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Dear Students and Families of the Philomath School District:

The first week of school for the 2022-2023 school year is in the books! Thanks to each of you for joining us on the journey. I have so enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of students as they connect with friends, meet their teachers, and adjust to the school-year routine. I am excited and ready for a great year!

I would like to thank all drivers for slowing down to watch for students travelling to school. Your attention to safety is paramount. Thanks, also, to the Philomath Police Department and Philomath Fire and Rescue for being present to assist with safety reminders during this first week.

I would like to take the opportunity to share some announcements with each of you. I know that each of your schools do a great job of keeping each of you informed.

Back-to-School Open House:

Open House for all schools is scheduled for this Wednesday, **September 14, 2022**. The schedule is as follows:

Time	Location	Notes
2:30pm-4:00pm	Blodgett Elementary School	All Classrooms Open
4:00pm-5:30pm	Philomath Academy	Located in PHS Library
4:30pm-6:00pm	Clemens Primary School	All Classrooms Open Come Join the Scavenger Hunt!
4:30pm-6:00pm	Philomath Elementary School	All Classrooms Open
5:00pm-5:30pm	Philomath Elementary School <i>Special Session</i>	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting (Open to All K-12 Families)
5:30pm-6:00pm	Philomath Elementary School <i>Special Session</i>	Reading Support for All Students (PES Families)
5:30pm-7:00pm	Philomath Middle School	All Classrooms Open
6:15pm-6:45pm	Philomath Middle School <i>Special Session</i>	6 th Grade Outdoor School (PMS 6 th Grade Families)
6:45pm-8:15pm	Philomath High School	Meet in Auditorium @ 6:45pm. After introduction, will follow student schedule.

Talking About School:

As we get ready for Open House this week and continue looking through the rest of the school year, we would like to share some tips to support parent engagement in the education of your child(ren). How many of us ask our children, “What did you do in school today?” All too often, the response is, “Stuff” or “Nothing”.

In seeking more than one-word answers, find details that can help with different questions. For the start of school, parents might consider the following:

- If we traded places tomorrow, what advice would you give me for the day?
- What rules are different at school than our rules at home?
- What is your favorite place at school to do work or to read?
- What surprised you about your teachers?

School Meal Program:

The federal aid that allowed all students to eat free school meals will no longer be available in the 2022-2023 school year.

Applications for Free meals can be made at <https://family.titank12.com/>, clicking on “Apply for Meals Today”. When asked to enter the district name, please use the **Corvallis School District**, as we contract with Corvallis for nutrition services. You may also apply directly through the Oregon Department of Education at <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FRLApp/Default/Apply>

Income eligibility guidelines are available [here](#). If not eligible for Free or Reduced-Price meals, please check to see if you are eligible for the **Oregon Extended Income** program. This program will allow many more families access to school meals at no charge.

Families who qualify for Oregon EIG, but do not qualify at the federal level, will receive two separate notifications. Please be sure to wait for the EIG notification prior to assuming that your family has been denied eligibility.

Prices for school meals for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

Meal	Elementary	Middle	High	Adult
Breakfast	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$3.50
Lunch	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.50	\$4.50
Milk Only	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60

School Picture Days:

September 26, 2022 (Monday) Clemens Primary School
September 27, 2022 (Tuesday) Blodgett Elementary and Philomath Middle
September 28, 2022 (Wednesday) Philomath Academy, Philomath High, and Philomath Elementary

Thank you for all you do each and every day for our students and schools.

Always learning together-

Susan