

Sellwood Weekly News

10-15-2015



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SCHOOL NEWS

From Your Administrators

This Week

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

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

Next Week

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

10/20 -
Foundation Mtg, 6

Greetings Sellwood Families,

Sunday, October 18th is our annual Sellwood 5K, with our kids' 1K beginning at 9:30. This is our Foundations biggest fundraiser and the proceeds benefit elective staffing at Sellwood. The details are in this in this newsletter, and we hope we will see you at this wonderful community event. Our advanced band and marimba will be entertaining us and we would love to see a large turnout. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

Today is our annual Principal for Almost a Day. This is an event we have participated in for many years. This year, our guest principal is Melissa Adelman, who is a Community Investments Manager at Umpqua Bank. Melissa also

pm

PTA mtg, 7 pm

10/21 - No School,
Conferences

10/22 - No School,
Conferences

10/23 - No School

Plan Ahead

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

11/26 - No School

11/27 - No School

12/3 - Winter Band
Concert, 7 pm

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language\)](#)

manages their community giving program. This will be a great opportunity to show Melissa our school, meet our staff and students, and see what is great about Sellwood Middle School. We love this day because our community members get to visit our schools, and see our schools in action. This is a wonderful experience for us all and if you are here, please try and meet Melissa.

Tuesday night we held our first AVID Informational Family Night to introduce our families and students to AVID, which is our college and career readiness class that will begin second semester. As we have written, this year we are opening this class up to 8th grade only, but our hope is to expand to 7th grade next year. You will be getting more information regarding the interview process very soon, if you have not already. AVID is an exceptional opportunity, and we hope to have 30 students for next semester's class. Please call us if you have any questions.

Our Grandparents and Special Friends' Day will be held in our gym starting at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Your student will need a permission form to join their special guest for our program. We are hoping we have a great turn out. This is certainly a week for visitors and special events. We hope to see you! Have a great week and thank you for all do for your students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn.



PACKET PICK UP

Pre-registered participants can pick up their bib numbers and complete the waiver from 10am - 1pm at Foot Traffic located

in Sellwood.

REGISTRATION

- 10/16 online registration closes **12am**
- 10/17 in person registration at Foot Traffic - Sellwood
- 10/18 day of registration begins at 8:30am

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)

### **Student Password Expiration on 10/15 for grades 6-12**

Those students who have not changed their password will not be able to log in to PPS devices or systems on Thursday morning, as passwords will expire as of October 15.

o Students who have not previously set up their security questions can access the Password Manager, by signing in

as Guest on a Chromebook, using a workstation that is already signed in, or using their smartphone. (They will need to click "ignore" to bypass the browser error message on their smartphone.)

- o Students who have not previously set up their security questions will need to have their password reset by school staff and then access the Password Manager to set up their security questions and change their password. There are multiple staff authorized at each school who can reset passwords. Please check in with the front office to be directed to someone who can help you.

### **AVID**

The Sellwood AVID team is excited to announce that applications are available in the office and students have until November 6 to apply! We held a student assembly for the entire eighth grade and a family info night on Tuesday, October 13. Please email Jessica Russell at [jrussell@pps.net](mailto:jrussell@pps.net) if you have any questions about our new opportunity at SMS.

### **Oregon Battle of the Books**

Oregon Battle of the Books is coming to Sellwood! Students can pick up information and forms in the library, and we need parent support. Most urgently, please volunteer to read a book or two from the competition list and write practice questions. Please contact Karen Barnett at [barnett.karen@gmail.com](mailto:barnett.karen@gmail.com) for a copy of the list and instructions.

### **Student Council**

Student council is a student-based civic organization designed to help promote school spirit and leadership among students. Students participating in all levels of the student council will maintain a high standard of personal conduct. Student council members will demonstrate leadership qualities by serving as good examples of behavior through

their words and actions.

The purpose of student council is:

1. To develop positive attitudes and to practice good citizenship.
2. To promote harmonious relations throughout the entire school.
3. To improve student/faculty relationships.
4. To improve school morale and general welfare.
5. To provide a forum for student expression.
6. To plan special events or projects.

The student council is made up of representatives from every block classroom 6th -8th grades. We announce student council selection via our daily student bulletin starting October 13th. We make a point to encourage students with leadership potential to run for student council.

Students are invited to obtain a student council application packet in the office. They are due back to the office by October 20th at 3:45 p.m.

Once the student council is selected, the student council will meet and decide who from that group would like to run for offices in the student council. These students will have a school wide campaign culminating in an assembly with speeches and posters on November 9th.

#### **From the Custodian**

It is now district policy that the custodians are not to open any classroom doors in the building after 4:30 for anyone unless they are a PPS employee with a badge, unless requested by office personnel. This includes students and parents. If a student has left something in a classroom, they will have to wait until the following day to retrieve it.

### **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](http://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](#)

### **Growing Great Schools 2015-16**

PPS enrollment is on the rise and projected to grow by another 5,000 students - to 53,000 - by 2025. Combined with consistently strong local support and a reviving economy, this means more revenue and a chance to begin right-sizing schools to have:

*Enough classrooms and students to offer a full academic program with reasonable class sizes at all grade levels without relying on temporary grants and parent fundraising.  
The full academic program includes enrichments such as art,*

*music, language and technology, and learning supports so that all students can excel.*

PPS and a community-led advisory committee are collaborating on proposals to manage growth in support of learning with such approaches as moving boundaries, changing grade configurations, expanding existing schools and reopening schools that were closed.

### **Get Involved**

#### **October:**

\* PPS and District-Wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee collaborate on proposals to manage growth in support of learning.

