

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

From Your Administration

This Week

10/22 - No School,
Conferences

10/23 - No School

Next Week

10/30 - No School

Plan Ahead

11/6 - Makeup
Picture Day

11/11 - No School

Greetings Sellwood Families,

There is so much to cover in this week's letter, and we would like to start by thanking our Sellwood Foundation for coordinating our annual Sellwood 5K last Sunday. Many volunteers and students put in long hours, and we deeply appreciate them. Special thanks to Kathy Hart for everything you did to pull off a fantastic run. Foundation funds go directly to supporting Sellwood staffing, and in this case, our electives. Thank you to Dan Arrayan and the advanced band, as well as Nathan Beck and the marimba band for all the entertainment. We all had a great run and despite some overcast skies, the weather cooperated.

Grandparents and Special Friend's Day was also a big hit! Once again, band and marimba played for the event, and our

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\)](#)

peer helpers talked about the classes we have at Sellwood. As usual, it was a huge crowd and we enjoyed meeting all the wonderful friends and family members. We always love the opportunity to show off our school, and our school spirit. Last week was also held our Principal for Almost a Day. Most schools in PPS and surrounding Districts participated, as we do every year. Our guest, Melissa Adelman, loved her day at Sellwood, and she felt it was an incredible experience. Kudos to our students and staff for helping make this an enlightening day for Melissa.

The State Report card information was released this past week. You will find Sellwood's report card on our website at <http://www.pps.net/schools/sellwood> and you should receive your students' assessment scores this week. Sellwood did quite well and as we have said, there is work to be done, but we did outperform the State and the District in almost every area. We will be analyzing this data and digging deeper to find ways of supporting struggling students as well as finding enrichment opportunities for our TAG students.

Conferences run through both day and night, today and tomorrow. There is no school Friday. If you missed the opportunity to meet with a teacher, please contact them directly to discuss a time to talk. There is no formal report card this quarter because of conferences.

We have a new ELL (English Language Learners) teacher named Peter Conger. He will be working with our ELL students during 7th period. Please join us in welcoming him to Sellwood.

Finally, next week is Spirit Week and students are well aware of the daily theme. Monday is Twin Day, Tuesday is Future Day, Wednesday is College Day, and Thursday is Ugly Sweater/Crazy Sock Day. There is no school on Friday the 30th. We do not do Halloween so this is our way of making

the week fun with an opportunity to show school spirit. On a somewhat unrelated note, please remember we don't do birthday celebrations at school but if you do send something in to share, it has to be store bought and healthy. We have many students with allergies and parents who do not want sugar or gluten in their children's diets, so please check with your teacher before making that decision. Have a great week and thank you for all you do for your students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

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.

Please go to the following link to place your order:
www.booster.com/sellwood-gear

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 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 for a copy of the list and instructions.

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 or 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.

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](#)

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.



A big thank you from the Hospitality Committee to all the families who brought in food and drinks for the Conference Week Meal for the teachers and staff!

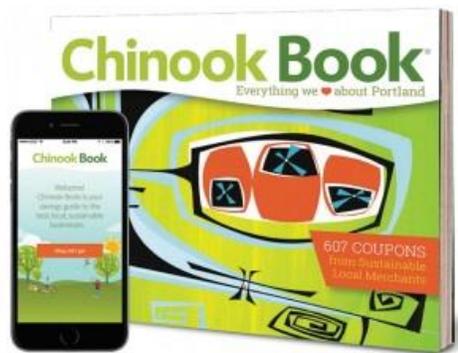
Final week to buy a 2015-16 Chinook Book!

Get those order forms in this week and support our school!
Deadline to order is Monday, October 26th.

Books will also be on sale during conference week 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 or want to order? Please contact Jennifer Means
jennmeans@gmail.com



Can't make it to PTA meetings? Meeting minutes are available on the SMS website. Keep up with upcoming school events, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities by taking a quick peek at a summary of our monthly meetings.

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



The Foundation would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Kathy Hart for her excellent leadership and tireless efforts for the Sellwood 5k. It was a huge success and she did an amazing job. **Thank you Kathy and all the volunteers!!!**



Thank You

Thank you to all who turned out on Sunday to support our wonderful school and participate in the 5k! The weather cooperated and we enjoyed a beautiful fall morning. This event would not be a success without the support of our parent volunteers, participants, teachers and our generous business community. Please be sure to support the businesses that support our school through their sponsorship of the 5k: The Oregon Clinic, Michael A. Jacobson - Windermere Real Estate, Joan & Ron Rogers - Windermere Real Estate, Tutor Doctor, Marie Lathrop D.M.D, Westmoreland True Value, Alex Stewart/Molly Starr - ReMax Equity Group, Pace Setter Athletic, Nectar, Foot Traffic, Blue Kangaroo Coffee Roasters, Woodstock Gentle Dental, The Barber's, Dick's Kitchen, Pizza Roma, Otto's Sausage Kitchen, Woodstock Grand Central Bakery, Dave's Killer Bread, Branches, Portland UBrew & Pub, Branches, Reverands BBQ, Mike's Drive-In, Timbers, Opa Pizzeria, Portland Homestead Supply, Satellite Dream Pizza, Sock Dreams, Nothing Bundt Cake - Clackamas and the Cleveland High School XC runners and coaches who lent their support as the "rabbit" for the kids 1k and provided safe passage to the runners on the street.

Classroom Challenge

All classroom challenge funds were due on October 20th to count towards the class Nectar party. Please be sure to turn in all remaining funds by October 26th.

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.

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. There is still room to join this fun, fact filled class. You will have a challenging time learning about interesting world facts. Join today!

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.

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 basketball:

Basketball tryouts were a success! Athletes will find out if they made the team within the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned! If you have questions or concerns, please email Heidi Moore at CHSYouthSports@gmail.com. Girls games will be all around the district on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We will hold two practices a week. Forms and fees are available in the office. Physicals and payment are due at the first practice.

Boys basketball:

Tryouts have already passed. 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 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 with questions.

Cross country:

Can you believe it? The season is almost over! We have a meet on Thursday, for those of you who can make it. The bus will pick us up at SMS and drop us back off afterwards.

Districts are next Thursday, October 29 at 4 PM! Come support our team!

www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Llewellyn Mural

All former Llewellyn 6th grade students are invited to an Open House Wednesday October 28th from 4:00-5:00 at Llewellyn. Come view the mural you helped create with artist Sarah Ferguson!

Duniway's Annual Wreath Sale is here!

Please help support Duniway by purchasing beautiful, locally grown wreaths, swags and garlands. NEW this year, we are offering easy online buying at:

<https://duniway.ejoinme.org/holidaywreaths>

Share the love and give a beautiful NW grown wreath as a gift or share our link with friends & family over email or Facebook! UPS delivery is available within the continental U.S. Orders must be received by: Friday, November 6th, 2015. Orders will be ready for pick up in the south gym on Wednesday, December 2nd from 2:00-4:00 ONLY.

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

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 and get up to \$15 off any charges on their library accounts. Questions? Contact Sara Ryan, Teen Services Specialist: sryan@multcolib.org.

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 Application deadline is October 30th.

ENews copy must be submitted to Catherine Cleveland by email at: 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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