



Philomath Middle School

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Spring is almost upon us. Please plan to attend the school musical, *Frozen Jr.*, on March 5, 6, and 7th. It is sure to be a fun and entertaining event. Spring Break is March 23-27. Please enjoy your time away from school, and if you are traveling, please be safe.

Steve Bell - Philomath Middle School, Principal

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



Frozen Jr. Comes to Philomath!

Philomath Middle School students will be performing *Frozen Jr.* in the District Auditorium at Philomath High School on March 5, 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a matinee on Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are only available at the door, and the cost is \$7 each. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to performance time.

There are over 100 middle school students involved in this production. Amazing songs, dances, and costumes await the audience.

We have double-cast this production, so you may even want to come twice! Cast A will be performing March 5 and 6, and Cast B will be on stage for both performances on the 7th.

The students are working very hard to make this an evening well-spent for all ages.

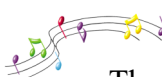


Important March Dates

Friday, March 6th is a NO SCHOOL day for students. It is the Trimester Two Grading Day for the high school and an assessment day for the rest of the school district.

March 20th is designated a "make-up day." If there is a school closure between now and March 20th this day may be a school day.

This year, Spring Break will start on Monday, March 23rd, and students will return to classes on Monday, March 30th.



District Choir Concert

There will be a District Choir Concert on March 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Auditorium at Philomath High School. All Philomath School District choirs will be performing.



6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Track and Field

Attention all runners, jumpers, and throwers! It is time for track season to begin. Check with the middle school office for registration information.

Practice is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 16th. Our first meet is scheduled after Spring Break. Practices are Monday—Thursday each week. Students must have all paperwork completed and fees paid prior to beginning practice. Please be sure paperwork is completed and fees are paid so that your student can participate.

All students who wish to participate will need to have a doctor's physical report on file. If you need to get a physical, you may pick up the paperwork in the office to take with you to the doctor. Sports physicals are good for two years. If you already have a current physical and other paperwork on file from another sport, you will only need to pay the participation fee of \$115. For information on scholarships, please contact Chad Matthews at PMS.

An informational parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. If you or your child has questions, please call Mr. Skaar, Mrs. Thompson, or Mr. Goodson at 541-929-3167.

For those students interested in participating in baseball or softball, please contact PYAC at 541-929-4040.



Career Day— Thank You

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, helped, and participated with Career Day. A very big thank you to Chana VanOrden for all of her hard work and organization. Please see the last page of the newsletter for a complete list of participants.



Sixth Grade Outdoor School

Sixth Grade Outdoor School will take place May 4– May 8. We will have a parent meeting on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00p.m. in the middle school library.

This session will provide information and forms to parents about the expectations, requirements, and responsibilities of Outdoor School participation. Outdoor School forms will be sent home prior to the parent meeting.

Parents of sixth graders, please plan to attend this important meeting.



Kindergarten Orientation

All parents of 2020-2021 Kindergarten students are encouraged to attend the Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, April 8th, from 6:00– 7:00p.m. at Clemens Primary School. Please call 541-929-2082 with questions.



District Band Concert

There will be a District Band Concert on April 14th, at 7:00 p.m., in the District auditorium at Philomath High School. All Bands, grades 6-12, will be performing.



Freshmen Orientation

Philomath High School invites all parents and prospective freshmen for the 2020-21 School Year to an orientation and class forecasting program on Thursday, April 30, 2020, 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.



Inspired 2020

Get ready for Inspired 2020– VISION. Friday, April 24th 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 sharpen their VISION to become the best version of themselves.



February Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month for February:

6th Grade – Abby Barron and Lucie Oster

7th Grade – J.J. Lewis and Alice Cole

8th Grade – Mac Robinson and Kaya Gerding



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 Lorelei Schell, the 8th Grade “Rotary Student of the Month” for February.



Spring Conferences

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting student-led conferences on the evening of Thursday, April 16, and the morning of Friday, April 17, for all middle school students. You will receive a letter in the mail from your child’s teacher with the specific date and time of your conference. If the requested date or time does not work for your schedule, please contact the teacher to request a different time and/or date.



Sports Scholarships Available

After school sports activities can be very expensive, and there is a lot of help available for Philomath families. There is an organization in Bend that will provide up to \$150 each season to pay for registration fees. There are five ways to prove eligibility: Free/Reduced Lunch, WIC, SNAP, Foster child, or OHP enrollment. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. <https://kidsinthegame.org/programs/pnw/pass/>



Eighth Grade Forestry Expo Day

All 8th Grade students will participate in Forest Expo on Friday, April 3rd. The expo is provided by the Forestry Team at PHS and local foresters. Please remember to dress for outside weather.



Attendance Matters

Benefits of Daily Attendance....

- Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.
- Being at school every day gives students a chance to learn about extra curricular activities, extra learning opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.
- Parental commitment to school attendance will also send a message to students that education is a priority, that going to school every day is a critical part of education success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously– including going to school.

*Source: www.colorincolorado.org/article/school-attendance-key-success

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



Philomath Community Library

Teen Night: Wednesday, 3/18/2020,
5:00-7:00 p.m.



Thank you to all who helped make Career Day a positive learning experience for our students. It was a huge success. We were able to offer 99 sessions with 40 presenters covering 26 occupations. We are very appreciative and thankful to the following people for presenting to our students:

Jason Bushnell, Brenda deNeui, Jessica Dunayevich, Carl Eckhold, Mark Esbenshade, Anne Gallagher, Mike Goodrich, Jana Gordon, Erin Gudge, David Guenther, Wade Haslam, Abby Hendryx, Kyla Lyon– Hubert, Kristel Jordan, Brent Kaseman, Mark Koeppe, Luis Maciel, Juliana Meyner, David Novak, Elisa Olufson, Dick Powell, Rich Saalsaa, Justin Schepige, Kersey Schuh, Bryson Skaar, Dana Skaar, Brandy and Justin Stokes, Shane Stueve, Claire Taleff, Gregg Thompson, Kelly Warren, Chris Workman, and Scott Yarrow

Thank you to our administrative assistants and volunteers for keeping us organized:

Chelsea Van der Zwan, Jean Chiappisi, and Chana VanOrden



Important Dates



March

- 2 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Newport– 4:00 p.m.
- 4 8th Grade Spring Photo's
7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Sweet Home– Home
- 5 *Frozen Jr.*— District Auditorium at PHS—7:00 p.m.
- 6 **NO SCHOOL** for students– End of Second Trimester for the High School
Frozen Jr.— District Auditorium at PHS—7:00 p.m.
- 7 *Frozen Jr.*— District Auditorium at PHS— 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Daylight Savings time begins
- 9 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Yamhill Carlton– 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Site Council Meeting– 3:15p.m.
7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. LaCreole– Home
- 13 Early Release Day– Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 16 First Day of Track and Field Practice– 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m
- 17 Philomath School District Choir Concert– District Auditorium at PHS–7:00 p.m.
- 19 Track& Field Parent meeting– PMS Library—5:00 p.m.
- 20 **NO SCHOOL**– Make up Day, if school closure occurs
- 23-27 Spring Break
- 30 School Resumes at 8:05 a.m.
- 31 Spring Archery starts

April

- 1 6th Grade Outdoor School Parent Meeting– PMS library– 6:00 p.m.
- 3 8th Grade Forest Expo Day
Early Release Day– Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.



Philomath Middle School Presents

FROZEN Jr.

On Stage at PHS -

Philomath District Auditorium

March 5 @ 7:00 pm

March 6 @ 7:00 pm

March 7 @ 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

All Seats \$7.00 at the door



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