Superintendent Newsletter

An update from Pullman Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxwell

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PULLMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DECEMBER 2022

When to Stay Home from School

- **Persistent Coughing**
  Students who are unable to participate in classroom activities due to persistent coughing should stay home.

- **Fever 100° F or Higher**
  Students need to stay home for 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal without the help of fever-reducing medications, such as Ibuprofen/Tylenol.

- **Extreme Fatigue**
  Students who are unusually tired, pale, lack appetite, or who are difficult to wake, confused, or unusually irritable.

- **Diarrhea**
  Students should stay home if they have three or more loose or watery stools in a 24-hour period, especially if the student feels ill. They should stay home 24 hours after the last watery stool.

- **Vomiting**
  If student vomits 2 or more times during the last 24 hours, they should stay home. Students should stay home for 24 hours after the last time they vomited.

- **Rash**
  Rash has an unknown origin or is known to be contagious such as ringworm, impetigo, or scabies. Students may return to school as soon as treatment has begun.

- **Eye Symptoms**
  If student's eyes are draining mucus or pus or have an unusual redness, itchiness or pain not due to injury or allergy, they should stay home.

- **Lice**
  Students may return to school once treatment has begun.

- **Diagnosed Strep Throat or Pink Eye**
  Students must stay home 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

MESSAGE FROM MAXWELL

It is difficult to believe that 2022 is almost behind us and when we return to school on Monday, January 9th it will be 2023. While 2022 definitely presented some challenges, there is a lot to be thankful for as we reflect upon this past year and prepare for the new year.

To begin with, progress has definitely been made! At this time a year ago, we were in the midst of a pandemic and balancing learning and continuing to work through health and safety protocols. I am happy that we are in a much different place today. Our students in grades P-12 are all back in person, learning and participating in a variety of clubs, activities, and athletics.
Staff continue to engage in professional learning communities that focus on learning and results. During the 2021-2022 school year, the main focus revolved around what do we expect students to learn? Collaborative teams identified essentials standards. This year, staff are focusing on the identified essential standards and how we know students are learning. This includes developing common formative assessments, analyzing the results, and determining the next instructional steps.

As we approach the holiday season and the new year, my sincere hope is that each student, parent/guardian, and staff member is safe, healthy, and able to spend as much quality time with one another as possible. I urge each of us to make the most of the upcoming holiday break and to spend as much time with our children as possible. Too often we can be preoccupied with the busyness of work, life, and the holidays (and justifiably so) and miss the opportunity to create positive memories with our children and loved ones. I have been guilty of this on many occasions and it is my goal to truly be present as much as possible in the coming days.

In closing, thank you for your support of our students, staff members, and school district. Together we continue to make progress to meet the social emotional and learning needs of each of our students.

Thank you! Happy Holidays!  

- Bob Maxwell  
Superintendent  
PULLMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Did you know Pullman School District has a Sustainability Committee?

The Sustainability Committee exists to promote environmental sustainability, educate stakeholders, and increase the positive impact of Pullman School District’s operations on the environment. The committee is charged with being an instrument for discussion, identification, and action related to sustainability and energy conservation within the district, and encourages continuous improvement of and fosters adherence to the district’s policies, procedures, and practices at all levels.

Guiding Board Policy: 6810 Energy Management, Education and Conservation

At the end of the 2021-2022 school year, the Sustainability Committee worked to identify and prioritize themes/initiatives for the district and is now working on action plans for each of the identified priorities.

Sustainability Committee Priorities:
- Reducing Food Waste and Composting Implementation
- Reducing Packaging Waste
- Curriculum & Coursework (CTE) / Professional Development / Resource Library for Staff
- Electric Bus/Bike Implementation
- Comprehensive Plan for Creating Outdoor Green Spaces

To learn more about the work of the Sustainability Committee, meeting minutes can be found on our district website at: https://www.pullmanschools.org/district/committees/sustainability_committee
We welcome all interested applicants and are committed to hiring the most highly qualified and professional teaching and support staff to serve the students of Pullman School District. To that end, the district will actively seek applicants who best meet the needs of the district.

- Special Education Paraeducators
- Emergency Substitute Teachers
- Bus Drivers (Regular Route & Substitutes)
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Itinerant Head Cook
- Intramural Girls Basketball Coach
- Athletics Game Manager
- Culinary Club Advisor

If you are interested in applying for any of the positions listed above, please apply online at: https://psd267.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx

We are always looking for Substitutes!

If you or anyone you know would be interested in subbing for Pullman Schools as a bus driver, custodian, food service worker, paraprofessional, nurse, or teacher, applications can be picked up at the District Office (240 SE Dexter St).

