

Sellwood Weekly News

10-07-2015



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

10/9 - No School

Next Week

10/13 -
AVID Family Info
Night, 7-8pm,
room 145

10/14 - Late
Opening, 11:05
am

10/16 - Scholastic
Book Fair opens
thru 10/22

From Your Administrators

Greetings Sellwood Families,

We hope you are having a nice start to October. Just a quick reminder, there is no school on Friday the 9th because it is an in-service day for teachers to take professional development classes. The school and the office will be closed.

Monday afternoon we had an assembly for 8th graders to introduce the new AVID elective. AVID is in many of our high schools, and it is a college and career readiness system which we have written about before. We are hoping to have 30 students sign up for this elective which would begin in January, but there is a process which involves interviewing students and short essay questions they need to answer. Not all students will be chosen for AVID, but our hope is to find 30 students who meet the criteria needed to begin a great

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

Plan Ahead

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

10/20 -
Foundation Mtg, 6
pm
PTA mtg, 7 pm

10/21 - No School,
Conferences

10/22 - No School,
Conferences

10/23 - No School

10/30 - No School

11/6 - Makeup
Picture Day

11/11 - No School

11/17 -
Foundation Mtg, 6
pm
PTA mtg, 7 pm

11/19 - PEAK Play
"The Sound of
Music", 7 pm

journey toward college and beyond. AVID is only looking for the serious and dedicated 8th grade students who are ready and willing to work hard. The AVID write up is included in this letter again, and we hope 8th grade students and parents come to a meeting on the night of 10/13 at 7:00pm in the band room.

Finally, please let us know if your student might be struggling with what happened last week in Roseburg. As we wrote previously, we are doing all we can to keep our students and staff safe. We revisit our drills and procedures often. We hope we never have to use those skills, but we know it is urgent work, and we try to do our best to improve with each drill. As we have said, our students have been wonderful and dedicated to making drills run smoothly. Our thoughts go out to every student and family affected by this tragedy. On a lighter note, thank you again for all you do for our students and our school. Please let us know how we can help if you need any support.

Brian & Marylyn

AVID

Thanks to the generous support of the Nike Innovation Fund and the Miller Grant, Sellwood is excited to be one of fifteen schools in PPS to add the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program to our class offerings this year. Eighth grade students will need to apply and interview (during school) to be considered for admission into the program.

Beginning second semester, this elective course will focus on organization, writing, reading, collaboration, and critical thinking skills, with some team bonding sprinkled in. It is geared towards students who would benefit from extra help building college preparatory skills and navigating the college application process once they get to high school.

11/26 - No School

11/27 - No School

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

We also have a budget to hire college-aged tutors and go on a field trip to a local college or university. The ultimate goal is to help students become global citizens who succeed in college, and eventually, their careers. We will work with each student to help them build skills and start to form a plan to reach their goals. Mr. Anderson, Ms. Russell (the elective teacher), and the other AVID team members (Ms. White, Ms. Bond, Ms. Fisher, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Lossner and Dr. Breaker) attended a training this summer in Denver and are all ready to help our first group of Sellwood AVID students work hard and transition into the already-established Cleveland HS AVID program. Students who are interested in applying for the program are encouraged to attend the AVID Info Night with their parents on October 13 from 7-8 PM in the band room. Until then, feel free to follow this link to AVID's own "What is AVID?" page.

Yearbook Update

Yearbooks won't be released until June, but they're selling out quickly! Order yours before November 1 for \$20 (after November 1, the price increases to \$25). Order online at www.yearbookordercenter.com or in the main office.

Sellwood Sweatshirts Available

Order online by October 31. Sweatshirts will be delivered to school around November 15. One design/color only; adult sizes S-3XL; affordably priced at just \$22 each! Proceeds benefit 8th grade students traveling on the East Coast history trip in June.

www.booster.com/sellwood-gear

Outdoor School (ODS)

Sellwood 6th graders will be going to Outdoor School this fall, leaving on Sunday, Nov. 1st at 2:30pm and returning on Friday, Nov. 6th at 1:30pm. Students should have received packets from their block teachers providing parents with specific information about location, cost, etc. In addition, linked below are the payment form (cost this year is \$85) and parent letter that went out. If you have any questions, please contact your student's block teacher, all of whose emails are published on the Sellwood Middle School website.

[2015 ODS Payment Form](#)

[2015 ODS Parent Letter](#)

Would you like to serve on the Sellwood Site Council?

