



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

November 18, 2021

PHS Athletics:

- Congratulations to *all* fall athletic teams for reaching post-season play!
 - Boys' Cross Country 7th Place Team
 - Girls' Cross Country 2nd Place Team
 - Football Round #1 Loss
 - Boys' Soccer 1st Place
 - Girls' Soccer Round #1 Win
 - Volleyball 3rd Place

Technology Grant Award:

- Congratulations and thanks to Jennifer Kessel, PSD Technology, for submission and receipt of a federal grant to support additional Chromebooks for the Philomath School District.

Schools and Classrooms:

- Veterans Day continues to be acknowledged in Philomath schools. While not able to keep the tradition of inviting veterans this year, celebrations ranged from school assemblies to evening programs to video presentations in individual classrooms. Thank you to those who have served or currently serve.
- Digital Literacy instruction is surging in importance and timeliness. Thanks to *Jolene Latz*, our Library Media Specialist, for helping to lead this instructional effort.
- In all schools, we are seeing a degree of frustration and short attention span in students. As a result, especially for our younger students, on activities to increase tolerance for time-on-task and ability to persevere.

Native American Awareness Month:

- November recognizes Native American Heritage Month, honoring our Native American and Alaskan Native populations.
- The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people.

Oregon Statewide Assessment:

- Oregon Statewide Assessment Summative Assessments will be given to all students in grades 3-8 and 11. The tests consist of the following:
 - Language Arts (Grades 3-8, 11)
 - Mathematics (Grades 3-8, 11)
 - Science (Grades 5, 8, 11)
- Annual Notice will be posted on PSD web page by 12/01/2021.
- More information will be made available as testing dates get closer.

Student Investment Account (SIA) Updates:

- Health and Safety:
 - ❖ Intercom/ Bell Systems (CPS, PES, PMS)
 - ❖ Integrated Security Camera System (All Sites)
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - Trauma-Informed Practices
 - Student Mental and Behavioral Health
- Increased Instructional Time
 - Increased Hours and/or Days
 - Before and/or After School Programs
 - Summer Programs
 - Technological Investments
- Well-Rounded Education
 - Developmentally Appropriate and Culturally Responsive Literacy Practices
 - Student Support Connected to College and Career Readiness
 - Broadened Curricular Options

RSSL Resiliency Framework:

- Document last updated on 09/09/2021.
- Face covering requirements still in place.
- Current statewide review of quarantine requirements.

Benton County Metrics:

- Philomath School District case counts published weekly at <https://www.philomathsd.net/updates>
- **Oregon Data for Decisions** dashboard.
https://www.oregondatadecisions.org/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
 - Benton County: (11/18/2021)
 - 71.8% Vaccinated
 - 111 cases per 100K
 - 3.0% Test Positivity

COVID Vaccinations:

- All staff members currently employed in Philomath School District schools have met the vaccination requirements.
- A pediatric vaccine is now available for students between the ages of five (5) and eleven (11).
- The vaccination clinic, held last evening at Philomath High School, provided 92 child vaccines; 60 adult vaccines; 23 adult flu shots; and 19 child flu shots.
- An additional vaccination clinic has been set for the following date:
 - December 8th (Wednesday) from 4:00pm-7:00pm @ PHS
- Additional clinic dates will be determined following the first of the calendar year.

Dates to Remember:

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| • November 23 rd (Tuesday) | PHS Boys Basketball Pie Auction @ 5:30pm |
| • November 24 th – 26 th (Wednesday-Friday) | No School (Happy Thanksgiving!) |
| • December 3 rd (Friday) | No School for Students (Conference/ Grading Day) |
| • December 3 rd (Friday) | Philomath Community Christmas Tree Lighting
@ 5:30pm |
| • December 2 nd – 4 th (Thursday-Saturday) | PHS Musical Performance @ 7:00pm |
| • December 7 th (Tuesday) | Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
@ 6:30pm |
| • December 9 th (Thursday) | Philomath Middle School Winter Concert
@ 6:30pm |
| • December 14 th (Tuesday) | Philomath High School Winter Concert
@ 7:00pm |
| • December 15 th (Wednesday) | Philomath Elementary Winter Programs
2 nd Grade @ 6:00pm; 3 rd Grade @ 7:00pm |
| • December 16 th (Thursday) | Philomath Elementary Winter Programs
4 th Grade @ 6:00pm; 5 th Grade @ 7:00pm |
| • December 16 th (Thursday) | Philomath School Board @ 7:00pm |
| • December 20 th – December 31 st | No School for Winter Break! |
| • January 3 rd (Monday) | First Day of School for the 2022 Calendar Year! |

ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE PREPARED

In 2010, Oregon adopted higher K-12 standards in English Language Arts and Math to ensure all students move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. Because we raised the bar for what we expect students to know and be able to do, we have also changed the way we measure student progress through our state tests.

Why does participation matter?

While no single test can give a complete picture of your child's progress, statewide tests provide educators and administrators with information about what educational approaches are working and where additional resources are needed. Your child's participation is important to ensure schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed.

Description of rights

Oregon law (ORS 329.479) permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting a form to the school the student attends. Schools will provide parents with the 2021-22 form at least 30 days prior to the start of testing.

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

English Language Arts & Math Tests
Grades 3-8: March 8—June 3, 2022
Grades 9-12: January 11—June 3, 2022

OREGON'S STATE TESTS

- **Challenge your child to think critically** and apply their knowledge to real-world problems
- **Go beyond multiple choice** and ask your child to explain their answers
- **Act as a snapshot of your child's progress** and may be considered along with other pieces of information to determine your child's academic success
- **Help identify schools and districts** that need additional supports to ensure more students are meeting higher standards

When will my child take the test?

Your child will be tested once after they have completed at least two-thirds of the school year. Your child's school will determine the specific dates your child takes the tests within the statewide testing window.

STAY INFORMED

Talk to your child's teacher or school principal if you have questions or want to learn more.

Resources

To learn more about what your child should know and be able to do in English Language Arts & Math:

<http://tinyurl.com/ELARoadmap> & <http://tinyurl.com/MathRoadmap>

To view sample test questions: <http://tinyurl.com/ORPracticeTests>

To read more about your child's test results: <http://tinyurl.com/ORTestResults>