For more information, please visit our website at https://www.pullmanschools.org/departments/human_resources

If you have any questions about employment with the Pullman School District, please contact the district office by phone at (509) 332-3584 or by email at dmyers@psd267.org.
Each school year, our principals, with staff input, develop a School Improvement Plan that sets goals for their students and staff. Click below to view what the goals are for your student’s school for the 2022-2023 school year.

**ELEMENETARY**  
*Grades: Kindergarten-5th*

- **JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY**  
  Jaguars  
  | CLICK HERE |  
  | Jim Bruce, Principal  
  | Phone: (509) 332-2617  
  | Email: jbruce@psd267.org |  

- **KAMI AK**  
  Kestrels  
  | CLICK HERE |  
  | Evan Hecker, Principal  
  | Phone: (509) 336-7205  
  | Email: ehecker@psd267.org |  

- **FRANKLIN**  
  | CLICK HERE |  
  | Stephanie Bray, Principal  
  | Phone: (509) 334-5641  
  | Email: sbray@psd267.org |  

- **SUNNYSIDE**  
  Superstars  
  | CLICK HERE |  
  | Pam Brantner, Principal  
  | Phone: (509) 334-1800  
  | Email: pbrantner@psd267.org |  

**SECONDARY**  
*Grades: 6th-12th*

- **TROJANS**  
  | CLICK HERE |  
  | Cameron Grow, Principal  
  | Phone: (509) 334-3411  
  | Email: cgrow@psd267.org |  

- **PACKERS**  
  | CLICK HERE |  
  | Juston Pollestad, Principal  
  | Phone: (509) 332-1551  
  | Email: jpollestad@psd267.org |  

*If you have any questions about the 2022-2023 School Improvement Plans, please contact the school's principal.*
Locally we are experiencing a significant surge in cases of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) with a simultaneous early influenza season. It is necessary that the district plan for unexpected school closures due to the possibility of an increase in cases of respiratory illness or insufficient staffing.

A high increase in cases of respiratory illness and/or insufficient staffing will impact our ability to conduct school operations safely and may lead to school closures. At this time, we are hopeful that there will be no such disruptions, however we must be prepared for the possibility.

To minimize the potential impact, we plan to implement any emergency closures at the building level. This could result in some schools closing while others remain open. It could also result in schools ending their 180-day year on different dates.

Our goal is to keep Pullman Public Schools open. In order to achieve that goal, it is imperative that we all work together. Please keep your student home if they are sick, students/staff are encouraged to wear a mask (optional - masks are available at each school), and please remind students to wash their hands frequently.

Our Health & Wellness webpage includes lots of great information that is easy to access right from our district website (www.pullmanschools.org) home page. Visit www.pullmanschools.org/health for more information and resources.
PULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Toy Drive

Accepting Donation Through
Tuesday, December 20

Purchase new, inexpensive toys to donate to families in the pullman community. Kids ages 5-10

Drop-off Locations:

Safeway, Walmart, Neill Public Library, or Pullman High School

For more information, Direct Message @pullmanhoundsb on instagram
INCLEMENT WEATHER
OPERATING PROCEDURES

1 HOUR DELAY
Preschool, zero-period classes, and before school activities programs and clubs cancelled
Rural bus route students will use emergency routes

2 HOUR DELAY
Preschool, zero-period classes, and before school activities programs and clubs cancelled
Rural bus route students will use emergency routes

CLOSED
SCHOOL CLOSURE

START TIMES
FES/JES 9:20 am
SES/KES 9:35 am
LMS 9:25 am
in 2nd period
PHS 9:20 am
check schedule

START TIMES
FES/JES 10:20 am
SES/KES 10:35 am
LMS 10:25 am
in 3rd period
PHS 10:20 am
check schedule

HAVE A SAFE SNOW DAY

ANY SCHOOL CLOSURES WILL BE MADE UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Announcements about school delays or cancellations are shared in the following ways:

- Email, phone call, and/or text message
- Posted on the district website
- Posted to social media channels - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Local radio stations will be contacted - 1150 AM, 1400 AM, 1250 AM, 104.3 FM, 106.1 FM, 91.7 FM, 99.5 FM
- TV Channels will be contacted - KREM (2), KXLY (4), KHQ (6) and KLEW (3)
December 2022

PHS Boosters Christmas Tree Sales Begins - click here for more info

December 26 - January 6
No School - Winter Break

January 16
No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 17
No School - Professional Learning Day for Staff

Questions? Contact Us
Phone: (509) 332-3581
Email: info@psd267.org
District Office: 240 SE Dexter St, Pullman, WA 99163

Please contact the district office if you need a translated version of the information in this newsletter.

The Pullman School District Board of Directors and the Pullman School District shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities programs without regard to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation (including gender expression or identity), marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, participation in the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent, (509) 332-3144, and Section 504 Coordinator, Director of Special Services, (509) 332-3144. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in the application process by contacting the Personnel Coordinator at (509) 332-3584.