



Philomath Middle School

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<http://www.philomath.k12.or.us/schools/pms>

Attendance: 541-929-5009

It's hard to believe we are past the halfway point of the school year. The students have worked hard the first semester, and I expect them to do the same for the remainder of the year. If you are looking to be involved and volunteer at the middle school, we currently have one open Site Council Parent position. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the Site Council.

Steve Bell - Philomath Middle School, Principal

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Second Quarter Honor Roll Assembly

Our Second Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, February 9th, in the gym. It will begin at 8:10 a.m. for all grades. Parents are invited to attend.



Valentine's Day Deliveries

We discourage deliveries of flowers and gifts to students at school as they cause disruptions and distractions to the learning environment. Therefore, gifts, and flowers will not be delivered to students during class time.

If there is a delivery, students will receive a note from the office letting them know that they have a delivery to be picked up *after school*.

It is also important to remember that we cannot deliver anything to students from anyone other than their parents, guardian, or those listed on their registration sheet with the authority to write notes or excuse or prearrange an absence.



Teen Summit

Teen Summit is a free, one-day conference for Benton County teens (grades 8-12) to network, access resources, and learn more about issues that affect their lives. Workshop topics were chosen by local teens, rooted in the idea that Teen Summit should focus on youth interests.

On Wednesday, February 13 the entire eighth grade class from Philomath Middle School will be attending this event at LeSells Stewart Center. Lunch will be provided. Please call Mike Panico at 541-929-3167 for more information or questions .



Career Day

Career Day is Friday, February 23rd. Career Day is an all-school event (8:05 a.m.-12:25 p.m.). The students are currently signing up for sessions. Thank you to all of those that have volunteered to present to the students.

We are looking forward to this enjoyable and educational community event. We thank Chana VanOrden for all of her work organizing Career Day.



The Little Mermaid Jr. Comes to Philomath!

Philomath Middle School students will be performing *The Little Mermaid Jr.* in the Philomath High School Auditorium on March 8, 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a matinee on Saturday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m.

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

There are over 60 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 8 and 9, and Cast B will be on stage for both performances on the 10th.

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

There will be a *Little Mermaid Jr.* Children's Tea Party on Thursday, March 1, at 4:00 p.m., also in the Philomath High School Auditorium. During this Tea, children ages 2 through 13 can have "tea" (*juice*) and cookies, meet the

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costumed cast members, and enjoy a short musical performance. Parents are welcome to bring their cameras to take pictures of their children with the costumed cast.

The cost of this Tea is \$5. Tea tickets can be used as a \$1 -off coupon for any public performance of the play. Tickets for the Tea can be purchased at the door.



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 12th. Our first meet is scheduled after Spring Break. This gives us two weeks to prepare before Spring Break. Students must have all paperwork completed and fees paid prior to beginning practice. Please be sure that all is completed 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 15th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. If you or your child has questions, please call Mr. Skaar or Mrs. Thompson at 541-929-3167.

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



24 Hour Attendance Line

We have a 24 hour attendance line to excuse your student's absence from school. The number is 541-929-5009. Please call the attendance line before 8:30 a.m. . Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



January Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month for January:

6th Grade – Henry Katsikis and Terra Thomson

7th Grade – Mimosa Beck and

Dawson Beckstead

8th Grade - Marlee Heiken and Braedon Littrell



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 Reese Grube the 8th Grade "Rotary Student of the Month" for January.



2017 Samaritan Awards

Philomath Middle School Staff has nominated Laura Schell for a Samaritan Volunteer recognition award.

Laura has spent countless hours volunteering for the Philomath Middle School and throughout the Philomath School District. She has successfully organized two Turkey Bingo Fundraisers. Congratulations Laura! We appreciate all of your hard work.

Release Time for Religious Instruction

ORS 339.420 allows parents to have their children excused from school *for periods not exceeding five hours in any week for secondary students* to receive religious instruction. Permission forms are available in the school office if you would like to have your child excused for this purpose.



Sixth Grade Outdoor School

Sixth grade Outdoor School will take place April 30– May 4. We will have a parent meeting in April. The date and time are yet to be determined. This session will provide information to parents about the expectations, requirements, and responsibilities of Outdoor School participation. Outdoor School forms will be sent home with students prior to the parent meeting.



Immunization Requirements

Please make sure your child’s immunizations are up to date or that exempt letters are turned in **by February 21st, 2018**. You should have received notification from your child’s school if the record is not up to date. If your child’s immunizations are incomplete, they will be unable to attend school after the **exclusion date**, which is **February 21, 2018**.

Immunization clinic hours are limited. We encourage families to seek appointments for vaccinations in advance of February. Families can seek immunization at their doctor’s office or clinic, the Benton County Health Department, or at a pharmacy for children over the age of seven years old.

Children without health insurance are eligible for free or very low cost vaccines at the Benton County Health Department. To schedule an appointment please call 541-766-6812.

Please refer to <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/Pages/index.aspx> for information regarding immunizations. In addition you can contact me, Nurse Tina, at 541-740-0245 or tina.hoch@philomath.k12.or.us .

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Attendance Matters

What the research shows...

