possible for us to staff the Concessions and Apparel Trailer during the sports games that are played on our home turf. We could not provide these services that people have come to rely on without your help! Please let us know if you are interested in running concessions as a fundraiser; there are many opportunities to do so!

We are excited to announce that we will be selling track signs again! You can reach out via the Pleasant Hill Booster email or get more information on our website. This is a great opportunity for small businesses to advertise on the track while helping the Pleasant Hill Booster Club and the athletes we support.

Update on the Fund in Need (stadium and gymnasium audio upgrades). Due to major supply chain issues, this project has been delayed getting started. We are hoping to see the parts soon so the project can begin!

There is talk about adding some Pickle Ball Lines to the tennis court. Sue Doe is working with the Pleasant Hill Booster Club and high school staff to make this happen. If you have any input or would like to help with this project in any way please let us know.

SAVE THE DATE

Our 2023 auction is scheduled for April 29, 2023 at the Emerald Valley Golf Club in Creswell. We look forward to seeing you there!

Want to get involved? We have a variety of different ways to get involved ranging from donating, sponsorships, volunteering at events, serving on a committee and board membership. Please contact us a PleasantHillBoosters@gmail.com or go to the website pleasanthillboosters.com.

You can also come to a meeting. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Pleasant Hill Community Center. We would love to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jordan Pleasant Hill Booster Club President

PLEASANT HILL EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

The Pleasant Hill Education Foundation (PHEF) kicked off the new school year with our 30th Anniversary Mardi Gras Celebration held August 27. This event raised over \$51,000!

Thanks to our community's generosity, PHEF launched a new initiative: the 3-RE Funding Program. This program supports projects and programs that will REengage, RE-invigorate, and RE-energize students. COVID-19 restrictions hurt many of our school-based clubs and activities; some clubs and activities with strong pre-COVID participation had dissolved by the 2021-2022 school year. Through the 3-RE program, we hope to rebuild Pleasant Hill's tradition of offering diverse, schoolbased enrichment and extracurricular activities as well as enhancing school and community spirit. 3-RE funding is open to all Pleasant Hill School District administrators, teachers, staff, and student groups. You can find the 3-RE application on PHEF's website (phillfoundation.org) under the "Grants" tab.

What is PHEF? Founded in 1991 by a group of caring parents, PHEF's mission is to partner with the Pleasant Hill School District, our community, and our alumni to support projects and programs that inspire learning, enhance teaching, and create opportunities for every student. Here are ways you can support PHEF:

- Join our board!
- Make a donation!
- Become a sponsor!
- Follow us on social media at philleducationfoundation (Instagram);
 pleasanthillfoundation (Facebook).

For more info, please contact Cindy Fitzpatrick at fitzcindy4@gmail.com.

A LETTER FROM THE PHES PTO

The Pleasant Hill Elementary PTO is so excited for the 2022-2023 school year! We are going bring back some events we haven't been able to pull off in the last couple of years. Our White Elephant Sale will be back this year! This is an event where the kids can use their Billie Bucks to buy gifts for their friends and family.

That being said, we are in need of donations for the sale. The PTO accepts donations of gently used household items for the kids to buy with Billie Bucks. Home Decor, books, toys, and anything else that you may be ready to get rid of can be used as inventory for our White Elephant Sale. (Just please make sure it is school appropriate!) Donations can be dropped off at the PHES Office. We are also bringing back Popcorn Friday once a month to reward the kids for their efforts at school. Plus, our hope is to bring back our annual Nacho Feed as well!

We kicked off the year with a fantastic PHES Jog-a-thon that raised over \$32,000. Thank you to all those who donated and thank you to parents and guardians for helping your kiddos collect those donations! It is always so fun seeing the kids' enthusiasm for this event. They exceeded their goal of \$20,000 by a long shot! And as a result, got to see Mr. Bofto sport a mohawk for a few days!

We have been blown away by the community support and the kids' hard work. We are excited to fund 100% of our field trip requests this year and now collaborate with our PHES staff to fund some larger projects for our kiddos.

I personally am thrilled to see the parent involvement in PTO that we have had this year. THANK YOU to every single person who volunteers with the PTO and comes to collaborate with us at our monthly PTO meetings. Here's to an eventful and productive 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,

Madeline Carlton

PHES PTO President

BILLIES KINDERPREP PRESCHOOL NEWS

Billies KinderPrep Preschool has openings! Spots are available in 3-year-old and 4/5-year-old classes. Email questions to **preschool@pleasanthill.k12.or.us** or call the District Office at (541) 746-9646.

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