

# Sellwood Weekly News

## 11-22-2016



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### Mark Your Calendar

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### This Week

11/23 - 11/25 - No  
School: Thanksgiving

#### Next Week

11/30 - Season of  
Giving kicks off

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

#### Plan Ahead

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

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

#### From Your Administration

Greetings Sellwood Families,

We hope you have a wonderful holiday week with friends and family. There is no school Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday this week. If you are going out of town, we wish you safe travels and hope you have an enjoyable, restful holiday.

For 6th grade parents, we now have our dates set for Outdoor School. Students will leave Sunday, April 23rd and return Friday, April 28th. You will be receiving a packet of information after winter break with all the details, as well as a date to visit the camp locations. A representative from Outdoor School will also visit every classroom and talk with the students about the details and expectations.

We want to congratulate the students who performed in this year's winter play, The Wizard of Oz. It was truly an amazing production thanks to Mark Steering, Jessica Johnson, and the PEAK drama program. About 200 family and friends attended, robustly cheering for each part of the play. Lynn Nguyen portrayed Dorothy, and made us proud with her rendition of Somewhere over the Rainbow.

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

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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Savannah Buckley played her role as Toto with pizzazz and a mean bark. Ava Lee swooped in as the Wicked Witch of the West with her snarky voice, in her wicked role. Ripley Bailey, as both Professor Marvel and the Wizard, rang out through the audience as she convincingly played both parts. Madison Brown, Teague O'Hare, Grace Richardson, Byron Jones all had leading roles and equally were authentic in their delivery of character. The entire cast contributed to the success of this play. We'd like to thank all the family and friends who stayed after to help stack the chairs, it was an immense help to our custodians. Be sure to mark your calendar for our Spring Play, Mary Poppins, on April 13th, 7:00 PM.

Finally, we continue to have problems with student drop off and pick up. Please do not drop off or pick up during bus arrivals. It is best if you pull into the parking lot, entrance on 15th Avenue, and drive into the lot to pick up or drop off. Please do not stop or park in the driveway entrance to the lot, as there are bike riders and pedestrians coming and going, and blocking the driveway and walkway is dangerous. Also, please enter and exit the parking lots by following the arrows. We appreciate your help and support in keeping our students safe.

Thank you again for all you do to support your students and our school. Enjoy!

Brian and Marylyn

### **Dear Sellwood families,**

Sellwood will be engaging in a project starting next week that will facilitate students in creating and sharing their personal backgrounds. This project comes from Teaching Tolerance and is being done in many schools across the country. Our goal is for students to not only share "where they come from" but to engage in conversations that promote understanding of others, and to create a more positive school climate at Sellwood. We have scanned a copy of the project along with an article we shared at our staff meeting this morning. Also attached is a poster we agreed as a staff to post outside every classroom door.

Our hope is this will create open dialog at home as students collect background information on their families for the project.

[Poster](#)

[Article](#)

Marylyn John

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**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](http://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](mailto:jbreaker@pps.net)) or Christy Wheeler (School Counselor, A - L, [cwheeler@pps.net](mailto:cwheeler@pps.net)) as soon as possible. Either counselor can also be reached by calling SMS, 916-5656.

The school-wide drive will begin 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](mailto:ellieshallcross@gmail.com)) for more information.



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Foundation would like to take a moment to say "THANK YOU" to everyone that has supported us so far this year. We can only meet our goals of enriching your child's education because of you. Looking forward to a successful season of giving!!

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## PEAK

The Fall PEAK Play, The Wizard of Oz was presented to the school at 3:00 PM on Thursday, November 17, 2016 and the students were a fantastic audience. The 7:00 PM performance of the play was packed with families attending and singing along with the familiar songs of the play. The actors in the play did an excellent job. Thanks Mark and Jessica for your direction and support of our students in the play. The Spring PEAK Play will be Mary Poppins and the tryouts will be held in February, 2017.

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 PEAK Winter Session will end on December 2, 2016. The Winter PEAK Session will begin December 5, 2016 - February 24, 2017.

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

Green PEAK Winter Session Booklets are now posted on the PEAK Door, Room 214, and in the Main Office.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:chsyouthsports@gmail.com).

For cross country, contact coordinator Meghan Eigo at [meigo@pps.net](mailto:meigo@pps.net). In addition, please take any forms or payments for cross country to Hosford Middle School, as this is where the coordinator is housed.

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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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