

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

11/17 - PEAK Drama
Play: The Wizard of
Oz, 7 p.m.

Next Week

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

11/30 - Season of
Giving kicks off

Plan Ahead

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

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

From Your Administration

Greetings Sellwood Families,

This past week has been interesting on so many levels. No matter how you voted, emotions are running high throughout the country, and especially our city. Adults and children struggle to make sense of the entire election process, and we are all affected differently. With regards to our students, if you find yourself needing any support through these difficult times, whether it be website referrals about talking with your children about the election results, or just some support in helping them cope, please let us know and we can connect you with support. On a brighter election note, student council elections are happening at Sellwood. Monday and Tuesday, candidates presented to the student body at two grade level assemblies. Voting takes place today, and results will be announced on Friday. We love all the creative election posters around the school, and are very happy to see positive campaigning. Adults can really learn from these candidates!

Hopefully you all attended conferences last week. Report cards will be in the mail shortly for the first quarter. Thank you to all the PTA and parent volunteers for bringing dinner for our staff last week. Those were two very long

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

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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days for us all and we deeply appreciated the delicious food.

Our PEAK play, The Wizard of Oz, is this Thursday. There will be a special school assembly in the afternoon for students and staff, and an evening performance beginning at 7:00. We wish all the students luck, and we are excited to watch them perform. Special thanks once again to Director Mark Steering, Stage Manager Jessica Johnson, and our PEAK Coordinator, Rose Mary Price.

For our 6th grade students and parents, we should have a date for Outdoor School this week and we will communicate as soon as we know.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for all you do for our students and our school.

Brian and Marilyn



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 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.

Buy a Piece of History and Support the Future

Original Sellwood Bridge Keepsakes for Sale!

We've raised over \$4,000 for Sellwood Middle School. Help us raise more!

Come get:

- Recycled rebar from the bridge. Firepokers, bottle openers, wall hooks, and garden stakes - all hand made by Oaks Bottom Forge.
- Chunks of cement from the bridge in their own authentic keepsake box.

Stop in at Blue Kangaroo Coffee Roasters (13th and SE Lexington), or browse (and reserve) our full list of keepsake items at www.RumpusEvents.com

Just think...a piece of Portland history makes a great gift.

Sales benefit Sellwood Middle School.

Questions or comments? Rachel Ginocchio, Rumpus Events, 503-944-9797

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.

Chinook Books

Support the Sellwood PTA by purchasing a Chinook Book, for sale now in the office. Get discounts at your favorite neighborhood businesses such as Nectar Frozen Yogurt, Cloud Cap Games, Laughing Planet, Campbell Salgado Studio, New Seasons Market, Cloud City Ice Cream, Sellwood Pet Supply and many, many more! Visit the office to buy your Chinook Book today!



PEAK

The PEAK Fall Play, The Wizard of Oz, will be presented to the Sellwood students on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 3:00 PM and then again at 7:00 PM for the Sellwood families and Community. Mark Steering, the Director of the play said that the students are working very hard to make this production a great experience for everyone. Please come and see the play. Tickets will be on sale for the evening performance at the door - open seating. Families - \$10.00; Adults - \$4.00; Students - \$2.00.

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.

Tryouts for the Spring Play will be Thursday, February 9, 2017.

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

PIL Athletics

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.

For cross country, contact coordinator Meghan Eigo at 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Increase walkability at your school with
Every Body Walk! grant**

Every Body Walk! and America Walks are looking for small community projects that can make walking safer, easier and more enjoyable for your neighborhood. The best ideas will be awarded up to \$1500 to help make it happen! Applications are due **November 18th**.

These micro grant funds can be used for projects or programs - anything from supporting a walking-focused event or club, beautifying community spaces to make walking more enjoyable, making improvements to paths, trails or other connections, or even upgrading crossing guard gear. Do any of these sound like something you could see making a positive impact at or around your school?

Find more information about the Every Body Walk! Micro Grant Program at americawalks.org.

If you have questions or need help applying, get in touch with the Safe Routes to School staff at saferoutes@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-5358.



Llewellyn Holiday Market is this Saturday!

There will be 50+ vendors, raffle prizes, a photographer doing mini sessions by appointment, a local author Peter Mortola reading his children's book at 11:00 and the Sellwood Marimba Band performing at 1:00. Come celebrate the holidays, have fun, and support our local artists.

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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