New School Office Hours
We have adjusted our daily school office hours to better be available to assist our families early in the morning. The secretaries will now be in the office 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is one hour before the official starting and ending of the student school day.

Please continue to use the attendance line if you are calling to say your child will be out ill for the day.

It is hard to believe we have completed three-fourths of the school year. With the arrival of spring, students are working hard to complete a year of growth in their grade level, will begin taking state assessments, and staff members are busily preparing lessons for the remainder of the school year, as well as beginning to prepare for the next school year.

We ask that you please assist us by insuring your child is in school daily, as school starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Regular and prompt attendance is necessary and important in order for your child to get the best possible education. The majority of your child's learning experience in the classroom occurs through hands-on activities, demonstration, and classroom discussions, not to mention re-teaching and enrichment opportunities, too. Written work is only a small part of what goes on in the classroom. The classroom is filled with academic and social opportunities for every child. Therefore, regular and prompt attendance is vital.

Under Oregon State Law Regarding Attendance, 339.065, parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that students attend school regularly. Eight unexcused half-day absences or four full day absences will result in a truancy hearing.
unexcused absences in any four-week period are considered irregular attendance patterns. An absence may be excused when the student is sick, a member of the student's family is sick or in an emergency. Other absences maybe excused for other reasons where satisfactory arrangements are made in advance with the principal or the classroom teacher.

Our students are excited about learning and demonstrating their skill growth in the classroom, which will be shared shortly with you via third quarter progress reports. Just a reminder progress reports are sent to show you how your student is progressing in and meeting the grade level standards for the school year. If you have questions regarding your student's progress report, please contact their classroom teacher directly.

Your role in student progress is very important as well. Your continued encouragement and reinforcement of the importance of being literate in today's society will help keep your child pointed in the direction of success.

Spring Registration for Students in Grades K-5 Now Open On-line

With spring in the air and the end of 3rd quarter, Thursday, April 11th, it is time for us to begin to prepare for next year with spring registration. Therefore, start watching your mailboxes for a letter from our office providing you with all the information you need to complete the new on-line student registration for all of your students in our district. Our goal is that everyone completes this task by April 19th.

If you need assistance, please call our office. If you need access to a computer, please stop by our office. If you prefer to file out a paper packet, please contact our office and arrange to come in and pick one up.

Those families who complete the on-line registration, Spring Registration, process for their students will receive a postcard in the mail around August 17th stating who your student's teacher will be. You will not have to wait until 5:00 p.m. August 27th, to learn whose class your student is in.

This year, if you do not complete on-line student registration or call our office to get a paper copy, your student's name will not be put on a class list until you have completed the registration process.

If you know that your child will not be attending a school within Pleasant Hill School District next year, either the elementary level K-5 or the high school level 6-12, please call our office. This information is used to not only enroll your child, but to determine the level of staffing that will be needed at the various grade levels.
Kindergarten Registration
Now Open for Pleasant Hill School District Families

Kindergarten Registration online is now open to any Pleasant Hill School District family. If your child will be 5 on or before September 1, 2019, you may enroll online at https://pleasanthill.registar.lblesd.k12.or.us/en-us/home.aspx

Once you have completed the on-line registration, you will still need to visit our office as we need a copy of your child’s immunization record and birth certificate. In addition, we have a Kindergarten Questionnaire for families to complete, which our teachers use to assist with making class lists at the Kindergarten level.

SBAC Testing for Students Gr. 3-5

The SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessments) test is one of many assessment tools used to measure academic progress. Our school will be testing students in grades 3—5 in the areas of math and reading. Fifth grade students are also required to take a science test. These assessments meet the requirements of the new Every Student Succeed Act, a piece of federal legislation. You may view sample test questions at: http://tinyurl.com/ORPracticeTests

The results of the SBAC assessments enable both the district, schools and teachers an opportunity to celebrate successes and focus on areas in which growth is needed. Our staff will reassure your child that while this test is important, it is not something in which they should become overly stressed. We find encouraging students to do their best, building their confidence and supporting their efforts is beneficial.

