

# Sellwood Weekly News

## 12-09-2015



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### Mark Your Calendar

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### This Week

From Your Administration

12/10 - Marimba  
Winter Concert, 7 pm

Greeting Sellwood Families,

#### Next Week

12/15 - Westmoreland  
Pizzicato Fundraiser

12/16 - Late Opening,  
11:05 am

12/16 - Site Council  
Mtg., 4 pm

12/18 - All School  
Celebration, 2:45 pm

First of all, thank you to Dan Arrayan and our amazing band students for a great performance last week. We appreciate all their hard work, and we thank you for coming out and supporting their concert. It was a packed house which is the way we like it! Tomorrow night, Mr. Beck and our marimba classes will hold their winter concert at 7pm. Band and marimba classes will also perform at an all- school assembly tomorrow at 10am during a school assembly. Participating in our music classes is fun, but it is also challenging because of the performances outside of school. We deeply appreciate everyone's dedication to band and marimba, and to our parents for all they do to support our students and our programs.

Our Season of Giving is coming to a close. Today our collection ended...it was a very successful campaign. We will be able to help many struggling Sellwood families due to the generosity of this community. Thank you to Dr. Breaker and student council, as well as our staff and students for all of their support.

#### Plan Ahead

12/21 - 1/1 - No School

1/18 - No School

1/19 - Foundation Mtg., 6 pm  
PTA Mtg, 7 pm

1/20 - Late Opening, 11:05 am

1/25 - No School

1/26 - New Parent Info Mtg, 9:30 - 10:30 am

1/27 - New Parent Info Mtg., 7 - 8 pm

Friday, December 18th, our last hour of the day before the break, will be our Sellwood School Celebration. Our staff is working to make this celebration a lot of fun for our kids. Every year we have some students who ask to leave, but we are encouraging everyone to stay and participate. We ask you to agree to this, unless they have an appointment and need to leave. We are planning lots of activities, which should give students all kinds of options.

Finally, the sewer work was chaotic for a week but things are just about done. Thank you for being extra cautious with dropping off and picking up. Hopefully this work will benefit the neighbors and their sewer issues. We are all very impressed with how well the City and District worked together.

Countdown to winter break! We hope you are excited for some time with your children, friends, and family. Thank you once again for all you do to support our students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

### **From the School Nurse**

New laws regarding immunizations and exemption laws went into effect on March 1, 2014. Letters have been sent to families, but if parents have marked a religious exemption in the past, that will no longer be sufficient. In order to claim a nonmedical exemption, a parent must either complete the required education from a health care practitioner or complete an online vaccine module and return it to the school nurse along with the completed Certificate of Immunization status form. The module can be found at [www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption](http://www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption).

For parents who don't have a regular pediatrician for their child, they can call the school based clinics listed below for an appointment. Lane Middle school clinic-503-988-5640, Harrison Park- 503-988-4577, or Cleveland High School -503-988-3350, George Middle School-503-988-3829.

If you have any questions, contact the school Nurse, Bev O'Brien [bobrien@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:bobrien@mesd.k12.or.us)

### **PPS Emergency Communication Protocols**

The onset of winter weather, intensified attention on earthquake

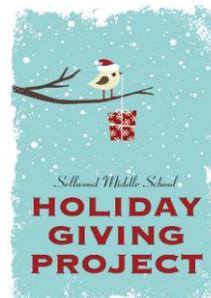
preparedness, and the tragedy of the Umpqua Community College shooting this fall are good reasons to review with families how PPS prepares for and communicates about emergencies. Please read the protocols on the PPS Get Urgent News webpage, several are new: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/about-us/6178.htm>

### **Send in Yearbook Photos**

The yearbook needs photos! We have a goal to have as many students as possible in the yearbook more than once. It's a lofty goal. If you have taken any clear, quality photos of Sellwood students on field trips, at athletic events, or at concerts or performances, please share them:

1. Go to [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com) and type in the school code: sellwood2016
2. Include some basic information and upload 10 photos at a time
3. You can also include names so we can caption the photos correctly

Thanks for your time!  
Lisa Souther (and the yearbook staff)



### **Holiday Giving Project for Families in Need**

This holiday season, Sellwood Middle School will be helping about 20 families within the school community who are in need of

assistance. Through the generous donations of our school community and neighbors, we will be providing these families with food for the holiday dinner and gift certificates.

