Philomath Middle School

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We have reached the end of the first quarter of the 2018-19 School Year. Thank you to everyone who attended parent-teacher conferences. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Emma Hill and her family for winning the raffle during conferences.

Please be sure to mark November 16th on your calendar with "Turkey Bingo". This is an enjoyable event for everyone who supports Philomath Middle School.

The staff and I wish you and your family an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Steve Bell - Philomath Middle School Principal

Last Day of the First Quarter

The last day of the First Quarter is November 1st. There will be no school for students on November 2nd. Teachers will be preparing First Quarter grades and planning for the second Quarter.

Veterans' Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 8th, at 8:10 a.m., the Middle School

will be holding its annual Veterans' Day Assembly to honor all the men and women who have served our country. Parents and relatives are invited to attend this assembly, and we extend a special invitation to all veterans. We would like the veterans to walk behind their service flags at the beginning of the assembly.

If you are a veteran, or know of one who might like to attend, please join us at 8:00 a.m. to prepare for the assembly.

Friday, November 12

There will be no school on November 12th, in honor of Veterans' Day, which is a Federal Holiday.



First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Our First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, November 16th, in the gym. It will begin at 8:10 a.m. for all grades. Parents are welcome to attend.

Student report cards should arrive home in the mail the second week of November.

Turkey Bingo

Turkey Bingo—the best and most entertaining fundraiser for Philomath Middle School—is November 16th,

5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Philomath High School auditorium. Bingo will start at 5:30 p.m.

We need parent volunteers to help at several stations during the night. Please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444a8a823aaff2-philomath to volunteer or bring a dessert.

If you are unable to help the night of the event, please make a contribution for the silent auction, donate a frozen turkey or dessert.

Contact Connie Barnes at 541-929-3409 or <u>connie@irmforestry.com</u> about donations or volunteer opportunities.

7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball

Registration is now open for 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball at Philomath Middle School. Practice began on Monday, October 29th. The season will run through the second week of January. Girls can still join the team.

Sixth grade students will continue to play through PYAC programs. The 7th and 8th Grade Boys basketball season begins in January. If you have questions, please contact Chad Matthews at 541-929-3167 or chad.matthews@philomath.k12.or.us . There is still time to register and play this season.

High School Events

Students leaving school early to attend high school events (such as state playoffs or tournaments, etc.) must arrange this absence with a note from a parent/guardian. Students will not be allowed to leave school with arrangements made by phone. Notes need to be turned into the school office prior to the game.

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7th Grade Required Immunizations

7th grade students are now at the age where a Tdap booster is needed for immunization requirements.

The deadline to have updated immunizations complete is February 20, 2019. If you have questions or concerns please call Tina Hoch, RN the District Nurse at 541-740-0245.

Aladdin in

Spring Musical

The school musical this year is Aladdin Jr. There will be an informational meeting for interested students on November 30^{th} at lunch in the band room.

Auditions will be held after school in the school library on Monday December 10th and Tuesday, December 11th. Callbacks will be on Wednesday, December 12th with the very first rehearsal being Thursday, December 13th from 3:10-5:30p.m. Rehearsals will run generally Mon-Thurs after school in Jan, Feb and the first two weeks of March. The performances will be March 7-11.

Any PMS student in grades 6-8 may audition. Please see Mrs. Latz if you have any questions.



Passport News

We are excited to continue the Passport Program this year.

Each quarter, students can earn a Passport, which allows them special privileges and entrance to a quarterly celebration during school.

Here are the criteria as developed by the Passport Committee:

- No Discipline Actions (*Detentions, Suspensions, Citations*)
- Zero Unexcused Absences
- Meet Teacher-Set Expectations for Missing Work

A list of students who earned a Passport will be posted after each quarter.



October Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month for October:

6th Grade – Mitchell Berklund and Isabel Leal

7th Grade – Kayli Blake and Noah DenHerder

8th Grade – Ryder Doan and

Elizabeth Leal-Morales



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



8th Grade "Rotary Student of the Month"

Congratulations to the 8th Grade "Rotary Student of the Month" for

October - Brooke Moade



2017-18 School Report Card

The 2017-2018 School Report Card was just released from the state and is included at the end of this newsletter. We are proud of our students' high individual

student progress. This means the students are demonstrating significant academic growth compared to other students across the state.

If you would like to view it on-line or get more in-depth information, please go to https://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx for the English or Spanish version.

If you have any questions about Philomath Middle Schools' Report Card, please contact Steve Bell at 541-929-3167 or e-mail steve.bell@philomath.k12.or.us.



Thanksgiving November 21-23

There will be no school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 21, 22 and 23, as we celebrate Thanksgiving. We wish you a safe and fun family holiday.

Pre-Arranged Absences

Attending school is the first step of the learning process for students. Regular and punctual attendance is often

times the student's responsibility, but by Oregon law, it is the parent's responsibility to make sure students attend school.

The law states that any student may be excused from school by pre-arranged absence for the purpose of vacation, hunting, family reunion, etc. for a period of time "not to exceed five days in a term of three months or not to exceed ten days in any term of at least six months" (ORS 339.065) After the excused limit is exceeded, the absence will be coded as Pre-Arranged Unexcused.

