

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

Next Week

1/18 - No School

1/19 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg, 7 pm

1/20 - Late Opening,
11:05 am

Plan Ahead

1/25 - No School

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

We hope your 2016 is going well and also that you are recovering from the holiday and snow days. What a way to begin the new year! As we move ahead, remember there is no school on the 18th because of the holiday, and also no school on the 25th because of teacher planning. This is the end of the 2nd quarter, and the beginning of the 2nd semester. School will be officially half over in the next two weeks.

With the 2nd semester come many activities, including the Parent Information Night for Sellwood. This is for incoming 5th grade families, and will be held on January 27th from 7-8:15 PM. This is our only informational session since we have no openings for next year in any grade, and we are expecting 40+ additional students because of the growth in our cluster. We are expecting to have anywhere from 600-620 students in the 2016-17 school year. Please remember that you must live in this catchment area to attend Sellwood. Parents may not use friend's or family addresses or PO Box addresses. With the new boundary and enrollment changes in PPS, Enrollment and Transfer will be extra vigilant in their proof of address requirements. In addition to our Informational Night, we will be presenting to all 5th grade students at their elementary schools on February 10th, and we are now setting

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

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language\)](#)

up visits for all 5th grade students sometime early in March. It is a very exciting time, and we are looking forward to meeting our incoming students. We are also working very hard on supporting our 8th grade students as they prepare to progress on to high school. Our counselor, Dr. Breaker, is doing a great job preparing them for this momentous experience. You will be getting information about all of these activities, but if you are an 8th grade parent, look out for all the high school open houses and requirements. If you are thinking about a private school, make sure you get the recommendations to us as soon as possible. You will find all PPS open house information at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/rsc/>

Have a wonderful week ahead and thank you for all you for your student and our school. Don't panic about any of this and please call us if you need support or clarification on the process.

Brian and Marylyn.

Peachjar Digital Flyer System

As part of the Mobile First initiative, PPS on Jan. 11 launched the Peachjar e-flyer system to distribute district and school-approved flyers to families digitally.

The new service provides many benefits. It will:

- reduce paper and printing costs for schools, PTAs and the district
- decrease paper waste for parents
- decrease staff time spent printing and distributing flyers
- keep families well-informed of district and school events, and community enrichment opportunities directly on their cell phones.

School organizations such as PTAs and boosters will no longer have to pay for paper flyers but can have them distributed electronically for free via Peachjar.

You can read more about the service on the PPS website at www.pps.net.

Elective Schedule Change Requests

Elective schedule change request forms are due back into the office on Friday, January 15th. Second semester classes start on January 21.

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

Lost & Found

There are quite a few belongings in our lost and found in the small gym. Please remind your student to take a look for anything that might be theirs. Next Friday, January 22nd, all unclaimed items will be sent to the Clothing Closet.

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.

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

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 with any questions.



**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PTA MEETING
ON JANUARY 19TH 2016 AT 7 PM!**



Did you know anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings? It's true!! Join us on **Tuesday, January 19th at 6pm** in the library.

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 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.

PIL Athletics

Registration for track will begin in February. We're still ironing out details for next season. We will have to cap registration, so be sure you're ready to turn forms and fees in by the deadline! The search for coaches has already begun, however! Email Jessica at jrussell@pps.net if you're interested in being a track coach (paid or unpaid). Please visit our website for more information on any of our sports.

www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear PPS Parent Leaders -

I am writing to you today with an urgent request to help us get the word out about a new funding program being launched by New Seasons Market. Your help will ensure that All Hands Raised continues to provide stellar service to the PPS local school foundation community at no cost to parents, schools or the district. We want to sustain and evolve the partnership between our neighborhood schools and our neighborhood New Seasons Markets.

New Seasons Market will launch the new Bag it Forward program in February, which gives customers an opportunity to donate their reusable bag credits (5¢ each) to a non-profit organization. Customers can choose from one of three beneficiaries representing New Seasons Market's tenets of giving: fighting hunger, supporting K-12 schools, and promoting environmental conservation. We need your help in ensuring that we are the selected education non-profit for Portland-based New Seasons stores (and that

this critical funding remains in place).

Next week, January 9-13, 2016, we need customers to vote for the All Hands Raised Portland Public Schools Foundation as the preferred education non-profit at these stores:

- Raleigh Hills
- Sellwood
- Concordia
- Seven Corners
- Arbor Lodge
- Hawthorne
- Williams
- Grant Park
- Slabtown
- Woodstock

Voting will take place at the Solutions Center in each of these stores.

There is no limit to how many times you can vote!

Please help spread the word throughout your school community (and your personal networks)--social media, websites, newsletters, etc--we need them to visit the Portland New Seasons locations and vote for us! Winning organizations will be announced on February 1st and we look forward to being in touch at that time.

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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