

# Sellwood Weekly News

## 09-16-2015



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### Mark Your Calendar

#### This Week

9/17 - TAG meeting  
in the Library, 6 pm

9/17 - Back to  
School Night, 7 pm

9/18 - Picture Day

#### Next Week

9/21 - PEAK  
Classes Begin

9/23 - Meals on  
Wheels

#### Plan Ahead

10/9 - No School

10/14 - Late

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### From Your Administrators

Greetings Sellwood Families!

We have had yet another wonderful week with your children, and our entire staff is so pleased with the start of this school year. We hope your student is feeling positive and excited about school. This Thursday, the 17th, is our Open House. The night will begin at 7:00 in the big gym and after a short introduction you will start moving through your students' compacted day schedule. Your student should have brought their schedule home to you. Of all our events, this is the only event we ask students not attend. With 600 kids plus parents and guardians, there would simply be no room in the classes or the gym. If you do need to bring your student, they need to be with you the entire time, and not left to wander the building or grounds. We appreciate your support with this because it is an adult event, and teachers are anxious to share information with you about themselves and their class. Teachers will discuss their form of conference sign up also. If

Opening, 11:05 am

10/16 -  
Grandparents and  
Special Friends  
Day, 10 am

10/18 - Sellwood  
5K, 8:30 am

10/21 - No School,  
Conferences

10/22 - No School,  
Conferences

10/23 - No School

10/30 - No School

11/6 - Makeup  
Picture Day

you would like to attend the TAG (Talented and Gifted) presentation, it will begin at 6:00 in the library the same evening.

We have written about the new "School Messenger" system that all of PPS has begun using. We will be contacting you in various forms of communications such as phone messages, emails, and text messaging. You do need to opt in for the texts by texting YES to 68453. The information in this newsletter will explain the details. If you choose not to get texts, you will still get phone messages and/or emails. We are very excited about this new communication tool and you will continue to hear more about it. Friday the 18th is picture day, and you should have received the information needed to place an order. There will be a make-up day November 6th.

Have a great week and thank you for all you do!

Brian and Marylyn

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

[PPS Calendar \(pick language\)](#)

### **PPS Family, Student & Staff Communication**



PPS is shifting family, student and staff communication to a new tool that gives schools the ability to send texts about emergencies, closures, delays and other important news. To receive text notifications, you must opt in to the service. You opt in by texting YES to 68453. Parents and students should confirm their cell numbers are listed in the student information system. Staff should confirm their cell numbers are the "primary" number in the PeopleSoft system. For more info about testing, go to [www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net) and click on the "Mobile First" button.

### **Video Technology Class Needs**

Are you due for a new smart phone? Please consider donating your old smart phone to our video technology class. We desperately need cameras that are compatible with iMovie, which is the software Ms. Cusack has to use. If you have an old iPod touch with a camera, that will also work for her class. Thank you for considering.  
Marylyn John, Assistant Principal

### **Picking Up on SE Umatilla Street**

A friendly reminder to parents and caregivers that if you are picking a student up on SE Umatilla Street after school, please be courteous towards our neighbors. Please do not park them into their driveways and be respectful of handicap signage. In addition, do not park against the flow of traffic, this is a safety issue for all. Thanks for your help on this.

### **Conference Signups**

Beginning this year, we are slowly transitioning toward electronic signups for conferences in October. Not all teachers will be making this change this year, some will still be using paper signups. These sheets will be available at open house on 9/17 in the teachers' classroom. Those using electronic signups will be discussing the process with parents at open house. There will no longer be signups in the cafeteria.

## Keep PPS Schoolyards Safe & Healthy



### Leash Pets • Scoop Poop It's the Law!

- All dogs must be on leash at schools and pet owners must pick up and dispose of pet waste.
- Violators will be fined up to \$150.
- Report violators to Multnomah County Animal Services at 503-988-PETS (7387) or file a nuisance complaint at [www.multcopets.org/services/animal-nuisances](http://www.multcopets.org/services/animal-nuisances)
- Locate Portland Parks & Recreation off-leash areas at [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/dogs](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/dogs)



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Multnomah County Codes 13.305 Duties Of Owners and 13.303 Animal Wastes.



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## PTA

### Meals on Wheels

Many senior citizens and people with disabilities in our own community depend on meals delivered every day by the Meals on Wheels Organization. Sellwood Middle School students (and parents) have a wonderful opportunity to help with this cause. Once a week, on Wednesday, students and a parent driver will deliver meals in the Southeast neighborhood. Students who sign up will be excused from 3rd period and will return during lunch. Students are paired with other students from their grade level. Most students will only participate twice during the year. As with all absences, students will be expected to make up any work missed in class.

This is a great community service opportunity; please encourage your children to participate!

If you have any questions please contact Kathy Hart at [hartomatic@aol.com](mailto:hartomatic@aol.com). The form for participation can be found here: [Meals on Wheels](#)



### Save the Date!

The Sellwood Middle School Run/Walk for Education is returning on **Sunday, October 18th**. Please sign up for this amazing community event that supports our Middle School raising funds for teaching and staffing positions. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, sponsor the event or donate an item to the raffle please contact Kathy Hart at [hartomatic@aol.com](mailto:hartomatic@aol.com). The family sponsorship form is available here: [Family Sponsorship](#)

Register now to get in on all the fun!