- Absenteeism in middle and high school can predict dropout rates.
- Absenteeism influences not just chances for graduating, but also for completing college.
- Improving attendance is an essential strategy for reducing achievement gaps. When students reduce absences, they can make academic gains.

*Source: www.attendanceworks.org

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



Inclement Weather Information

Please refer to <http://www.philomath.k12.or.us/closure.php> for information on; signing up to receive Flash Alert, Inclement Weather and School Closure Policies, and Inclement Weather Alternate Bus Routes.



Philomath Community Library

Teen Night: Have fun with gaming, slime/gak making, and snacks with friends
Wednesday, 2/21/18, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Important Dates



February

- 5 “Be Kind” Day
7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball at Stayton -4:00 p.m.
- 6 SEAC meeting-District Office- 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Second Quarter Passport Party
7th Grade boys Basketball “B” team- Home
- 8 Emerging Bilingual Advisor Council- PMS Library- 6:30-8 p.m.
- 9 Second Quarter Honor Roll Assembly— PMS Gym—8:10 a.m.
Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball Pictures—PMS Gym - 1:00 p.m.
- 12 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball at La Creole -4:00 p.m.
- 13 8th grade to Teen Summit at OSU
- 14 Site Council Meeting—3:30 p.m.
- 15 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Silverton- Home
School Board Meeting- District Office Board Room—7:00 p.m.
- 16 NO SCHOOL- or Make Up Day, if a prior inclement weather day is called.
- 19 NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day Holiday- or Make Up Day, if a prior inclement weather day is called.
- 21 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball at Sweet Home-4:00 p.m.
- 22 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball at Newport-4:00 p.m.
- 23 Career Day
Drama-thon—12:30 p.m. to Saturday 12:30- PHS Auditorium
- 26 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball at Cascade-4:00 p.m.
- 28 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Stayton- Home

March

- 1 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Valor- Home
The Little Mermaid Jr. Tea Party- PHS Auditorium—4:00 p.m.
- 2 Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 5 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. La Creole- Home
- 7 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball at Talmadge – 4:00 p.m.
Eight Grade Spring Photo’s
- 8 *The Little Mermaid Jr.*— PHS Auditorium—7:00 p.m.
- 9 NO SCHOOL for students- End of Second Trimester for the High School
The Little Mermaid Jr.— PHS Auditorium—7:00 p.m.

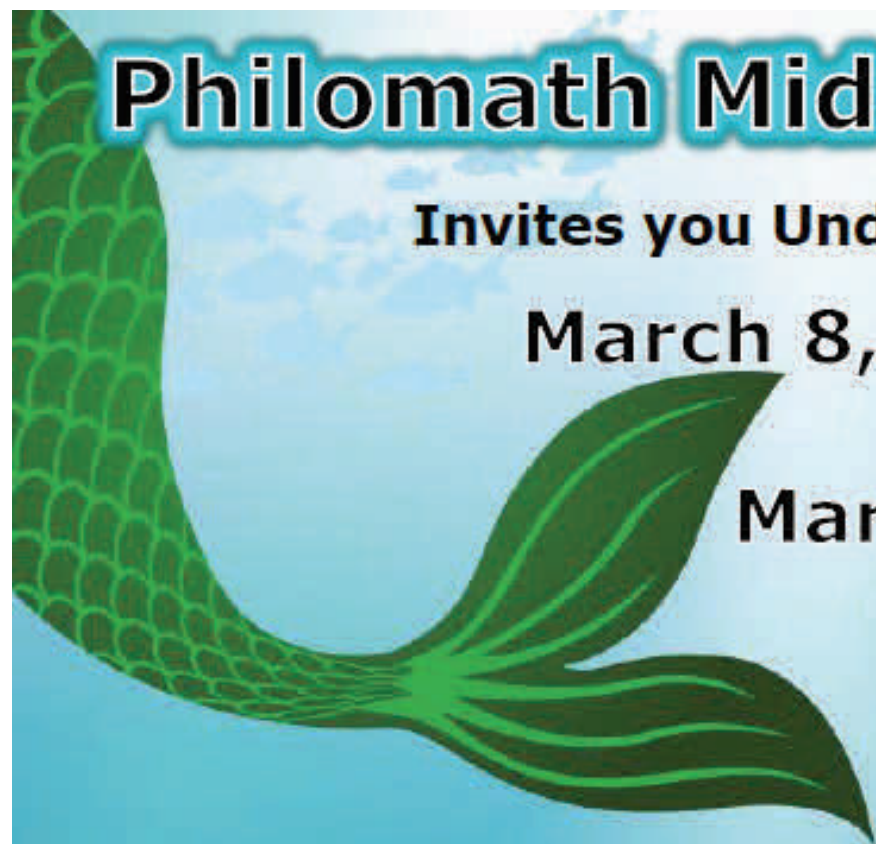
Philomath Middle School

Invites you Under the Sea

March 8, 9, 10 @ 7 pm

Matinee

March 10 @ 1 pm



Disney's

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.



Showing at:
Philomath Auditorium in
Philomath High School

All seats \$7.00 at the door
Doors open 45 minutes
prior to showtime

Children's Tea
Party:
Ages 2-12
March 1 @ 4 pm
\$5.00 at the door
PHS - Auditorium

The Little Mermaid JR. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY