



## PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*"Preparing and Honoring Every Student"*

September 2012

### **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

We invite all PHES volunteers to an orientation on Thursday, September 6 in the PHES cafeteria. Volunteers may attend a session at 7:45 AM or at 9:30 AM. We thank you for helping us "prepare and honor every student."

### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Grandparents' Day is Sunday, September 9, 2012. Please know that we value grandparents, and we are glad for them to visit PHES whenever they can throughout the year. We know some grandparents live far away and may visit at different times during the school year. Therefore, at PHES we will recognize our grandparents all year long instead of on just one day!

### **INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURES**

Your child's school picture will be made at school on Monday, September 17, 2012. About two weeks later, you will receive a proof and an order form. We want you to see your child's picture before placing an order.

### **PHES SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT/MOVIE NIGHT**

This year we will have our PHES Spirit Night and our Movie Night on the same evening! On Friday, September 28, at 6:30 PM we will assemble on the track/field beside our school. Students in each grade level will share a cheer or a song with us. Since we will be outside, we can really voice our school spirit! Then, we will all enjoy a movie. Be sure to bring blankets, jackets, etc. More information about this fun night will be coming your way.

### **PHES SCHOOL DAY**

The first bell at PHES rings at **7:35 AM** each day. Thank you for making sure your child is in his/her classroom ready to begin instruction at 7:35 AM. Students are dismissed at **2:25 PM**.

### **PHES OFFICE HOURS**

Pleasant Hill Elementary School office hours are  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

### **PARKING REMINDER**

For the safety of our students, please do not park or drop children off behind our kitchen. Parent parking is in front of our school only. Thank you for your help!

### ***Important Dates***

- August 30 - September 13** Benchmark testing
- September 3** SCHOOL HOLIDAY -- Labor Day
- September 4 - 18** MAP Testing (grades 2-5)
- September 5** PTA Ex. Board meeting at 7:45 AM  
Teacher-led Collaborative Planning  
Students are dismissed at 11:40 AM.
- September 6** Band/Strings Parent/Student meeting at 7:00 AM at PHES (interested 5th graders)  
Volunteer Orientation at 7:45 AM  
Volunteer Orientation at 9:30 AM
- September 9** Grandparents' Day
- September 11** PTA fundraiser ends
- September 14** Grade 1 teachers have duty-free lunch.
- September 17** Individual school pictures are made today.  
Grade 5 teachers have duty-free lunch.  
ESOL families Meet and Greet at 5:30 PM in the PHES cafeteria
- September 18** Lexington One School Board meets at 7:30 PM at the district office.
- September 19** Grade 3 teachers have duty-free lunch.
- September 20** Homeroom Parents' Meeting at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria.  
PTA Committee Chairs meet at 8:30 AM.  
PHES Dining Out at Sonic 5:30 - 8:00 PM
- September 21** Principal's Cabinet 8:00 AM
- September 24** Interim reports are issued (grades 2 - 5).  
Grade 2 teachers have duty-free lunch.  
Grade 4 teachers have duty-free lunch.
- September 28** SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! Wear green and yellow!  
PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
Kindergarten staff has duty-free lunch.  
PTA Spirit Night/Movie Night at 6:30 PM on the field/track beside our school

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

- October 4** Parent/Teacher Conferences from 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM.
- October 5** Parent/Teacher conferences from 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- October 8** **Student Holiday**  
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## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PTA FUNDRAISER!

Lexington County School District One does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or age in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries or complaints. The Chief Human Resources Officer handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title IX. The Director of Middle Schools handles inquiries/complaints regarding Section 504. The Mathematics Coordinator handles inquiries/complaints regarding Title II. Contact these people if you have questions regarding these issues at 100 Tarrar Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29072 and telephone number (803) 821-1000.

## MORNING FITNESS PROGRAM

All PHES students have the opportunity to walk/run in the morning before the school day begins. Each day a different grade level will walk or run on the track outside. Students should meet our PE teacher, Mr. Cronin, in the PE room at 7:10 AM. Students will go with him to the track, and they will walk/run from 7:15-7:35 AM. Students that arrive after 7:15 AM should go back to their home-room. We do not want students to walk to the track without adult supervision. If the weather is bad, Mr. Cronin will lead students in exercises in the PE room. The Morning Fitness Program schedule is listed below:

Monday - grade 5  
Tuesday - grade 4  
Wednesday - grade 3  
Thursday - grade 2  
Friday - grade 1 and kindergarten



## THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY

We thank groups in our community for donating school supplies to our students that need them. We send a special thanks to Lexington Medical Center, Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church and Pisgah Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Lexington  
Medical  
Center  
Staff,  
Mrs. Clark  
and  
Mrs. MC



## AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

**Tumble Tree** will be offering cheerleading classes on Tuesdays and dance classes on Thursdays. Classes will meet from 2:35 – 3:20 PM. Sports Classes will be on Tuesdays from 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM. One program is \$50.00 per month, and two programs are \$90.00 per month. Register at [www.thetumbletree.com](http://www.thetumbletree.com).

**Girls on the Run** is a program for girls in grades 3 – 5. The fall season will start on September 18. Girls on the Run will meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:15. Girls will play games and have discussions about living a healthy lifestyle. Girls will also train to run a 5K on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. You may register online at [gotrcolumbia.org](http://gotrcolumbia.org). If you have any questions, please email Dawn Keene at [dkeene@lexington1.net](mailto:dkeene@lexington1.net).

**Run Hard** is an 8-week after school running program that will prepare boys for a 5K race. Run Hard utilizes character-based concepts to teach running, healthy lifestyle and decision-making skills. Designed for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys, Run Hard encourages teamwork throughout lessons and workouts. Participants earn “rewards” along the way. For more information, email [info@crossoverathletics.org](mailto:info@crossoverathletics.org). The Run Hard website is [www.runhard.org](http://www.runhard.org).

We read the newsletter!

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return this slip to school. We will have a drawing. If your slip is selected, you, your child and your child's teacher will receive a gift card to Flight Deck.

Please share any comments or questions in this box.

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## TEACHER-LED COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

During the 2012-13 school year, teachers will participate in teacher-led collaborative planning on the following dates:

**September 5**    **October 3**    **November 7**    **December 5**  
**February 6**    **March 6**    **May 1**

This year, on these teacher-led collaborative planning days, **students in elementary, middle and high school** will begin their day according to their normal school starting times. Elementary students will then be dismissed at 11:40 AM, and middle and high school students will be dismissed at 12:40 PM. Lunch will be served. Buses will transport students home at these dismissal times. A column entitled Collaboration Counts will be in future PHES newsletters to share with you how our teachers use this time to collaboratively analyze data and plan instruction.

## ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

Lexington School District One completed a comprehensive inspection of all facilities for asbestos containing materials in 1988 in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986. Subsequent inspections were performed in 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, and 2009 as required by AHERA.

NO material regarded as posing a hazard of health was found. While asbestos-containing building materials are still in several of the district's schools, the materials are not friable, thus, not expected to release fibers into the air. As outlined in the law, the district monitors all asbestos – containing material by conducting semi-annual inspections and provides needed information to appropriate employees of the district.

Copies of each school facility inspection and management plan are on file at the District Office and at each school. They are available at any time for public review.

## CHECKS FOR MEALS

If you write a check for your child's meals, please include the following on your check: full name, driver's license number, street address and phone number. It would be helpful if you would also write your child's name in the memo section of the check.

