

## **Sellwood Principal's Newsletter – September 20, 2019**

Greetings Sellwood Community,

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our wonderful school. Several parents have volunteered to help out during lunch and recess duty, and we have enjoyed hanging out with all of you on the field for recess or in the cafeteria during lunch. It is always a great way to get to know parents better, and having more adult presence is so helpful with supervision.

Mil Gracias!

Jeandré Carbone

Sellwood MS Principal

### **Upcoming Week:**

September 24: S.T.O.P.P.S. (Safety Training of Pupils in Portland Schools) – Safe behavior on school buses

September 25: Meeting for June 8<sup>th</sup>-grade East Coast Trip, room 321 @ 6PM

### **Important Dates to Remember**

October 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, Marimba Exchange w/Guatemalan Students

October 11: School Closed

October 16: Site Council 4:00-5:00 PM

October 16: Foundation 6:30-7:00 PM

October 16: PTA Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM

October 31: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

November 1: No School for Students

November 11: School Closed

November 20: Site Council 4:00-5:00 PM

November 20: Foundation 6:30-7:00 PM

November 20: PTA Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM

November 25 & 26: Conferences, Day and Evening (no school for students)

November 27, 28, & 29: School Closed

December 4: Band Winter Concert

December 11: Marimba Winter Concert

December 23 to January 3: Winter Break

### **From Ms. Souther**

I am hosting a meeting for parents interested in the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade East Coast Trip June 12-18, 2020. We visit Washington DC, Philadelphia, and New York City, taking in historical, educational, and FUN sites. Parents are invited to come learn more about this trip, which is not school sponsored, but is a Sellwood tradition going back at least 30 years. Questions? Email Lisa Souther at [lsouther@pps.net](mailto:lsouther@pps.net)

We'll be in room 321 at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 25.

### **PTA NEWS**

THANK YOU to all of you that attended our first PTA meeting. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00.

Here are some of the great things happening now with the PTA...

### **SELLWOOD PANTHER SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE STORE IS OPEN!**

Show your school pride and pick up a Sellwood Panthers's sweatshirt,t-shirt or hat at [Sellwood Middle School Spirit](#). Store open from 9/5-9/27. Allow two weeks for delivery. Thank you for supporting Sellwood Middle School and the SMS PTA!

**Welcome to the PEAK Program brought to you by the Sellwood Middle School PTA!**

The Panther Enrichment and Academic Knowledge (PEAK) Program is enrolling for Fall session! Registration is simple and can be done by visiting the SMS homepage and clicking on Parent Resources, or via this link [Sellwood PTA - PEAK: Register](#). Note: When you pay on SchoolPay, the classes are under Nonprofit Groups.

### **Apples and Pears Fundraiser**

The Sellwood PTA is hosting a Kiyokawa Family Orchards "Fresh Picked Apples and Pears" fundraising sale. We chose Kiyokawa Family Orchards because of its excellent reputation for quality. Selwood PTA raised just under \$2000 last year with this fundraiser! Please help us by taking orders from friends, family, neighbors and coworkers-whoever enjoys fresh local fruit! Questions? email Kate at [katemhouston@gmail.com](mailto:katemhouston@gmail.com)

9/5 Sale Began! Order forms being sent home and are in the office or order online here: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/sellwoodfruit>

10/11 Deadline to submit orders

Volunteers needed! A sign-up genius coming soon!

Thank you for your support!

### **SHOP and SMILE with AMAZON!**

Amazon Smile donates to Sellwood Middle School! Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases when you shop AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)). Select Sellwood Middle School PTA (make sure it is Portland, OR) to ensure donations go to Sellwood Middle School.

### **From the Sellwood Middle School Foundation**

**The purpose of the SMS Foundation is to raise funds to put more adults in the school to support teachers and students.**

### **How can you help?**

- Give \$200 or greater or become a monthly donor by September 28th to be placed in a drawing to win a weekend in Manzanita.
- Follow this link: <https://fundforpps.org/donate>
- Don't forget to designate Sellwood Middle School as the "purpose."

- Give input at monthly meetings. We'd love to see you Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Library
- Link to the beach house: <https://abnb.me/fkrMzMEpsZ>

[Spacious dog-friendly condo minutes from the beach - Houses for Rent in Manzanita, Oregon, United States](#)

Entire home/apt in Manzanita, United States. Light and modern four bedroom family condo in beautiful Manzanita, Oregon - MCA#1548. Up to date decor, refurbished in 2019. One dog welcome! Ope...

abnb.me

**Race Matters: A Community Dialogue held at Taborspace on SE Belmont.**

5:30 to 8:00 PM

October 10<sup>th</sup>

November 19<sup>th</sup>

March 5<sup>th</sup>

Please join us to build skills and create a welcoming space for everyone to speak openly about the role of race in our and our children's lives. Now, more than ever, we need to be a community that recognizes that systemic racism affects each of us differently, depending on our racial identity; that sees, welcomes and responds to each of our children for who they are; and that celebrates the diversity of experiences and perspectives that each family brings.

Sponsored by Glencoe Elementary School and Mt Tabor Middle School PTAs.

Free childcare and pizza dinner available upon request: [munirahenry@gmail.com](mailto:munirahenry@gmail.com)

**Friendship Through Music!**

La Marimba Princesa Atatupa De Asuncion Mita Jutiapa, Guatemala

Exchange Program with Sellwood Middle School

October 5th- 13th, 2019

A group of 12 young marimba students from Guatemala will travel to Portland, Oregon with their teachers and be placed with host families in the Sellwood community who speak Spanish. The group will attend Sellwood Middle School Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, rotating through three programs in the building: Spanish language exchange with Ronda Hall-Ramirez, marimba music exchange with Nathan Beck, and English language immersion through Andeo International Homestays. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be dedicated to performances in the community and at the COFLT (Confederation of Foreign Language Teachers) conference.

Sellwood Middle School students who are learning Spanish and/or marimba will have the opportunity to travel to Guatemala in June to bring the cultural exchange full circle!

If you would like to donate to make this exchange possible, please visit:

<https://www.mightycause.com/story/Sellwoodguatemala>

If you are interested in hosting students or chaperones from this group for the 8 days they are in Portland, please contact Ronda Hall-Ramirez at [rhall@pps.net](mailto:rhall@pps.net)

Please note that an adult in the household must have a minimum of conversational

Spanish as these students do not speak English.

### **Volunteers during Lunch/Recess**

We are still in need of parents to volunteer during lunch/recess, from 12:05 to 12:50 PM. Mondays and Fridays are particularly high needs. Come experience a slice of Middle School and better understand your child's life here at school!

Sign up for any dates you are available on our volunteer calendar:

<https://signup.com/go/RkzGZUt>