

Sellwood Weekly News

11-30-2016



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

11/30 - Season of Giving kicks off

12/1 - Band Winter Concert, 7 p.m.

Next Week

12/8 - Marimba Winter Concert, 7 p.m.

Plan Ahead

12/19 to 12/30 - No School: Winter Break

1/2 - No School: New Year's Day

From Your Administration

Greetings Sellwood Families!

We hope you had a relaxing holiday and as you know, we have three more weeks until the winter break. We have a lot going on in the next few weeks, including our Season of Giving, which began this week. Yesterday our Peer Helpers went into 1st period classes to talk with students about this project, which helps Sellwood families in need. In addition, our Winter Band Concert is this Thursday the 1st, at 7:00 PM in the gym, and our Marimba Winter Concert is next Thursday the 8th at 7:00 PM, also in the gym.

Friday the 16th is our last day of school before the winter break. We will have our all school celebration during the last hour of the day starting at 2:45. There will be rooms open with lots of fun activities during this time including a dance in the cafeteria, karaoke, basketball/volleyball in the gym, crafts, a movie, and sports viewing, to name a few. We would love to have all students participate so please don't give in if your student asks to leave early that day. We look at it as a chance for kids to relax and enjoy time with their peers.

1/3 - Classes resume

1/16 - No
School: Martin Luther
King Day

1/17 - Foundation
Meeting, 6:30 p.m. /
PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.

1/18 - Late Opening,
11:05 a.m.

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Next week your student will be bringing home forms to opt out of the State Assessments for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade reading and math, and for the Oaks 8th grade science. We encourage all students to take the assessments, but if you feel strongly about your student not doing so, please follow the instructions on the form. We will also post these opt-out forms on our web site.

Finally, a few safety issues continue to arise, and we could use your help. Please don't block the buses out front, either in the AM or PM. Drop your students off in the parking lot, not the driveway, following the arrows. In addition, daily we are seeing students on bikes disregarding the stop sign at 15th and Umatilla, which is very dangerous. If your student rides a bike, please remind them that they must stop at the stop sign or they will lose their privilege to bring their bikes to school. We will also continue to remind them. Your support with this is very much appreciated. Thank you again for all you do to support our students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn



**Please bring cash or your checkbook to the
Winter Concerts!**

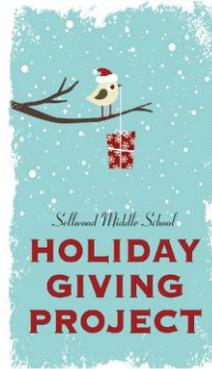
December 1st: Band Concert and Art show - Donations received will be split 50/50 between these great programs

December 8th: Marimba Concert - With an increase in students there is a need for additional funding for this program

These donations help make SMS an amazing school and supports this wonderful range of programs without forcing us to do sales-based fundraising.

Also, Chinook Books and Sellwood Bridge Keepsakes (see www.RumpusEvents.com) will be for sale at the concerts as well. Purchasing these items will support the whole school.

Thank you!



Holiday Giving Project for Families in Need

This holiday season, Sellwood Middle School will be helping about 20 families within the school community who are in need of assistance. Through the generous donations of our school community and neighbors, we will be providing these families with food for their holiday dinner and gift certificates. If you are a family in need, please contact either Jason Breaker (School Counselor, M-Z, jbreaker@pps.net) or Christy Wheeler (School Counselor, A-L, cwheeler@pps.net) as soon as possible. Either counselor can also be reached by calling SMS, 916-5656.

The school-wide drive began on **Wednesday, November 30th**. Students will be encouraged to bring in monetary donations or gift cards, which will be collected during 1st period through Wednesday, December 7th. Checks can be made out to Sellwood Middle School PTA. Your donations are greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you for your support.

Sellwood Book Drive

Please support Sellwood PTA's Book Drive by dropping off any children's books you'd like to donate in the main office. All books donated earn the school store credit from Wallace Books which will then be used by the librarian to purchase books for the Sellwood school library. There is a container available in the main office which will be there for the rest of the school year so you can drop off books to donate at anytime. Please contact Ellie(ellieshallcross@gmail.com) for more information.



The Foundation has launched the Annual Ask. Each household will be receiving a letter in the mail explaining our mission and the different ways to donate. Please consider giving. Even a small donation can make a big difference at Sellwood Middle. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Stacey at lovetstacey@hotmail.com for more information.

PEAK

The PEAK Fall Session ends this Friday, December 2, 2016. The Winter PEAK Session will start December 5, 2016 and ends February 24, 2017. Green PEAK Winter Session Booklets are now posted on the PEAK door, Room 214, and in the Main Office.

The PEAK Winter Session of the Computer Club will be learning how to use the program Habitica. Howard Abrams, the Instructor states that this program is a way of organizing your daily habits and tasks. Looks like a great way to keep organized. The Winter Computer Club will begin on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 and run until February 24, 2017. The cost for the Session is \$25.00.

Thank you Bev O'Brien, our School Nurse and Christy Wheeler, our School Counselor for facilitating the GirlStrength Class this fall. The girls enjoyed their time leaning support skills and benefited from this donated program from the Portland Police Department.

Bev O'Brien may have a PEAK Winter Holiday Art Night in December or January to make felting creatures. The cost of the Felting kit would be part of the class charge. Time and location-TBA.

Mrs. Ronda Hall-Ramirez, our Spanish Teacher, is the Advisor for the National Geographic Bee and welcomes students to join the Club that meets every Tuesday in Room 225, from 3:45 PM-5:15 PM. The Bee uses materials from the National Geographic Society. The program is designed to motivate students to learn about the world and how it works. There is a school, state, and national competition. The national top prize is a \$50,000 college scholarship.

The January and April PEAK Red Cross Babysitting classes are filled.

The Spring PEAK Play will be Mary Poppins and the tryouts will be held in February, 2017.

PIL Athletics

8th Grade Girls needed for Basketball Team!

Need up to six 8th grade girls who want to play basketball on either of our middle school Cleveland Cluster basketball teams. Great fun! Learn and increase your basketball skills! Join your Sellwood friends on either of our 2 teams and make new friends with players from other Cleveland cluster schools. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL STEVE COOPER RIGHT AWAY AT 503-887-2928

For information regarding the PIL youth program, please refer to the PIL website:

www.clevelandclusterathletics.weebly.com

This will list sporting opportunities and schedules.

For girl's volleyball and basketball, contact coordinator Heidi Moore at chsyouthsports@gmail.com.

Sellwood Middle School is not affiliated with PIL. The district simply rents our building and fields to the program for their use.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Cleveland Baseball
Christmas Tree Sale



Cleveland Community Field - SE 31st and Powell in Portland

December 2 - 11 (while they last)
Weekdays 6 - 9
Weekends 10 - 6
Trees \$35

All proceeds support Cleveland High School Baseball



Cleveland High School baseball fans and supporters!

The team is selling freshly cut Christmas trees this year and would love your support. The tree sale will be held at the Cleveland Community Field at SE 31st and Powell in Portland. Doors open at 6pm on Friday, December 2 and will run through December 11 while supplies last. Please come out and support the Warriors baseball program weekdays 6-9 and weekends 10-6!

Sellwood's Weekly ENews is sent out every Wednesday. Please submit ENews copy to Shannon Nelson (nelson.shannon@comcast.net) by 5 p.m on Monday to be included in that week's email.

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