



PHILOMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER

Be Brave. Be Kind.

2021-2022 School Year

HERO Challenge

Throughout the first two weeks of May, 7th graders will have an opportunity to attend the HERO Challenge, an experiential bullying prevention and personal empowerment field trip. Over four days, Mr. Warren and Mr. Panico will challenge groups of 7th graders to increase their confidence and courage so that they are better able to interrupt negative peer interactions. We will spend part of the day in the Downing Forest, here at the middle school, and the rest of the day at the OSU Challenge Course, climbing up telephone poles and walking across wires 30 feet in the air! With the courage we will build, this our challenge:

Don't stand by. Stand up. Be a HERO.

Many thanks to Lilly's Lope for Hope for sponsoring the HERO Challenge.

State Testing

Middle school students will start taking the Smarter Balanced and Oregon Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) Assessments. Both of these assessments (tests) are approved and provided by the State of Oregon to be administered to students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Each of these assessments takes a number of class periods to complete. Testing will take place late April through early May. Please try not to schedule appointments for your students during this time if possible, and please ensure they are getting proper sleep and staying as healthy as possible. We appreciate your support of your children.

Yearbooks

This year all students are eligible to receive a free yearbook. Student's accounts need to be at a \$0 balance to receive a yearbook. Bills went out with quarter 3 report cards.

Important Dates:

May 13.....No Student Day
May 17Choir Concert @ PHS 6:30PM
May 18Band Concert @ PHS 6:30PM
May 27No School- Make up day
May 30No School—Holiday
May 31Incoming 6th Grade Orientation



April Students of the Month

Students of the Month We recognize the students pictured above as the April Students of the Month. From Left to Right: Levi Storch, Porter Stowers, John Rokitka, Olivia Siler, Nora Stanley, Reagan Nuno. These students have each contributed to the positive culture at Philomath Middle School. Way to go, and keep up the positive attitudes!



8th Grade Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to the 8th grade "Rotary Student of the Month" for April: Ike Avery

Spring Musical: The Lion King



We are so excited to watch our Philomath Middle School students light up the stage with their acting, singing, and dancing skills in the Broadway Junior adaptation of The Lion King. Public performances for The Lion King will take place June 16th, 17th, and 18th, with 2 performances on the 18th at 1pm and 7pm.

6th-8th Grade Choir and Band

The end of the year Choir Concert will be taking place on May 17th at 6:30PM.

The end of the year Band Concert will be taking place on May 18th at 6:30.

Both of these performances will be held in the auditorium at the Philomath High School.



The Le Stew Learning Lounge

This year PMS launched The Le Stew Learning Lounge, a space where students can come during advisory and lunch to do school work. We are pleased to announce that this program has seen much success! Students who attend receive grade reports, organizational help, and assistance with class work for any subject matter. If you have a student who could use some extra support, we would love to see them in Le Stew! If you have any questions please contact Adeline Stewart at adeline.stewart@philomath.k12.or.us or Crissy LeBrun at crissy.lebrun@philomath.k12.or.us.

Success Coach

Along with Le Stew Learning Lounge, PMS has added the position of a student success coach. This position was put in place to provide additional support to students and improve outcomes. If students are missing assignments, struggling in a class, need help prioritizing or just need someone to talk to, the PMS student success coach can help. Please contact Jamon Ellingson at jamon.ellingson@philomath.k12.or.us if you would like to hear more about how he can help your student. Mr. Ellingson is a teacher, mentor, advocate and the cheering section for students. Please don't hesitate to reach out. (text/voice (541) 351-8568)

Incoming 6th Grade Orientation

We invite current 5th grade students and parents on **May 31st at 6:00PM** to our Incoming 6th Grade Orientation. We will discuss all the exciting aspects of middle school, from academic programs and daily schedule, to extracurricular opportunities, and provide an opportunity for a self-guided tour. Our team of teachers and our leadership team will be there for you to meet. We look forward to meeting you, and we hope to answer many of the questions you may have about middle school. This is an eventful and rich time in the lives of young people and we are excited to work together with you as your student navigates the complicated terrain of adolescence.

Philomath Youth Activities Club

PYAC is looking for Safety Town Volunteers. Applications can be found at PYAC and on their website www.pyac.net. Safety Town volunteers lead and teach small groups of kindergarteners about all kinds of safety topics. The event will be held in the afternoons of August 22nd through the 26th, with set up and training on the 19th. Volunteers must be currently in 6th grade or older. Contact Sarah Woosley with any questions at 541-929-4040 or swoosley@peak.org. The deadline to apply is June 10th.

Covid Take Home Tests

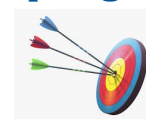
We have Covid Take Home Tests available for all students. If interested, please visit the school office and pick up a test to take home.

8th Grade Celebration

On the evening of June 15th, we will be having a party to celebrate our 8th grade students. This party is for 8th grade students and parent chaperones. At this party we will have food, music, games, door prizes, and inflatables. As we get closer to June we will provide more details to our families of 8th grade students.



Spring Archery



May 25th will be the last meeting for the Spring Archery session. We are very pleased with the student participation. Mr. Stephenson invites all parents/guardians of the archers to the May 25th meeting to watch the students demonstrate their archery skills.