



# Philomath Middle School

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April and Spring have both arrived. Student-led conferences are taking place on April 18 and 19th. Check your mail for a letter with your scheduled time for a student-led conference. Please review the enclosed calendar for other upcoming events.

Steve Bell - Philomath Middle School, Principal

## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



### Student-Led Conferences

We will be hosting student-led conferences for all middle school students on the evening of Thursday, April 18, and the morning of Friday, April 19. Research from *Breaking Ranks in the Middle: Strategies for Leading Middle School Reform* states that students are more successful when their families are engaged in their educational experiences at school. Student-led conferences are a recommendation to achieve this goal.

Student-led conferences are a powerful way for middle school students to take responsibility for their own learning and choices, and to gain confidence in talking about their accomplishments in school. Many parents enjoy this type of conference because they get to see school assignments and gain a better understanding of their child's daily life at school from the student's perspective.

This conference is *not* the time to evaluate your child's report card, but it is the time to discuss the process your child goes through to complete assignments and projects. A conference time has been scheduled by your child's Advisory teacher, and you should have already receive notification in the mail. If the scheduled time does not work for you, please contact your child's Advisory teacher. If you would like a teacher/parent conference in addition to the student-led conference, please contact the teacher you would like to meet with to set a date and time.



### District Band Concert

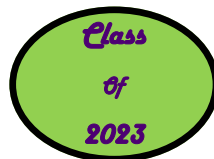
There will be a District Band Concert on April 10th, at 7:00 p.m., in the District Auditorium at Philomath High School. All Bands, grades 6-12, will be performing.



### Important April Dates

Friday, April 12th is a NO SCHOOL day for students as it is the Quarter 3 Grading Day.

Friday, April 19th is also a NO SCHOOL day for students as it is a Conference Day.



### Freshmen Orientation

Philomath High School invites all parents and prospective freshmen for the 2019-20 School Year to an orientation and class forecasting program on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in the PHS Auditorium. It will start promptly at 6:00 p.m., and should be done by 7:00 p.m.

Some of the topics to be covered are graduation requirements, choosing your high school classes, transitioning from middle to high school, and extracurricular activities. Forecast sheets, which students use to request courses for next year, will be handed out that night, with instructions and the PHS course catalog.



### Archery Club

Starting April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Archery Club will be offered for any current PMS student. The club is scheduled to meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. until June. A permission form will be provided for all students to pick up from their Advisory teacher. Permission forms will need to be completed and returned prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

For immediate questions or concerns, please contact the club's leaders, Malori Ambrose or Terry Stephenson at 541-929-3167.



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dessert Dance

Please mark your calendars for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dessert Dance on Friday, June 7, from 6:30-9:00p.m.



## Third Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Our Third Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, April 26th, in the gym. It will begin at 8:10 a.m. for all grades. Parents are invited to attend.



## Standardized Assessments

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; the only time limit is that once a student starts the test, he/she must complete it within 45 calendar days.

While the sixth grade students are at Outdoor School the week of April 29– May 3, Seventh and Eighth Grade students will begin their standardized state assessments. Sixth grade students will begin their standardized state assessments upon their return from Outdoor School.

Please do not schedule appointments on these dates, and ensure that your student is eating solid meals, getting proper sleep, and staying as healthy as possible. We appreciate your support of your children.

The following is a link to more information regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Pages/default.aspx>



## Lilly's Lope for Hope Art Contest

Calling all artists! Lilly's Lope is hosting a contest for middle school students to design the graphics for this year's race shirt. We are looking for original artwork with themes of hope, resilience, optimism, and love. Entries are due to the middle school office by April 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and the winning design will be featured on the official 2019 race shirt. More information about Lilly's Lope for Hope as well as resources for suicide prevention can be found at [Lillyslope.com](http://Lillyslope.com)



## March Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month for March:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Katie Choi and Malea Lattin

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Austin Hunsaker and Madison Juhl

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – McKenzie Hauck and Katherine Holden



Thank You to Philomath Dairy Queen for sponsoring our "Student of the Month" lunches. We appreciate your continued support.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### "Rotary Student of the Month"

Congratulations to Ally Todd, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Rotary Student of the Month" for March.



## Kindergarten Orientation

All parents of 2019-2020 Kindergarten students are encouraged to attend the Kindergarten Orientation on Monday, April 8th, from 6:30– 8:00p.m. at Clemens Primary School. Please call 541-929-2082 with questions.



## Inspired 2019

Get ready for Inspired 2019– IGNITE. Friday, May 10th Philomath School District students will experience a day of inspiration that is intended to teach, encourage, and motivate. As they participate in a variety of activities, students will be challenged to examine their lives, set goals, and Ignite!

## 2019-2020

## Philomath School District Calendar

Please see the 2019-2020 calendar on the Philomath School District Website at <https://www.philomathsd.net/>



## Philomath Community Library

**Teen Night:** Wednesday, 4/17/19 5:00-7:00 p.m.

## Important Dates



### April

- 4 Track Meet @ Lebanon High School– 4:00 p.m.
- 5 Early Release Day– Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 9 Track Meet @ Home– PHS track– 4:00 p.m. (Parent volunteers needed)
- 10 Site Council Meeting-3:30 p.m.  
District Band Concert (Grades 6-12)- District Auditorium at PHS– 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Last Day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
Emerging Bilingual Advisory Council meeting—CPS– 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 12 **NO SCHOOL** for students – End of 3rd Quarter Grading Day
- 15 Track Pictures– 3:15pm
- 16 Fall 2018 Freshman Orientation– PHS Auditorium– 6:00 p.m.  
Track Meet @ Molalla River– 4:00 p.m.
- 18 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to OSU Band Festival  
6/7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Led Conferences– 5-8:00 p.m.  
School Board Meeting– District Office-7:00 p.m.
- 19 **NO SCHOOL** for students– 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student–Led Conferences-8:00a.m.- noon
- 23 Track Meet @ Cheldelin– 4:00 p.m.
- 25 8th Grade OSU Field Trip
- 26 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll Assembly-Gym– 8:10 a.m.  
Early Release Day–Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 29 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School begins  
Standardized Assessments begin for 7th and 8th Grade students

### May

- 1 8th Grade band to Newport Band Festival
- 3 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students return from Outdoor School  
Early Release Day– Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 7 SEAC Meeting– District Office– 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
- 8 Track Meet @ Home– PHS track– 4:00 p.m. (Parent volunteers needed)
- 10 INSPIRED 2019– IGNITE  
Early Release Day– Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.

