



## WELCOME BACK! Newsletter

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Hello Hawk Families!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year. We are all looking forward to welcoming our PBCCS Hawks back to campus. Together we will create a year of excellence for our children. As a charter school within Crook County School District, parents, students, and staff CHOOSE to attend PBCCS because of our alternative model, unique programming and community. ***What makes PBCCS unique?***

- **Place-based Education:** Place-based education provides a relevant context for instruction, and connects students to the rich natural and cultural history of Crook County and Central Oregon. We are committed to using the local community as a starting point to teach reading, writing, math, social studies and science.
- **Our Community:** The PBCCS community is a team! Everyone works together to support kids and the school. Staff, parents and students are constantly working together to create a productive, positive and rewarding atmosphere to learn and grow.
- **Time Spent Outside:** Students at PBCCS spend meaningful time outside the classroom in educational and exploratory work. Fieldwork takes students out into the community, to engage in hands-on learning experiences, research and service projects with experts. Students learn skills in the classroom and are able to apply them to their work outside.
- **Passionate Staff:** Staff at PBCCS choose to work in this innovative environment where they can implement unique place-based learning experiences. Staff work diligently to support all students to meet their educational, social and emotional goals and needs.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can have a successful, productive and joyful school year. I am honored to serve as the administrator of PBCCS. It is truly a privilege to be a part of this community and play a role in your child's education. Together, let's make it another great year at PBCCS!

Mrs. O'Shea

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### Teacher Meet & Greet and Ice Cream Social Thursday, August 29 - 4:30-6:00 PM



Come check out your classroom and meet your teacher. Afterwards enjoy an ice cream sundae with your family and friends to celebrate the new school year.

## Traffic Safety

Student safety is a top priority at PBCCS. Please support our efforts by:

- Using designated parking spots and areas
- Backing into the front parking lot
- Using the crosswalk **with** your student
- Driving **around** the church and into the circle for drop-off/pick-up
  - From Williams Road, turn right into the church parking lot.  
Drive all the way around the church to turn right into the circle for drop-off and pick-up
- Driving **slowly** through the church and drop off circle
- Ensuring that buses are not blocked from entering or exiting the loading zone on the west side of campus on Williams Road.



Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and the traffic flowing!

## Morning Drop-off

Morning drop off begins at **7:15 AM**. Students may be dropped off in the circle on the west side of the school and enter the building from the side **OR** at the front parking lot and enter through the front door.

Elementary students will go directly to the **GYM**. Middle school students will go to the **CAFETERIA**.

Morning meeting and announcements will begin at **7:45 AM**.

## Afternoon Pick-Up

All students will be released to the bus or drop-off/pick-up area on the west side of campus at the end of the school day. If you are picking up your child please drive through the circle, or park and walk to the pick up area to retrieve your child. Students are released for afternoon pick-up at **2:30 PM**.

## Bussing

If you have questions regarding busing for your student, please remember to contact Crook County Transportation Department at 541-447-7789.

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## PBCCS Recognizes POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

**☑ Be respectful ☑ Enthusiastic ☑ Safe ☑ Take responsibility**

## PBCCS Students are the BEST!!!

Our school motto at PBCCS is **be respectful, enthusiastic, safe and take responsibility**.

Each day we practice these skills throughout our school community. Students can earn green slips at school for displaying their BEST behavior. Students enter those green slips into a weekly drawing for an award. Drawings are held on Friday.



At the end of each month PBCCS hosts a **BEST Assembly**. This month it will be held on September 26 at 1:30 PM. At the assembly teachers and staff members recognize students that have exemplified the virtues of the month. The virtues for September are **respect** and **responsibility**. We hope you will join us for this monthly celebration!

We encourage families to practice the PBCCS school expectations at home and throughout our community. It is easy to find ways to be respectful, enthusiastic, safe and take responsibility. Saying “thank you,” wearing your seatbelt, sharing with a sibling, brushing your teeth. Help us encourage our children to be respectful, enthusiastic, safe and take responsibility in all areas of their lives.

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### **Communication using ALMA**



PBCCS uses a communication tool called Alma. Parents can use Alma to check the school calendar, email teachers, get updates on the bulletin board, check student work and progress in their classes. Log in to your Alma account by following this link, <https://powellbutte.getalma.com/>. For assistance please contact Mrs. Newton or Mrs. Townsend in the office at

[info@powellbuttecharterschool.org](mailto:info@powellbuttecharterschool.org)

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**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school - and themselves.** Start building good habits so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in school, high school, college and at work.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before.
- If you child is anxious about going to school, talk to your teacher. Work together to make school comfortable.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.



For more on school readiness and attendance visit [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org).

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### **NEWS FROM PTO**



Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month again this year! Meetings happen after school in the library and kids are welcome to play while parents meet.

PBCCS PTO works hard to support our school mission and vision by: hosting joyful family-fun activities on campus, supporting stewardship of our campus and community, and working to fund place-based classroom and school-wide initiatives.

Please plan to join our efforts in supporting learning and life here at PBCCS during the 2019-2020 school year! Can't attend a Tuesday meeting? Just contact Mrs. Foley to find out what's going on and how you can participate in other ways around PBCCS.



- September 3** First Day of School, Grades 1-8
- September 5** First Day for Kinder (Last name A-H)
- September 6** First Day Kinder (Last name I-Z)
- September 10** PTO Meeting @ 2:45 PM
- September 12** Boo Hoo Woo Hoo Parent Coffee @ 7:45 AM
- September 19** School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- September 21** Central Oregon Ranch Supply Trade School - *Donations from lunch benefit Friends of Powell Butte School Lunch Program*
- September 25** Picture Day!
- September 26** BEST Assembly @ 1:30
- September 27** No School - Teacher Professional Development