The Site Council will meet monthly (after school) for about an hour. The Site Council is a group of four parents, four teachers and the principal and is a 2-year term. This group monitors District and school goals for academic achievement improvement, using input from stakeholders along with data. The Council oversees the Comprehensive Achievement Plan (CAP) previously known as the School Improvement Plan.

Responsibilities of the Council include:

- * Planning professional development activities
- * Developing and implementing parent satisfaction surveys
- * Writing financial grant-in-aid for the benefit of Sellwood students

If interested, please send a two paragraph introduction and detail why you feel you want to contribute to Site Council. Please send to Brian at banderson@pps.net. There is only room for three parents since one parent is returning, but your interest is greatly appreciated. Our first meeting will be held in November and we generally meet from 4:00-5:00 on a day that will be determined. Hard copies will also be in the office if needed. Please turn in by October 16th.



Grandparents and Special Friends Day October 16th

Mark those calendars! On Friday, October 16th, students will be inviting the important people in their lives to tour the school and enjoy performances from the Sellwood Band and Marimba students. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Betsy Kovatch (betsykovatch@gmail.com)

2015-16 Chinook Books are on sale NOW!

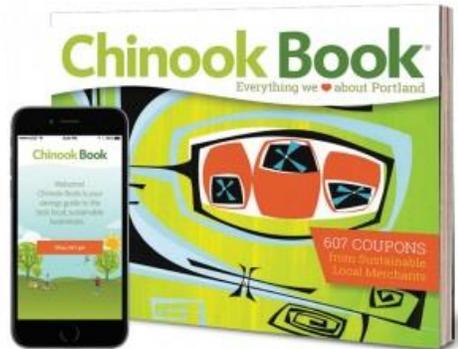
Our goal is for every family at Sellwood to sell/purchase at least one Chinook Book this year. Just this small amount could bring in \$6000 for our school! Selling books to co-workers, grandparents and friends is a great way to increase sales revenue.

- * Books - \$22 (\$11 goes to our school!)
- * Mobile App for Smartphones - \$15 (\$7.50 goes to our school!)
- * Combo pack (book and app) - \$30 (\$15 goes to our school!)

Money raised from this sale goes to support band, art, marimba, PEAK, PIL Athletics, the library, school celebrations and so much more! Please do your part to support Sellwood Students. Order forms are due back to school by October 26. Books are also available NOW in the office.

For more information or to check out this year's list of coupons go to <http://chinookbook.com/whats-inside/portland/>

Question? Please contact Jennifer Means
jennmeans@gmail.com



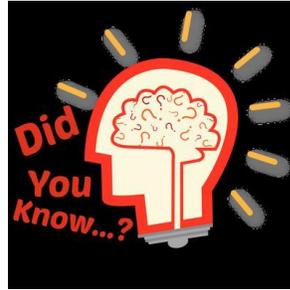
Book Fair

The Sellwood Middle School Book Fair is coming up soon! (Open for students during the school days of Friday 10/16, Monday 10/19, and Tuesday 10/20, as well as during conferences on Wednesday 10/21 and Thursday 10/22). All proceeds from the fair will be used to add more books to the Sellwood Middle School Library collection.

Help is needed setting up the book fair, helping to run the book fair, and taking down the fair. If you are interested, sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4eada929aaf85-fall>

As a way to say "thank you", we are giving all of our volunteers a 10% discount off any and all purchases made at the book fair. Thanks for your help and your support!



The Sellwood PTA not only helps support the library, band, marimba, PIL Athletics, and PEAK enrichment programs, but it also works to coordinate many generous programs like Meals on Wheels, School Celebrations, the Community Parade, and Staff Appreciation, just to name a few.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PTA MEETING ON
OCTOBER 20TH**

PTA meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Sellwood Middle School library. Become a member, cast your vote to help make important decisions, and share your hopes and dreams for our school community!

Questions? Curious about volunteering? Please contact PTA Co-Presidents Cass Nicholson mcnic@spiretech.com or Oona Baker foxsquirrelrabbit@yahoo.com

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Classroom Challenge 2015!

