Pleasant Hill
Connection

October 2015

Parent Information

PHE Vision Statement
Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

Early Release Correction
Three of the dates for student early release have been changed. The correct dates are listed below when students will be released at 12:20 PM from PHE:

- October 9
- November 18
- December 18
- January 28
- March 4
- April 20
- May 13

October Activities
1 Volunteer Training, 2:00 PM
5-9 Book Fair
6 Picture Day
9 Early Release, 12:20 PM
23 Report Cards
29 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Recycling
Recycling has been an on-going project at PHE for many years. Fourth grade students volunteer to prepare the materials for recycling daily.
This year’s recycling crew is L-R: Owen Taylor, Alyssa Yeager, Jaiden Francis and Greyson Godfrey. (not pictured: Tyler Whited)

Scholastic Book Fair
October 5-9

Project Completion is Near
Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the Pleasant Hill PTO has neared completion of a project that was begun six years ago.
A 30x60-foot pavilion was erected on the back playground in 2009 with Richard Butler of Butler and Co. Construction as designer and supervisor. Helping with that part of the project were volunteers Larry Whited, Steve Whited, Dan Morris, Neil Stump, Gina Stump and Kim Butler.
The pavilion has been used for many activities since that time but it was the goal of the PTO to finish the project by pouring a concrete floor. That was finally accomplished in September of this year thanks to the efforts of Steve Whited and Matt Siwicki doing the ground preparation and building the frame for the concrete.
The only things left to do are installing gutters and completing the ground work around the outside edges of the pavilion which includes sewing grass seed.
Many thanks to all who have contributed their time and effort to this project.

What is Title I?
Beginning in 1965 Title I is the largest federal aid program for elementary, middle, and high schools. It serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year distributing funding to schools and school districts with a high percentage of students from low-income families. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children who are experiencing difficulty with reading and/or mathematics in order that they may be successful in school.
Which students can get Title I help?
Students are selected for participation in the Title I program based on their performance on tests, class work, and recommendation from parents and/or teachers. The Title I and classroom teachers work together to plan instruction that will best meet the student’s academic needs.
What will Title I do for my child?
The Title I program will provide your child with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom. The program generally offers:
• small group instruction,
• extra time for teaching students the skills they need,
• a variety of supplementary teaching methods,
• special attention to meet individual needs, and
• additional teaching materials which supplement students’ regular instruction.
Classroom News

3rd Grade Mrs. Whited

3rd graders are observing monarch caterpillars in science class. Monarch caterpillars can be found on milkweed plants. The students were able to observe the milkweed plant and the seed pods which are filled with seeds attached to silk which helps the wind disperse the seeds. We currently have three of the four stages of the monarch life cycle: eggs, larva (caterpillar), and pupa (chrysalis). We are anxiously awaiting the fourth and final stage, a beautiful monarch butterfly.

Kindergarten Mrs. Prusack

In Reading we have been learning about our families and our school. We have discussed why rules are important and used what we know to better understand the characters in our stories. In Math we have been grouping items and people using sorting rules, how they are alike and different. We have been working on recognizing our numbers, matching them to a set of objects, and writing them neatly.

2nd Grade Mrs. Trippett

The 2nd grade math classes are working on basic addition/subtraction facts and place value. In science class we are learning about things in our solar system and will be learning about the phases of the moon. It would be very beneficial if you would work with your child at home on basic addition and subtraction facts.

1st Grade Mrs. Henderson

Mrs. Henderson's math classes have been working really hard on learning our math facts and improving our fluency with numbers up to 120. Our science classes have been studying habitats. Several students have brought in caterpillars and we have observed a caterpillar making it's chrysalis. Josiah Wilson gave an awesome presentation on his trip to Topsail Island as part of our study of different habitats.

School Closing Notification

The WV Dept. of Education offers an e-mail/text notification of school closings and early releases to anyone who signs up. If you would like to receive that alert, you may sign up on their website: http://wvde.state.wv.us/closings

Picture Day

October 6
Individual student pictures will be taken.

You can find this newsletter along with other school news on our web site: http://www.edline.net/pages/pleasanthill