

Sellwood Weekly News

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Mark Your Calendar

This Week

12/3 - Band Winter Concert, 7 pm

Next Week

12/10 - Marimba Winter Concert, 7 pm

Plan Ahead

12/15 - Westmoreland Pizzicato Fundraiser

12/16 - Late Opening, 11:05 am

12/16 - Site Council Mtg., 4 pm

SCHOOL NEWS

From Your Administration

Greetings Sellwood Families,

Happy December all! We hope you had a great holiday weekend with family and friends. We are just about at mid-terms for the 2nd quarter, so this year is really going fast. Today our annual Holiday Giving Project begins and we are helping families in our school community who need assistance during the holidays. From the 2nd through the 9th, we will be collecting donations of money/gift cards from Target and Fred Meyer. Checks can be made out to the Sellwood Middle School PTA. We have a goal of \$3,000 and have a snowman in the hall and he/she will be getting body parts with every \$200 we collect. We will have a table at both the band concert on 12/3 and the marimba concert on 12/10 if you would like to contribute. We hope you can attend these two wonderful concerts, both starting at 7 PM. Also, our Sellwood Middle School & Wallace Books Drive run from 12/2 through 12/18. Please bring in any used books and place them in the bins located in the office and library. Our library will receive a book credit from Wallace Books, and books not accepted will go to other charitable organizations. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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

12/21 - 1/1 - No
School

1/18 - No School

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

Please remember that SE 15th is completely closed between SE Sherrett and Umatilla. As a result, buses have been dropping off and picking up on SE Umatilla between 15th and 16th and will continue to do so until further notice. The bus zones are clearly marked with no-parking signs. Please do not park or stop in these bus zones or tie up the parking lot entrance/exit. It can get quite hectic at drop off and pick up time, especially when the buses arrive, so please plan accordingly if you are picking up your student. We appreciate your help in this matter.

As always, thank you for all you do for our students and our school.

Brian & Marylyn

PPS EMERGENCY COMMS 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:

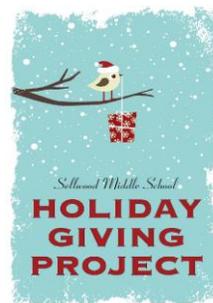
1. Go to www.hjeshare.com and type in the school code: sellwood2016
2. Include some basic information and upload 10 photos at a time
3. You can also include names so we can caption the photos correctly

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



Starting TOMORROW!
PTA Fundraiser to Support
the Sellwood Band Program

Thursday, December 3rd from 4pm until close, Mike's Drive-In will donate 25% of their sales to Sellwood's Band Program. Please print and show this flyer (or show it on your phone) when ordering. Please join us to support your school band!



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 or parent Kristin Sherwood at kristinsherwood@comcast.net. Thank you for your support.

Sellwood Middle School Band Fundraiser

Don't have time for the Drive-In? Bring cash/checkbooks to make a

generous donation in person at the concert. Thank you for supporting this amazing program!

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!**



The Foundation is thankful to all the families who have donated to our organization this school year. If you would like to contribute as well, visit www.allhandsraised.org. Click the "donate now" button and choose Sellwood as your school of choice. You can become a Monthly Sustaining Donor or give a one time donation.

Questions? Contact Stacey Lovett lovetstacey@hotmail.com

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 Spring 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.

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 rstearns@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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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