

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

10/26 - Picture Make-up Day

Plan Ahead

11/4 - No School

11/9 & 11/10 - No School: Parent / Teacher Conferences

11/11 - No School

11/15 - Foundation Meeting, 6:30 p.m., PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

11/17 - PEAK Drama Play: The Wizard of

From Your Administration

Greetings Sellwood Families,

I want to start by thanking all our Grandparents and Special Friends who attended our annual event last week. We had a large crowd, and it was so great to see so many in attendance. Special thanks to Dan Arrayan and our advanced band, Nathan Beck and first period marimba for their performances, as well as our peer helpers for their speeches about Sellwood Middle School. Visitors were able to tour the school with their host afterward, and we all enjoyed talking about our wonderful school. Thank you also to our PTA, and other volunteers for helping make this one of our very best assemblies.

Tomorrow we will have a special visitor to Sellwood Middle. It is time for our annual Principal for Almost a Day. This event is sponsored by "All Hands Raised" and each year most schools host a guest who shadows the principal for much of the day. In the past we have had quite a variety of guests, including local business leaders, politicians, and artists. This year, our guest principal will be Carol Samuels, who is Managing Director at Piper Jaffray. She lives in the neighborhood and her students attended Sellwood Middle. We look forward to having her here, and

Oz, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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language\)](#)

she is also very excited to spend the day with us. I will be taking her to classes, introducing her to students, and showing her what it is like to be a principal. I look forward to this day every year, and if happen to see us in the hall, please come say hello.

Thank you to Dr. Breaker and our peer helpers for making Unity Day very special. Our orange rings in the hall remind us of our commitment to combating bullying at Sellwood and the world. Thank you also to our Sellwood School community for their support and assistance this week. Don't forget that there is no school next Friday the 4th because of teacher planning, and November is conference month so please sign up. We are already one fourth done with this school year.

As always, thank you for all you do for your student and our school.

Brian and Marylyn



Unity Day - October 19th

Make it orange and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? The Peer Helpers brought attention to the issue of bullying by recognizing Unity Day on October 19th. That's the day everyone can come

together - in schools, communities, and online - and send one large orange message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Peer Helpers encouraged the Sellwood community to wear orange to show their support for unity and to end bullying. Additionally, they worked with students to make a pledge against bullying in the form of making a paper chain that now spans the length of the main hall.

PPS High Schools Welcome 8th Grade students

Prospective high school students can visit their neighborhood high school or a focus option school at information sessions being held district-wide November through February.

Students attend their neighborhood high school or apply through the January lottery to attend Benson or Jefferson. Students who live in the Jefferson attendance area have a guaranteed slot at Jefferson or at a comprehensive high school assigned by address. They must fill out a dual-assignment choice form in January.

Look up a student's [assigned high school](#). Download a dual assignment form and learn more at www.pps.net/schoolchoice.

If you can't attend an information night, some schools offer tours or the opportunity to shadow a student. Call the school you are interested in or go online for their policies. View [school websites](#) for more information.

Learn more about the high school modernization work through the [PPS School Building Improvement Bond](#) .

2016-2017 8th Grade Information Nights

Wilson High School
Nov. 1, 6-8:30pm

Benson High School

Nov. 15, 6-8pm
Feb. 16 & 17, 6-9pm-Tech Show

Grant High School
Dec. 7, 6-8pm

Madison High School
Dec 8, 6:15-8pm

Jefferson HS-Middle College for Advanced Studies
TBD

Roosevelt High School
Jan. 6, 6-7:30 pm followed by Varsity Girl's basketball
game

"Discover Franklin" High School
Jan 10, 6:30-8:30pm

Metropolitan Learning Center
Jan. 11, 9:30-11am
Jan. 18, 6-7:30pm
Feb 15, 9:30-11am
March 22 at 6-7:30pm

Lincoln High School
Feb. 2, 6:30-8:30pm

Cleveland High School
"Bridging the Gap"
Feb. 9, 7-9 pm

Photos needed for this year's Yearbook!

Parents: the yearbook staff would like your help! We can't be everywhere, but we'd like photos, of school sporting events and performances on weekends and evenings. If you take some great photos of students that you are willing to share, go to this [link](#).

If that doesn't work, try www.hjeshare.com and use the code sellwood2016. Enter some information and upload your photos directly for the yearbook staff to use. We may

not use all photos, but we are really trying to include more students in this year's book.

Contact Lisa Souther (lsouther@pps.net) with questions. Thank you!

When Signing Your Student Out of School

When a student is being checked out of school during school hours, a parent must come into the office to sign them out. We will no longer be taking phone call requests from parents either excusing their student to meet them outside or calls ahead of time to pull their student out to meet them in the office. Please make sure you allow enough time to pick up your student if you have an appointment deadline. Upon your arrival at school, we will call your student to the office.

PPS HEALTH AND SAFETY INFO

Please follow the link for more information on [PPS Environmental Health and Safety](#) issues.



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.

PIL Athletics



PIL YOUTH SPORTS
For 6th, 7th, and 8th graders



CLEVELAND CLUSTER GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Tryouts at Cleveland High School
7th & 8th grade: Sunday, Oct. 30th 11:00am-12:15pm
6th grade: Sunday, Nov. 6th 11:00am-12:15pm

Please pre-register by calling or emailing Steve Cooper:
(503) 887-2928 scooper@wffsp.com

- ❖ Season runs Nov. – Feb.
- ❖ Practice 2x a week
- ❖ Games are Wednesday evenings & some Saturdays
- ❖ Includes 1-4 tournaments

Each player will receive a hoody & team shoes to keep! A uniform will be provided to turn in at the end of the season.

Please bring all forms to tryouts. Forms may be available in the offices at Hosford and Sellwood Middle Schools, or online (www.PILathletics.com and www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com) Students may not participate until ALL forms and fees are turned in. The forms you will need are:

1. PPS MS Sports Parent Information and Consent Form (Registration)
2. Emergency Medical Form
3. School Sports Pre-Participation Examination (parts one and two)*
4. \$150 (check, cash, or money order), \$60 for students who receive free or reduced lunch

*Every student needs to have a current physical on file within the past 2 years.

For more information on our PIL Youth Sports Program, please visit our website at www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com

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

Cleveland Sundancers Dance Team

Come support the Cleveland Sundancer's Varsity Dance Team all day at Nectar Froyo Wednesday October 26th! The Sundancer's will be performing outside from 4pm-6pm. Come enjoy some froyo and some great dancers!

Any questions, please contact Rachel Gustafson rachel@soulpolish.com



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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