



Newsletter

Hello Hawk Families!

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. I am so excited to soon have students flood the classrooms and hallways! As I begin my 9th year at PBCCS, I wanted to share with you some of my reflections about what makes PBCCS so great:

- **OUR STUDENTS:** PBCCS students are full of energy and enthusiasm for learning. Our students are an inspiring example of how different people can live together, work together and learn together.
- **OUR POSITIVE AND NURTURING CLIMATE:** Staff, parents and students are constantly working together to create a productive, positive and rewarding atmosphere to learn and grow.
- **AMAZING STAFF:** It takes great staff to make a great school. PBCCS has caring and committed staff who put kids first.
- **PLACE-BASED LEARNING:** PBCCS has the only place-based learning program in the region. Place-based learning at PBCCS immerses students in experiencing the world around them and prioritizes engagement and authenticity. At PBCCS students learn to appreciate the uniqueness of their community and how to take care of it for the future.
- **THE COMMUNITY:** The PBCCS community is a team! Everyone works together to support kids and the school.

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

Place Based Learning

Each year PBCCS investigates a theme that drives our place-based learning. This year our theme is **land**. Place-based learning will bring us outside of the classroom to use the outdoors and the community as a learning space.

This fall, each class is exploring the land theme through the following questions:

- Why do people live in Central Oregon?
- Who owns the land? What does it mean to own land?
- How do indigenous people interact with the land?
- How has the land changed over time?
- What forces shaped our landscape?
- How did plants and animals come to be here and why?



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 27 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!

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 your child's teacher or Mrs. Townsend in the office.



September 4	First Day of School, Grades 1-8
September 6	First Day for Kinder (Last name A-H)
September 7	First Day Kinder (Last name I-Z)
September 11	PTO Meeting @ 2:45 PM
September 12	Boo Hoo Woo Hoo Parent Coffee @ 7:45 AM
September 18	Picture Day! Back to School Night @ 6:00 PM
September 20	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
September 22	Central Oregon Ranch Supply Trade School - <i>Donations from lunch benefit Friends of Powell Butte School Lunch Program</i>
September 27	BEST Assembly @ 1:30
September 28	No School - Teacher Professional Development