

# Pleasant Hill Intermediate School

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May 2023

## Important Dates

**5/1-5/23 - Make-Up MAP Testing**  
**5/2/23 - APEX Pep Rally - Kick Off**  
**5/3-10/23 - APEX Lesson Days**  
**5/4/23 - IS Band Concert @ HS PAC**  
**5/5/23 - IS Field Day**  
**5/12/23 - APEX Fun Run @ HS Track,  
Weather Permitting**  
**5/15/23 - IS Music Concert @ HS PAC**  
**5/19/23 - Last Day of School - 3 HR Early  
Release**

## ELECTIVE TEAM NEWSLETTER



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## Health Room Reminders:

We have stock Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, and Cough Drops in the Health Room for those who have signed permission for us to give. Please do not send any medication to school with your child as this is a safety concern due to having loose medication floating around the school. If children are on antibiotics or any other medication that needs to be given at school, please check them in with the nurse. Thank you.

## **The Principal's Page**

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Dear Parent,

Our last month is upon us; I don't know where the school year has gone! Students and staff are excited about the learning and upcoming activities that will be taking place during the remainder of the year. Please check important dates; it will be a very busy month!

### **MAP Testing**

We have concluded MAP testing and will be doing MAP make-up testing through May 5. Our students have been doing an outstanding job of putting forth their best effort and taking the test seriously. We are proud of how hard they worked!

### **APEX Fun Run**

PHIS students will engage in the APEX Fun Run on May 12th. Students will ride the bus to and from the track located at the Middle School in order to engage in their fun run. Staff will be assisting students in this activity. We look forward to a fun celebration and thank our PTO for organizing this event!

### **Last Day of School Activities**

Our Last day of school is May 19. This is an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 12:22 pm. Students will engage in the following activities:

- ☐ 6th Grade Talent Show, 8:45am
- ☐ 5th Grade Talent Show; 10:00am
- ☐ Summer Reading Challenge Kick-off
- ☐ Activities in Core Classes

### **Chromebook and Charger Collection on May 18th:**

All students must turn in their chromebook and charger on May 18 (unless they are attending Summer School). Please ensure your child has both the device in its case along with the charger. There will be fees assessed from the Technology Department for missing or damaged devices/chargers.

Parents of virtual students should plan on dropping their child's Chromebook and charger off during the school day on May 18. The school hours are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Enjoy your summer vacation. We hope that it is safe and filled with fun and relaxation!

Educationally Yours,  
Chandra Arbuckle

### **District Website and App:**

The District website is [www.phr3.org](http://www.phr3.org). The Pleasant Hill R-3 School District also offers an app (found on both the Apple and Android app stores). The app includes a Push Notification feature that PHSD utilizes to get information out to students, staff, and families.

Should you need it, below is a link to a Google Slides presentation that introduces the app and some key features. We encourage you to download the app and begin using this means of communication. It will be the best and easiest way to communicate school closures due to inclement weather.

### **PHSD App / Notifier Intro and Instructions**

**Mission: The mission of PHIS is to provide a comprehensive system of support to develop 21st century, life-long learners who master objectives through displaying character traits and work ethic necessary to collaborate, create, and communicate in and beyond the classroom.**

**Vision: At PHIS, we believe we can and will reach our potential.**

**District Mission:  
Every Student Every Day**

### **The Counselor's Corner**

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As we finish our MAP testing this week, we will have make-up testing next week for any sessions that students have missed. If your student missed any of the testing days, please make sure that they are here each day next week and ready to test!

Summer is around the corner, and there are lots of great family activities to do in the KC area. Check out the ideas listed in this article!

<https://www.ifamilykc.com/blog/summer/fun-summer-activities-kids/>

Mrs. Cole ([rcole@pleasanthillschools.com](mailto:rcole@pleasanthillschools.com))

## **ART**

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### **5th Grade Art:**

The end is near! We will use our last class periods to complete one painting, have one more work day, and end with a cleaning day. The last artwork, the painting, will offer students a chance to use unique painting techniques (wet-in-wet, tapping, acrylic paints vs watercolor paints, and the use of salt).

### **6th Grade 3D/2D:**

Clay projects are done! It is time to fire the clay, then we will glaze the work. While we wait on the clay to dry, we will transition to learning about the "sgraffito" method for decorative application to clay. This will be done through DIY scratch art. During the last class period, students will take their artwork home and help clean up the room.

### **6th Grade Paint/Draw:**

Painting and Drawing students are wrapping up their observational drawings. If time allows, we will look at the concept of "emphasis" in art by making a unique piece showcasing the contrast of color and pencil shading (as we've practiced during the school year). During the last class period, students will take their artwork home and help clean up the room..

### **Art Club:** The last meeting date is May 9th.

Students must engage in art-making activities during the club, and are to know it is not a space to socialize. This takes away spots available to students who wanted to join and were unable to attend due to spots being filled.

