

# Sellwood Weekly News

## 1-7-2016



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### Mark Your Calendar

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### This Week

#### From Your Administration

#### Next Week

8th Grade Families,

#### Plan Ahead

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

It is the time of year when we start thinking about high school for our 8th grade students. This week I will be spending several class periods during Block working with 8th graders on High School and Beyond topics, including, high school transition, graduation requirements, college knowledge, and career education specific to this grade-level. Cleveland High School staff will visit Sellwood later this spring to disseminate information to Cleveland bound students and start the process of scheduling students. Cleveland High School's information night will be February 4th (7:00).

Additionally, Benson High School staff will be at Sellwood on January 15th to share information with students about Benson. Each year Benson High School offers student the opportunity to shadow during the school. This year the shadow days for Benson will be February 2nd and 5th (8:00-11:00). More information on this opportunity will come later. Benson High School's annual Tech Show will be February 11th and 12th (6:00) for interested students and families.

A complete list of District information sessions can be found

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

2/15 - No School

2/16 - Foundation  
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg, 7 pm

2/17 - Late Opening,  
11:05 am

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

at: [http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/enrollment-transfer/Choosing-Your-School-2015-16\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/enrollment-transfer/Choosing-Your-School-2015-16_WEB.pdf)

Considering your options:

Students are guaranteed a spot at the school in the attendance area in which they live. For families wishing to explore other options:

\* Attending a different neighborhood school PPS has great neighborhood schools that meet most families' needs. Families who believe that a different neighborhood school would better meet their student's needs must fill out a petition to explain the need for a transfer. Petitions are accepted at any time during the year. The Enrollment & Transfer Center weighs the reasons along with the available space in the requested school to decide whether to grant the request. Learn more and download a petition form: [www.pps.net/schoolchoice](http://www.pps.net/schoolchoice).

\* Attending a focus option school Families interested in focus options including language immersion programs and arts/science-based schools apply in the annual lottery:

\* High schools: Feb. 3 to Feb. 17, 2016

\* K-8 level schools: Feb. 18 to March 9, 2016

\* Accessing the lottery: Apply online or download a form at [www.pps.net/schoolchoice](http://www.pps.net/schoolchoice)

\* Outcome: Families will learn by late April whether they got into school(s) applied for.

If you are considering private school as a high school option for you 8th grader, please be aware that most private schools require a counselor/principal recommendation. These are typically due at the beginning of February, so please do not wait until the deadline to request the recommendation.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Dr. Jason Breaker  
School Counselor, 7th/8th Grade

### **Elective Schedule Change Requests**

**Updated:** Elective schedule change request forms will be available in the office on January 8 for the second semester classes and are due back on the 15th. Second semester classes start on January 21.

Thanks for your support and understanding.  
Marylyn John, Assistant Principal

**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)

### **Opportunities BLACKReach**

The University of Oregon in collaboration with Portland Public Schools, Self Enhancement Inc. and the Black United Fund of Oregon invite ALL black and African American students and their families to the Opportunities BLACKReach program on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Self Enhancement Inc. This is a great opportunity for students to get answers to their questions about the transition process into higher education after high school, learn about financial aid and scholarships opportunities to pay for college, important deadlines and all college related questions. Parents also have the unique opportunity to learn how to support their students to pursue higher education. Younger students will have an opportunity to learn what it takes to prepare for college and interact with college students from similar backgrounds. Free dinner and childcare are provided so the entire family can attend.

We look forward to seeing you on January 13 and please contact the University of Oregon Opportunities team at 541-346-1067, [opportunities@uoregon.edu](mailto:opportunities@uoregon.edu) with any questions.



### **Volunteers Needed for PPS Clothing Closet**

The Sellwood PTA needs YOUR help! We've received a last minute call for volunteers at the PPS Clothing Closet (at Marshall High School) this Thursday, January 7th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Help is needed assisting regular clients, as well as working to unload five pallets of donations. Please contact Cheryl Larson [cheryl.larson@kp.org](mailto:cheryl.larson@kp.org) if you're able to help for even an hour or two. Thanks so much!!

### **Holiday Giving Project Thank You**

A heartfelt thank you to the generosity of the SMS community of students, families, teachers and staff in making the Holiday Giving Project a success last month. Twenty SMS families had, we hope, a brighter holiday thanks to your contributions, as well as those of our greater community. New Seasons Sellwood was incredibly generous this year, supplying not only a cash donation, but several items to each family for the "holiday cheer baskets." Moreland Presbyterian Church made a substantial donation to the Project, as did St. Vincent DePaul in the form of well-stocked food boxes. Thank you to QFC for their contribution, and to parent Holly Waud of Nothing Bundt Cakes for her generous donation. A thank you to the PTA and the Yearbook team for their support, as well. Finally, we couldn't have done it without the coordination of Dr. Breaker and his team of Peer Leaders, nor without a dedicated team of parent volunteers! Happy New Year! - Kristin Sherwood, HGP Lead

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

# SELLWOOD Middle School FOUNDATION

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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 Spring PEAK Play will be on February 11, 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 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

Teams are set for boys and girls basketball, as well as wrestling. The gyms are closed over winter break. For schedules and more info, please visit our website:

[www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com](http://www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com). Registration for track will begin in February. The team will be HUGE, so no late registration will be allowed. Please be sure you have forms and fees when registration opens to ensure a spot! Info is on the website. Stay active over the break, everyone!

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Sellwood/Cleveland Youth Baseball**

Youth Baseball & Softball registration NOW OPEN for the Spring 2016 season. We are a non-profit youth program that plays in the SE community. Our league's border is the Cleveland High School boundary.

Go to [www.clevelandyouthbaseball.com](http://www.clevelandyouthbaseball.com) or [www.sellwoodbaseball.com](http://www.sellwoodbaseball.com) to register.

### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Troop 64 will be out collecting Christmas trees on Saturday January 9th from 10am - 2pm. There will be curb pick up in the following neighborhoods: Garthwick, Sellwood, Westmoreland, Eastmoreland and Eastmoreland Heights. You may also drop off your tree at Holy Family located between SE Flavel & SE Knapp on Cesar Chavez Blvd. Suggested payment of \$6 per tree can be attached to the tree.

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ENews copy must be submitted to Catherine Cleveland by email at: [rcleveland@pobox.com](mailto:rcleveland@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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