

Sellwood Principal's Newsletter – September 2, 2019

Greetings Sellwood Community,

We are about to embark on the first full week of the 2019/20 school year. It has been my pleasure to meet many of you and your students and I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received. We are eagerly anticipating a positive, fun, and productive year, full of inspiring learning experiences.

This is my first in a series of weekly newsletters. I received a few requests that the newsletters be searchable, so I am using Llewellyn's as a model. I have altered the format slightly, to put the list of important dates at the top. In future weeks, this newsletter will be sent on Fridays, around noon. Please let me know if you have additional suggestions that might make the newsletter more useful to families.

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Sellwood MS Principal

This week:

- Sept. 4, 5:30 to 7:30 PM: Back-to-School BBQ – Sellwood MS Courtyard

Important Dates to Remember

- Sept. 11, 6:30-8 PM: Back-to-School Night (important note: *date listed incorrectly in the Sellwood Parent & Student Handbook and Calendar as Sept. 10*)
- Sept. 13: Picture Day
- October 11: School Closed
- October 31: End of 1st Quarter
- November 1: No School for Students
- November 11: School Closed
- November 25 & 26: Parent Teacher Conferences, Day and Evening
- November 27, 28, & 29: School Closed
- December 23 to January 3: Winter Break

SELLWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ!

Wednesday, Sept. 4th 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sellwood Middle School Courtyard

Grab your water bottles, outdoor chairs & blankets and join Sellwood staff, students and families for an evening of music, food and fun!

Picnic \$5 - 1 Otto's Hotdog, Chips & Soda, add a cookie for \$1 (cash or check only)

Music

Sellwood's Marimba Band: 5:30-6:15

Sellwood's Jazz Band: 6:30-7:15

Volunteers Needed for the BBQ! Sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA4AD2DA7FA7-back>

Reminder to Students: Check to make sure your locker is locked.

We have observed that during the first two days of school, many student lockers were left unlocked. We want to make sure all students know that after a locker door is closed, **the dial must be turned slightly to engage the lock**. Students should also get in the habit of giving the door a little test pull to make sure it is locked before leaving their belongings.

Parent Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of volunteers before school, after school, and especially during lunch/recess from 12:10 to 12:50 PM. If you are interested and available to help us out, please complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/T4HAiuf14y92NZXw5>

All volunteers are welcome, whether every day, for one day a week, for a limited time period, whatever you can manage - as long as it is consistent. Also, if you volunteer to help out during lunch/recess, we promise to give you one of the easier assignments 😊.

We would also appreciate a little help distributing the remaining mulch in our parking lot. Please feel free to come by the school on the weekend, and spread it where you see a need.

THANK YOU to the families who came to clean up our school on Community Care Day. Your dedication to our school was apparent as you labored in the heat, with smiles on your faces 😊

Guardian Drop Off and Pick Up Policy:

In order to ensure the safety of our students, many of whom walk/bike/skate to school, we are asking parents limit traffic on 15th.

From 8:55-9:07am and 3:45-3:57, NO CARS may enter the school parking lot.

Please do not pull up and drop students in front (on 15th) during these times.

Safe places to drop off your students are on 16th or Sherett. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with our efforts to keep all Sellwood students safe.

Skateboard and Bike Policy:

We understand that many of our students come to school early to skateboard and bike with friends. If they are doing so on campus, they are **required to wear a helmet**.

If students are skating or biking without a helmet, they risk a \$25 ticket, issued by the City of Portland. Additionally, if students are without helmets on campus, we will call their guardian to pick up their skateboard or bike from school.

During the school day, students must stow their skateboards or hoverboards in the storage room near the main office.

Cafeteria Update:

We do not keep microwaves and hot water in our cafeteria. Please ensure your child packs a lunch that does not require heat. We will continue to offer our delicious and nutritious hot lunch!