

Hawks Specials Newsletter, September 2019

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Welcome back Hawks Families! I am very excited for the personal health and social skills work that students, teachers and I will engage in this year. Much of September is spent allowing teachers and students to settle into their new routines together, which means students will spend much time practicing correct school procedures and behaviors. This dedicated training time pays off *huge* dividends for focused learning the remainder of the school year!

I will be supporting teachers' efforts this month by helping introduce students to our PBE Community theme this year. We will discuss what community means and how we can work together to make PBCCS a place where all students feel they belong, which compliments our work with personal health and social skill building. Much of this work will be accomplished by focusing on our September school-wide virtues: Respect and Responsibility.

Thanks for supporting your students in learning these life skills that serve a lifetime!

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Art and Music Learning Update

K-2 Art Projects As the lower grades get settled into school and their classrooms, they will begin learning about community! We will be supporting their classroom work by focusing on community based art: transportation of all sorts and city/town scapes! Here's an example of our first transportation artwork:



3-5 Art Projects

Upper elementary students are already talking about community and civic duties in their classes! In art, we will be focusing on United States symbols, such as the Liberty Bell, this fall. Here is an example of our most recent project, the Liberty Bell:



Thank you so much for your continued support of the music and art program at PBCCS!

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Place Based Education Update

For the 2019-2020 school year, the place based curriculum is centered around the theme of community. With that in mind, there are a couple community events this weekend, bring the whole family:

- 9/20 & 9/21: Central Oregon Ranch Supply Round Up and Trade Show at the Show Barn in Powell Butte. The school staff will be serving lunch on Saturday since this is a fundraiser for Friends of Powell Butte School, which is the non-profit organization that runs our school lunch program. The Showbarn is about a mile east of the school on Hwy 126, look for the signs and the cars parked in the field on the North side of the highway.
- 9/21: Spudtacular at Powell Butte Community Center from 9am to 4pm: A potato-themed day of contests, activities, food and music, this is a fundraiser for the Community Center and fun for the family.

Field Studies: All students MUST have a signed permission slip / medical release to participate in field studies. Please be on the lookout for permission slips; sign and return them to your student's teacher promptly to ensure that your student will be included in the field study. Would you like to join us? We always need chaperones, contact your student's classroom teacher. Here are the dates currently on the calendar, the October newsletter will have more dates for K-2 and middle school.

- September 24: Grades 3-5 Introduction to Community: Prineville
- September 24: Middle School at McKay Creek
- October 1: Middle School at Willow Creek
- October 23: Middle School at McKay Creek
- October 30: Middle School at Willow Creek

Appropriate dress for the field: Please watch the weather when preparing your students for the field. Fall can be warm and sunny or cool and stormy! Set your student up for success by including the following in their day pack:

- Extra warm layers
- Rain shell
- Long pants
- Closed toe shoes (rain or muck boots are great)
- Hat
- FOPBS does not provide sack lunches for students on field studies**
- Water bottle/ thermos: warm drinks are well received on cool fall days
- sack lunch with extra snacks (since they tend to eat more when they are outside all day)

Thanks for supporting Place Based Education at PBCCS by chaperoning, sharing your expertise and preparing students to be in the field all day!

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