Pleasant Hill Primary School
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Sherry Helus, Principal

Just the Facts

Close-up
Grade Levels
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Two

Enrollment
570

Student-Teacher Ratio
19:1

Personnel
1 Administrator
8 Aides
1 Nurse
1 Counselor
1 Librarian
26 Classroom Teachers
1 Physical Ed. Teacher
1 Art Teacher
1 Music Teacher
1 Teacher of Gifted
5 Special Ed. Teachers
2 Title 1 Reading
1 Title 1 Pre-School Teacher
3 Parents As Teacher Educators
2 Dist. Speech Therapists
2 Secretaries
3 Custodians
1 Lunchroom Monitor
1 Childcare Director

Philosophy of Discipline
As a PBS (Positive Behavior and Supports) School, we believe that all children can exhibit appropriate behavior when those behaviors have been explicitly taught. As a building we have set common expectations for our building and teachers explicitly teach, model, reteach, and reinforce those expectations. We believe in being proactive and preventative through early intervention. We believe in differentiating our interventions based on students' needs.

Student Evaluation
Student progress in Kindergarten through Grade Two is evaluated in terms of grade level objectives and teacher observations. Screeners are administered to students 4 times a year, and Benchmark assessments are administered 3 times a year to measure students' progress in reading and math.

Building Programs
- SW-PBS (School-Wide Positive Behavior and Supports)
- RtI (Response to Intervention)
- Parent-Teacher Organization
- Title 1 Reading/Title 1 Pre-School
- All-Day Kindergarten
- Gifted Program—PHYRE (Grade 2)
- Before & After School Child Care
- Weekly BUG Awards
- Character Education
- Monthly Assemblies—Student Recognition
- Before and After school tutoring program
- Field trips, Annual Park Day, Field Day
- Grade Level Music Programs
- 1st and 2nd Grade Choir
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Holiday Shop
- Muffins & Mittens with Moms
- Dollars & Donuts with Dads
- Student Success Center

Communication with Parents
Parent communication is vital to the learning process and the success of the student. A Student-Parent Handbook is distributed at the beginning of each year and is available online. Monthly newsletters are emailed to families. Parent-teacher conferences are held in the fall and as needed throughout the year.