The school-wide drive will begin Wednesday, December 2nd. Donations will be collected during 1st period until Wednesday, December 9th. Students will be encouraged to bring in a monetary donation.

Checks can be made out to Sellwood Middle School PTA. Your donations are greatly appreciated and needed. If you have questions, please contact School Counselor Jason Breaker at [jbreaker@pps.net](mailto:jbreaker@pps.net) or parent Kristin Sherwood at [kristinsherwood@comcast.net](mailto:kristinsherwood@comcast.net). Thank you for your support.

### **SMS Library Book Drive**

Cleaning out book shelves in preparation for the holidays? Please bring in gently used books to help support updating the SMS library's catalog. From December 2nd-18th, book donations can be left in the bins located in either the school office or library. Additionally, donated books will be used to earn credit for our school library via Wallace Books or donated to Children's Book Bank, Schoolhouse Supplies, or other non-profits.

**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PTA MEETING  
ON JANUARY 19TH 2016!**

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### **Dough for Dollars - Pizzicato Fundraiser**

Mark Your Calendars (12/15)! Take the night off from cooking AND raise money for the Foundation. A win-win! Includes dine in, take out, and delivery...all day long.

— pizzicato pizza presents —  
**the SELLWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL**



we make the dough, your school makes the dollars

TUESDAY 12-15-15 @ Westmoreland Pizzicato  
1630 SE Bybee • Call (503) 736-0174

**PIZZICATO** PIZZA

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### PEAK

The Winter Session began this week and goes until February 26, 2016.

There are openings in: PEAK Chess, PEAK Homework Club, National Geographic Bee, PEAK Computer Class and try outs for the Sping PEAK Play will be on February 18, 2016. The green Winter PEAK Booklets are in the office and on the PEAK Door-Room 214. You can also download the PEAK Registration Form at the Sellwood School Site with the link to PEAK.

The Computer Class will be on Mondays during the Winter Term.

There are three more Cooking Classes-11/25/2015; 12/2/2015; and 12/9/2015.

There may be a Craft Sewing Class in the Winter Session that would have a limited number of Classes. Still working on the time and day.

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

#### **Wrestling:**

We have a new coordinator! I'm pleased to introduce Robert Stearns,

who also works up at Pioneer (a PPS school). You can contact Robert with questions or concerns at [rsteams@pps.net](mailto:rsteams@pps.net). Forms and fees were due November 9. Please turn any late forms or fees to the office only (not to your coach at practice). Forms are available on the website (below). The last day to join the team is December 8. The commitment is three practices a week (M, Tu, Th from 4:00-5:45) and roughly one meet a week. To join wrestling you must turn in:

1. registration form
2. emergency contact form
3. physical (every other year, contact the coordinator to see if it's still on file)
4. insurance form (on the website, unique to wrestling)
5. fee

#### **Basketball:**

November practice schedules are out and teams are set! The seventh grade girls team will practice Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:30. This team is coached by our own Kasey Bond! Our sixth grade team will be coached by a seasoned vet of the game, Yolanda McCowan, and they will practice Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:00-7:30. Practice times will change for December through February as we work around game schedules.

#### **Cross country:**

There are a few great races for middle grades students in the next few months! Please check the CCA website for that information.

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

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### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Cleveland H.S. Girls' Lacrosse Christmas Tree Fundraiser**

- \* Saturday Jan 2 and Sunday Jan 3 from 9-3pm
- \* Cleveland H.S. field
- \* \$6 donation
- \* Request a pick up go to: <http://clevelandgirlslax.teamsnap.com/>

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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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