



January 12, 2022

REMINDER: No School, Monday - January 17 in honor of MLK Day.

COVID Update for 2022

Thank you for your perseverance and resilience as we face the challenges of the newest COVID-19 Omicron variant. PBCCS is feeling the impacts of Omicron on our staff and children. Health experts have explained that the peak will likely occur sometime at the end of January.

PBCCS is committed to prioritizing in-person learning and maintaining safety protocols to reduce the risk of infection and keep students and staff as safe as possible. At this point, PBCCS has no plans to move to distance learning.

Please help us keep students healthy during this busy season of colds, flu, RSV and COVID:

- If your student is sick, please *do not* send them to school.
- Contact your doctor if you have cold, flu, RSV or COVID like symptoms.
- Please contact PBCCS if your student has had a COVID exposure or positive test. Call or text 541-548-1166.
- Keep washing your hands!

There are two important updates to the COVID-19 Safety Plan to be aware of:

- PBCCS is implementing the state's Test-to-Stay program. This allows students or staff exposed to a positive case at school to remain in school if they receive a negative test. Only trained school staff can administer the test and a follow up test is required 5-7 days after the initial exposure. Students will only get tested if permission is granted by a parent or guardian. If any student or staff develops symptoms after the first test, they will need to quarantine.
- The Oregon Health Authority and Crook County Health Department have adopted new quarantine guidelines. Quarantine periods for all who test positive or have been exposed and are unvaccinated has been reduced to 5 days.

SEL Update

This winter, K-5 students have been learning about their own social and emotional self-awareness, extending this learning into social awareness to support their friendships and classroom communities. Students have been engaging in this work in the following ways:

- Recognizing feelings in ourselves and others in various situations;
- Pinpointing the various ways emotions show up in our bodies;
- Making thoughtful *helpful* choices, vs *hurtful* choices, when handling emotions and various social situations.

Intent to Return 2022-23

Planning for the 2022-23 school year has begun! While so much in the world is uncertain, PBCCS plans to be here for you and your child in the 2022-23 school year and beyond!

If your child is planning on returning to PBCCS next year, please submit this [2022-23 INTENT TO RETURN FORM](#) by Friday, February 11.

We encourage all current families to complete the Intent to Return form, so that you do not lose your enrollment spot at PBCCS. If your plans change in the future, you can notify the office at your convenience.

Upcoming:

- January 17 No School, MLK Day
- January 20 PBCCS Board Meeting @ 6 PM
- January 27 End of Semester 1
- January 28 No School, Staff Professional Development Day
- January 31 No School, Grading Day