Anyone can join the art club during any given week we are in session! If you need the schedule, please reach out to me (Compton) via e-mail at [Ccompton@phr3.org](mailto:Ccompton@phr3.org). Students are required to sign-up prior to going, as only 20 spots are available per club meeting. Vehicles for pick-up should be in the **bus** line at 4:20 pm so that students may be prepared to leave the building at **4:30** pm. If your student shares that you are expecting to pick them up at the front, they will wait with the rest of the students on the other side of the building until pick-ups in the correct location have been addressed. A schedule of the meeting dates is available for your child to pick up or I am happy to email you.

## **Music**

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**Ms. Barry** ([sbarry@pleasanthillschools.com](mailto:sbarry@pleasanthillschools.com))

### **5th Grade Music:**

Students will continue with solfege patterns and will be putting both solfege and rhythmic patterns to use through instruments and singing. Students will review musical concepts through

various games and activities. Students will continue to learn more about different musicians through highlights.

### **6th Grade Singers:**

Singers will be preparing for our May concert by fine tuning posture and breathing while also working on solfege, rounds and our literature. ( J'entends Le Moulin) Students will be learning more about different musicians through our musician of the week.

### **6th Exploring Music:**

Students will be starting Bucket Drumming! We will be learning the inner workings/parts and how to properly care for and hold drum sticks and buckets drums. Students will be learning different songs and popular music on the buckets. Singers will be preparing for our May concert. Students will be learning more about different musicians through our musician of the week.

### **Clubs:**

#### ***PHIS Rockin' Roosters***

**Sponsor: Ms. Barry -Rm #400**

**2nd Semester only**

**When: Mondays from 3:30-4:30**

### **Computer**

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**Miss Greve (lgreve@pleasanthillschools.com)**

### **Computer Club**

**Sponsor: Miss Greve**

**Tuesday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Wednesday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

The last day of the computer club this school year is Wednesday, May 3rd.

### **5th Grade Computer Class:**

Computer coding was the emphasis of April. Students worked in a self-paced program using coding.org. They learned about sequencing, how to create characters called Sprites, and how to make the Sprites interact or change behavior.

The 2022-2023 school year will end with some fun digital citizenship lessons. Additionally, students will create some welcome signs for the incoming 2023-2024 5th graders. These will be hung throughout the building when they return in August. It is hard to believe that students only have computer class a few more times this school year. How time has flown!

## **6th Grade PHIS Broadcast News:**

What a fantastic school year this has been! As the school year is coming to an end, the broadcast students are busy creating segments to help everyone get ready for the summer. For example, each student picked an enjoyable summer activity in or around Pleasant Hill. Going to the lake, the park, the pool, or a car cruise were just a few of the activities students selected. Then students researched information about the activity, such as hours of operation, or prices to participate. Once they had all the facts, they created a short video segment to share in the announcements.

As the broadcast students finish this school year, they will be creating segments about the summer reading challenge, the APEX fundraiser, and various housekeeping items students need to complete as the school year comes to an end. They will even create some "advice" videos to share to the 5th graders to make the transition into 6th grade go smoothly. I wish everyone a Rockin' Rooster Summer!

Here is the link to the latest video announcements. Enjoy! [April 26th Announcements](#)

## **Library/STUCO News**

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### **Library:**

Summer approaches! And that means summer reading challenge time! Logs are in your child's library Google Classroom. Please do not start logging books until 5/20/2023.

Reading logs can be accessed starting 5/17 and will be due to the library on 9/1 in the fall semester.

To go along with this, current 5th graders will be able to check out up to 5 books to read over the summer to get them started. I will be open from 12:30-3:30 on 5/19 should you like to bring your child up and browse with them.

### **STUCO:**

STUCO is sponsoring teacher appreciation week activities the first week of May! We had our end-of-year party on the last day of April to finish preparing for this week and have fun together one last time before the end of the year. Thanks for being so active in making your school and community a better place!

Any questions should be directed to Melissa Arenson at [marenson@phr3.org](mailto:marenson@phr3.org)

## **P.E.**

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Chris Stilwell [cstilwell@pleasanthillschools.com](mailto:cstilwell@pleasanthillschools.com)

### **5th grade PE:**

5th grade is ending the year with some classic games from throughout the year such as strikerball and gaga ball!

### **6th grade Non-Traditional Games:**

6th grade will end the year with some outdoor yard games such as ladder golf, bocce, and croquet!

### **6th Grade Traditional Sports:**

6th grade will end the year with some outdoor yard games such as ladder golf, bocce, and croquet!

\*If you need any more details from Coach Stilwell, feel free to email

[cstilwell@pleasanthillschools.com](mailto:cstilwell@pleasanthillschools.com)

### **Morning Intramurals**

**Sponsor: Coach Stilwell and Linda Greve**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 7:25-7:55 am**

Intramurals have ended for the 2022-2023 school year. The last day was April 28th.