As parents, you can be supportive by doing your best to avoid scheduling appointments during SBAC testing, which will be occurring throughout the day. Classroom teachers will notify families when they are going to begin testing as the assessment window opened March 18th and continues through the end of the school year if needed. In addition, providing a nutritious breakfast and a good night’s sleep will help prepare your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Stoneberg.

Attendance

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If your child has missed 18 or more days, they are considered a student who is chronically absent. If your child has missed 10 – 17 days, they are in the warning zone. Nine or fewer absences puts them in the good attendance range. Remember, everyday missed is the equivalent of missing two days, not just one as the next day back they spend a fair amount of time catching up what they previously missed before they can move on with the current day’s lesson.

### Late Students Miss Out...

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

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

Children like to feel that they belong to their group of classmates. Teachers try to make every member of the class feel that they belong and are important to the group. Please help by seeing that your child is in class by 8:00 a.m. when attendance is taken and class greetings begin.

### Notes from the Cafeteria

Every Friday your child should be bringing home a low balance notice from the cafeteria if their account has a balance of $10.00 or less. In addition, Mealtime, our point of sales system provider, sends an electronic e-mail notice to families, too. These notices are a great way to keep track of your student’s food service account balance, adding funds as needed either by sending money to school or using the on-line Pay-Pal System available on our website. If you have any questions, please call our food service program at 541-736-0490.

### Has your Household Budget Been Affected by the Economy?

In these economic times, many families who have never before needed assistance are suddenly finding themselves struggling financially. If your family is in this situation you may not be aware that our district participates in the free or reduced lunch program available to qualifying families.

This program is a completely confidential program easy to access and provides breakfast and lunches at either no cost or a reduced cost. To see if your family qualifies either stop by school to pick-up an application, fill out an application available on-line, print and send to school or call the office at 541-736-0400 to request an application be sent home with your child.

### Artist-in-Residence Artist, Rachell Jarvis, Joins the Staff

We are excited to have the pleasure of hosting guest Artist-in-Resident Rachell Jarvis, who specializes in fused glass tile art will be working with our students starting April 15th. She will be spending four days
working with each classroom providing students with lessons in the qualities and properties of glass, as well as color theory and design. Each student will be producing a piece of fused glass to take home, too.

2019 SPRING BOGO BOOK FAIR!

Its back, the annual Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair! Books for all ages, and open to the public daily in room 23, just off the playground.
Student Preview Day Thursday, April 11th
Sales begin Monday April 15th
  7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sales Continue Tuesday April 16th through Friday, April 19th
  7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Family Literacy Night Book Bingo
When: April 16th, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Where: Cafeteria
Please come out and join us for some great family fun! We will be playing Bingo to win free books or a gift certificate to the book fair. Also receive a free raffle entry to win gift baskets for Pre-K -5th grade and parents too.

The Book Fair will also be open, so if you would like to shop and purchase that special book you always wanted, you can do so.

Donations for Bags of Love will be accepted at the door!
Destination Imagination
Plant Sale

When: Saturday April 27\textsuperscript{th}, 9AM-4PM
Where: Pleasant Hill Elementary School Parking Lot

Featuring unusual & traditional plants, shrubs and trees, including native plants and blueberries from a wide variety of local nurseries!

Profits will support Destination Imagination at Pleasant Hill Schools!
Come join us Tuesday, April 16th 6-7pm for a fun night of family literacy Bingo in the PHES cafeteria! Win books for your family library! Free raffle entry to win gift baskets for PreK-5th and parents too. Win gift certificates for the Book Fair! Book Fair BOGO will be open for book sales! Donations for Bags of Love will be accepted at the door!

http://bagsofloveinc.org
Get Ready for

Kindergarten!

8 FREE Readiness Sessions starting in April at the Pleasant Hill Community Center

Tuesdays 9:00-11:00am
April 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28
June 4

HELP YOUR CHILD BUILD SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

- Learn letters and numbers with fun activities!
- Improve math skills through counting, matching, & sorting!
- Develop correct pencil grasp and scissor use!
- Promote successful social and communication skills through group activities!

*Forms may be picked up at the elementary school office. You may also call 736-0495 for more information.*