Students are collecting sponsorship funds for completing the Sellwood 5K fund run. Each participating student is pledging to complete the entire distance, walking and/or running. You can support your student and Sellwood Middle School by making a contribution for their run. All funds collected will be used by the Sellwood Middle School Foundation to support teaching positions for the 2016-17 school year. ALSO, the block class that raises the most funds will enjoy a class party at Nectar Frozen Yogurt. All funds are due by 10/18/2015, if not paid at the time of pledging.

~~~ We would love to see all Sellwood students and families walking or running in our 5k Fund Run, but if you are unable to join us on 10/18 for the fund run your sponsorship donations are always welcome and will still be included toward the classroom competition. ~~~

**PLEDGE SHEETS AND ENVELOPES CAME HOME ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 2ND!**

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

### **Support the Foundation**

Supporting the SMS electives is as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1) Visit [www.allhandsraised.org](http://www.allhandsraised.org)
- 2) Click the "donate now" button
- 3) Choose "Sellwood Middle School"

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Contact Stacey

Lovett at [lovettstacey@hotmail.com](mailto:lovettstacey@hotmail.com)

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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, September 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.

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 Tuesday, 9/29/2015. 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 questions contact Rose Mary Price, Sellwood PEAK [Coordinator.rprice@pps.net](mailto:Coordinator.rprice@pps.net).

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### **PIL Athletics**

#### **Fall sports:**

Congratulations on another successful cross country meet! The amount of effort put in at practice and parent volunteer support is overwhelming. We participated in a meet at Overlook Park last week, where we raced against at least eight other programs. Our fastest runner finished their 3K in eleven minutes and twelve seconds! Wow!

Our volleyball team is also crushing it! They play at Benson this weekend (hosted by Roosevelt) at 11 AM and 12 PM.

#### **Winter sports:**

We will offer boys and girls basketball and wrestling (co-ed) this winter. My hope is we'll have tryouts scheduled and published by next week. No tryout is required for wrestling.

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

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Get the Scoop on Cleveland High School November 3rd at 6:00 pm!**

Are you the parent of an 8th grade student and considering Cleveland High School for your child next year? If so, please join the Cleveland High School Foundation for an information session on Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00pm at Hopworks Urban Brewery, 2944 SE Powell Blvd. Cleveland's new principal, Tammy O'Neill, will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Last year, we were bursting at the seams and couldn't get everyone in the room. Space is limited again this year, so this is an "adults only" event. Thank you for your cooperation!

Also keep an eye out for info on Bridging the Gap - this event on February 4, 2016 is specifically for 8th graders and their parents.

Any questions? Please contact Stan Sawicki, Cleveland HS Foundation member, at [ssawicki@trilliumfamily.org](mailto:ssawicki@trilliumfamily.org)

### **It's Teen Read Month at the Library!**

Parents, have your teens stopped using the public library because they owe money? We want to welcome them back! All during the month of October, youth in grades 6-12 can fill out a short survey at any Multnomah County Library location or online at [multcolib.org/trm15](http://multcolib.org/trm15) and get up to \$15 off any charges on their library accounts. Questions? Contact Sara

Ryan, Teen Services Specialist: [sryan@multcolib.org](mailto:sryan@multcolib.org).

### **Cleveland Boys Basketball Tryouts**

Cleveland Boys Basketball 2015-16 Winter Youth League Tryouts are on Sunday October 11th & 18th at the CHS gym. Cleveland Basketball is the Youth Development league for grades 4-8, led by head coach Don Emry, progressively training youth for CHS Boys basketball. For complete information about tryouts please see this [flier](#). All participants must complete this [registration form](#) and bring it with them to the first tryout.

### **Cleveland Sundancers**

Support the Cleveland High School Sundancers ~ Thursday October 22nd 12-10pm at Nectar Frozen Yogurt Lounge. Come enjoy some froyo and watch them dance between 2pm-5pm (weather permitting) at Nectar! The Sundancers get 15% of the days sales. Here's the Facebook event invite:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1618150298437950/>

Any questions please contact Rachel Gustafson @ [rachel@soulpolish.com](mailto:rachel@soulpolish.com).

### **Cleveland Warriors verses Franklin Quakers youth football grudge match!**

We'd like to invite you to come enjoy some grid-iron action! This Saturday your friends and classmates on Warriors Youth Football face off against our neighborhood rivals, The Franklin Quakers. Come out and enjoy some football and support our young Warriors. We have teams at the 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th grade levels playing at the Marshall High School football field at 9am, 11am, and 3pm respectively. The gate fee is \$2 and there are concessions available. We'd love to see you there.

## Llewellyn Handmade Holiday Market

Llewellyn's 9th Annual Handmade Holiday Market is scheduled for Saturday November 21st, 10am-5pm. If you are interested in becoming a vendor please email Tammy Dean [llewellynesholidaymarket@gmail.com](mailto:llewellynesholidaymarket@gmail.com) Application deadline is October 30th.

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ENews copy must be submitted to Catherine Cleveland by email at: [crcleveland@pobox.com](mailto:crcleveland@pobox.com) ENews goes out on Wednesday. Items must be submitted by the prior Monday at 5 pm to be included.

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