Unexcused absences will affect admittance to quarterly Passport activities. All Pre-Arranged absences requests must be submitted to the school in writing prior to the planned absence. You may submit your request by emailing Chad Matthews at chad.matthews@philomath.k12.or.us.

Lost and Found

Please have your child check for lost items. Unclaimed Lost and Found items will be donated to the Philomath Community Services on Friday, November 16th.

Attendance Matters

What you can do....

- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary.
 Make sure teachers know how to contact you, and check your student's grades on a daily basis.
- Keep up with your child's social contacts.
 Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

*Source: www.attendanceworks.org

More information on regular attendance and its impact on student success can be found at www.attendanceworks.org .

Holiday Cheer

If you, or someone you know, are unable to provide the holiday experience for your family, we may be able to help. Qualified families receive gifts for children, a holiday-dinner, a hygiene basket, and decorations and wrapping paper, as needed. In order to qualify for services, your family must:

- Be low-income and show documentation such as Oregon Trail Card, TANF, SSI or LIEAP.
- Reside in Philomath or the area to the west of Philomath within Benton County.
- Have children between 0 and 18 years-ofage living at home, or are elderly living alone.

Please call 541-929-2499 or go to www.philomathcommunityservices.org for more information. The application deadline is November 17, 2018.



Help Earn Donations for Philomath Middle School

Do you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? If you do you may help earn

donations for our school through the Community Rewards Program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Philomath Middle School at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards . You can search for us by our name or by our nonprofit number: 82984.

Fred Meyer donates over \$2 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. You will still earn Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, as well as earning a donation to the non-profit of your choice.

Philomath Mat Club

The Philomath Mat Club is a wrestling team for pre-k through 8th graders. Registration forms can be picked up in the Philomath Schools and at the PYAC. Turn them in at the PYAC at 421 S. 19th St. You can also "like" the Philomath Mat Club page for more information.

Prek – 4th grade starts on Nov. 6th and 5th – 8th grade starts on Nov. 12th. You must register your child BEFORE they can practice. Questions can go to Mark 541-760-0321 or Sarah Woosley 541-760-8655

PYAC Basketball Registration

Basketball registration for grades 1st through 6th is now open. Please register your child by November 6th. You can pick up forms at PYAC, PES or PMS. You can also print them off of our website at www.philomath-youth-activities-club.org

Practice schedules will not be determined until after registration and skills evaluations are complete. The season for $1^{st} - 4^{th}$ graders starts in January. Practice for 5^{th} and 6^{th} graders will begin after Thanksgiving, and games will be from January through mid-March.

Team Placement Clinics for 5th and 6th graders only are as follows:

5th/6th Grade Girls 11/17 at PHS from 10:30a.m.– 11:45 a.m.

 $5^{th}/6^{th}$ Grade Boys 11/17 at PHS from 12:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m.



Philomath Community Library

Teen Night: Wednesday, 11/28/18, 5-7p.m. Come to the Library for games, funny face flip book making and fun with your friends. This event is free and snacks are provided.

Important Dates



November

- Last day of First Quarter7th/8th Grade Football vs. Woodburn(6:00 p.m. Start)
- 2 **NO SCHOOL-**Quarter 1 Grading/Assessment
- 6 SEAC meeting– District Office– 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 8 Veterans' Day Assembly—Gym—8:10 a.m. Emerging Bilingual Advisory Council—PES – 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 9 Early Release Day Students dismissed at12:25 p.m.
- 12 **NO SCHOOL**—Veterans' Day Holiday
- 13 TAG parent meeting– District office-5:00– 6:00 p.m.
- Site Council Meeting—3:30 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. La Creole—4:00 p.m.
- School Board Meeting District Office Board Room– 7:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Stayton—4:00 p.m.
- First Quarter Honor Roll Assembly– Gym– 8:10 a.m. Early Release Day Students dismissed at12:25 p.m. **Turkey Bingo** PHS Auditorium– 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 19 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Lebanon—4:15 p.m.
- 21 **NO SCHOOL** Grading/Assessment
- 22 **NO SCHOOL** Thanksgiving Holiday
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- 26 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Newport- 4:00 p.m.
- 28 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Cascade— 4:00 p.m.
- 29 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. French Prairie—4:00 p.m.
- 30 "Aladdin Jr." Informational meeting—Band room—12:10 p.m. Early Release Day Students dismissed at12:25 p.m.

December

- 3 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Sweet Home—4:00 p.m.
- 4 SEAC meeting—District Office—6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 5 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Newport—4:00 p.m.
- 6 Choir Party– PMS Choir room—3:10-5:30 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball (A teams only) @ Stayton—4:00 p.m.
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- Early Release Day Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.



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FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY

PHS Foods program will provide a Turkey Plate! \$5/Kids & \$10/Adults



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 * 5-8 pm

@ PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL

Bingo cards \$3/ea

Event donations needed. Contact connie@irmforestry.com or 541 760-0099