Family Rate \$75/4 entries

Adults \$25

Students \$15

Kids 1k Free

Commemorative T-Shirt \$15

[www.sellwoodmiddle.ejoinme.org/5k](http://www.sellwoodmiddle.ejoinme.org/5k)

### **Let's Meet!**

Please join us for our first Sellwood Middle School Foundation meeting of the year! We'll explain what the Foundation raises money for and what fun activities we have planned this year!

We look forward to seeing you on  
Tuesday, **September 22nd at 6:00**  
in the SMS library

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### **PEAK**

Welcome back to another Sellwood PEAK School year. There are a variety of PEAK Classes that will be open for your children during the Fall PEAK Session.

The **Drama PEAK Class** will present, The Sound of Music, under the direction of Mark Steering. The tryouts for the play will be on Thursday, September 17, 2015, from 3:45pm-5:45pm, in the Music Annex. The Drama Class practice will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:45pm-5:45pm. The play will be presented to the school and families on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 3:00pm for the School and 7:00 pm for families and the Community. There will be a charge for the evening performance: Families-\$10.00; Adults:\$3.00; and students-\$2.00, to support the PEAK Drama Program. There will be a PEAK Spring Play in April, 2016. \$65.00.

The Portland Police Department will conduct a **GirlStrength**

**Class** on Tuesdays, beginning September 22, 2015 and continuing every Tuesday until November 17, 2015. There is no charge for this Community based program that will be held in Small Gym.

The **PEAK Homework Club** will meet in the Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:45pm-5:30pm. Class will begin on September 14, 2015 and run until November 25, 2015. Students will work on improving their time management and organizing skills to complete their homework and class projects. There are computers in the Library for students to use for their class work. \$40.00 for Fall Session.

The **Sewing/Textile Class** will be held in the Art Room with Mrs. Suzanne Bauer as the Instructor. Classes will be on Wednesdays-3:45pm-5:00pm-\$25.00. Class will begin on Wednesday, November 16, 2015 and run until Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

**PEAK Computer Classes** will be held on Wednesdays in the Sellwood MacLab from 3:45pm to 5:00pm. Howard Abrams is the Instructor and Parent Volunteer. Learn how to master the web by crafting a Blog, how to use the internet, what is a server, learn code for HTML, CSS, and JAVA. The Class is open to new and experienced users. The first class will be Wednesday, September 16, 2015. \$20.00.

The **PEAK Dance Class** will conduct tryouts on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 23, 24, and 25 in the Small Gym, from 3:45pm-5:45pm. PEAK Dance Applications are in the office and on the PEAK Door, Room 214. Students interested in the PEAK Dance Team need to attend all three classes. This is a year long class that meets on Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:45pm-5:45pm and will have Dance Competitions on several Saturdays during the year. \$250.00.

**Sellwood PEAK Chess** will meet on Tuesdays, 3:45pm-

5:00pm, in Room 227. First Chess Class will be Tuesday, 9/22/2015. This is a yearlong class and involves Chess Tournaments that may be held on Saturdays at a variety of locations in the Portland area.\$60.00. Moshe Rachmuth,Instructor and Chess Master.

**Sellwood PEAK Ukulele** will have Brian Fergus as the Instructor. Time and Date for Class TBA. \$50.00. Ukuleles will be provided by Brian for students who do not have one. There is also a charge for the Music Book.

The **Sellwood PEAK National Geographic Bee** will meet weekly to master facts in geography and prepare for the Local, State and National Geographic Program. The class will be on Tuesday, from 3:45pm-5:00pm, in Room 219, and Mr. True will be the Advisor. The date of the first class is TBA. This class runs until January, 2016. \$20.00.

The **PEAK Cooking Class** will run for five weeks from 3:45pm-5:00pm in Room 119. Dates:10/28- 11/18-11/24-12/2-12/9-2015. The Class is closed. \$20.00

There will be three **PEAK American Red Cross Babysitting Classes** this school year. The Instructor is a certified by the American Red Cross. Students will receive a Red Cross Babysitting Card at the end of the class that they can use to present to parents when they babysit. The Babysitting Classes will be held on Teacher Planning Days. The class is limited to ten students. The October 30, 2015, Red Cross Babysitting Class is closed. Classes remain open for: Monday, January 25, 2016, and Friday, April 8, 2016. The Class will run from 8:45am-3:45pm in the Library. Students will need to bring their own lunch.\$80.00 for the Class.

If you have any comments or question contact Rose Mary Price, Sellwood PEAK [Coordinator.rprice@pps.net](mailto:Coordinator.rprice@pps.net).

## **PIL Athletics**

Registration has closed and we have ninety students running cross country and four volleyball teams for the cluster! Our first cross country meet is today, September 16, at Westmoreland Park following the high school meet. Our first volleyball games will be this Saturday at various PPS high schools. Thanks for all of your support, Sellwood families!

[www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com](http://www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com)

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