**Upcoming meetings:** Oct. 8 & 29, 5:45 pm to 8:45 pm, 501 N. Dixon Street, 97227. Public comment invited at start of meeting. Request childcare or interpretation in advance. [503-916-3205](tel:503-916-3205).

\* **Twitter Town Halls:** Oct. 14, 12-12:30 pm. Follow the conversation at #AskPPS.

\* **Facebook Town Halls:** Oct. 15, 12-12:30 pm. On the PPS Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pps.homepage>

November: Community meetings to view and comment on proposals.

*Stay tuned for dates.*

December: Advisory committee uses feedback to refine proposals.

January: Superintendent Carole Smith makes final proposal to the Portland School Board.

January/February: Board considers proposal, takes additional public comment.

February: Potential board vote on final growth management plan.

Fall 2016: Implementation of any board-approved plan expected begins. Current policy allows students attending a school to remain there following boundary change in most cases. The school board would have to approve any proposal to change this policy.

Questions? [ppsgrows@pps.net](mailto:ppsgrows@pps.net)

**Join PPS in growing great schools in every neighborhood.**

[www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net) \* Click "Growing Great Schools."

### **College Week Is Coming To SMS**

Are you looking for an activity to do with your students on October 23 or October 24? The National College Fair is in Portland those days, and it is an excellent opportunity to expose your middle schooler to colleges from all over the United States.

Portland National College Fair

Friday - October 23 or Saturday - October 24

#### **Location:**

Oregon Convention Center

Exhibit Hall A-A1

777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Portland, OR 97232

#### **Fair Hours:**

Friday, October 23, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24, 2015

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Find out more information at:

<http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/Portland.aspx>

The week of October 26th will be College Week at Sellwood.

The week will include the following activities:

Monday - October 26: Myth Busting Monday

Monday is the launching pad for College Week. Discuss and bust other myths you've heard about college with your teacher and fellow students.

Tuesday - October 27: Future Tuesday

Where will you be 10 years from now? Will you be a famous surgeon? A cool DJ? An airline pilot, engineer or maybe a powerful business person?

On Future Tuesday, dress for tomorrow's success, and wear outfits related to the career of your future!

Wednesday - October 28: College "U" Wednesday

You've heard about showing your "school spirit", but how about showing your "future school spirit"? Today's the day to wear your favorite clothing bearing your future school's logo!

Thursday - October 29: Sign It Thursday

Take this day to sign the Go College Commitment Banner hanging in your school. Your signature is a pledge to seek the path to higher learning.



**Grandparents and Special Friends Day October 16th**

On Friday, October 16th, students welcome the important people in their lives to tour the school and enjoy performances from the Sellwood Band and Marimba students. Head to the Big Gym at 10:00 a.m. on 10/16 for a special look at SMS!

## 2015-16 Chinook Books are on sale NOW!

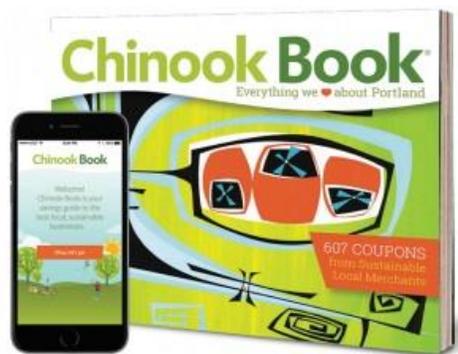
**It's time to get those Chinook Book orders turned in. Please return your order envelope and money to school and we will fill your order so you can start saving!**

- \* 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](mailto:jennmeans@gmail.com)



## Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

The Book Fair opens Friday and we still have **26 two-hour**

**volunteer slots open** and need your help! Please volunteer your time to make this event possible for the students. All proceeds from the fair will be used to add more books to the Sellwood Middle School Library collection.

The Fair is 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.

Please 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!

**Want to Show Your Appreciation for SMS Teachers and Staff?**

On Wednesday, October 21st, the Hospitality Committee is organizing an amazing meal for teachers and staff to enjoy during Conference Week. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/1G1g50N> and help feed our hard-working Sellwood crew. Thank you!

**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](mailto:mcnic@spiretech.com) or Oona Baker [foxsquirrelrabbit@yahoo.com](mailto:foxsquirrelrabbit@yahoo.com)



**Join the Foundation for our October meeting on 10/20 at 6pm in the SMS library. Everyone welcome.**

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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 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.

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. Both the October 30, 2015 and January 25, 2016 classes are closed and there are only four spaces open for the 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**

As our fall seasons come to an end, we are gearing up for winter sports! Flyers and forms are available in the office.

#### **Girls bball tryouts: October 19 & 20**

Come to either day that works for you. We'll have sixth graders try out from 6-7 both days and seventh and eighth graders try out from 7-8 both days. If those specific times don't work for you, please email Heidi Moore with questions at [CHSYouthSports@gmail.com](mailto:CHSYouthSports@gmail.com). Parents need to have all

forms and fees ready at tryouts. If your daughter does not make the team, we will not cash the check and we'll keep her physical on file in case she wants to play another sport with the PIL later. Forms will be available in the office.

**Boys bball tryouts: Oct 11 & Oct 18 @ CHS**

Sixth graders can try out from 2-3 PM, seventh from 11:15-12:15, and eighth graders can try out from 10-11 AM on Sunday, October 18. Teams will be formed by October 25 and the season will kick off with the Jamboree on November 8, from 1-4 at CHS! Please email Will Naemura at [cybbasketbal@hotmail.com](mailto:cybbasketbal@hotmail.com) if you have questions about our boys basketball program.

**Wrestling:**

Our wrestling program does not require a tryout and there are no cuts. The first practice is November 9 and the season runs through the middle of February. Please email Brett at [bchristy@pps.net](mailto:bchristy@pps.net) with questions.

[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 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).

### **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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