

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

Next Week

Greetings Sellwood Families,

2/8 - Foundation
Fundraiser at
McMenamins Barley
Mill, 5pm-12am

Plan Ahead

2/15 - No School

2/16 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg, 7 pm

2/17 - Late Opening,
11:05 am

We had a nice turn out for Parent Information Night last week. Thank you to our Jazz Band, Peer Helpers, Student Council, and staff for all your support. We received positive comments from parents, and it was great to see some of our future students. We will be taking 7 current Sellwood students to the three feeder schools on February 10th to talk with all 5th graders about Sellwood. On March 9th, 5th graders from all three feeders will come here for the morning to experience middle school in action. We will have over 600 students here next year, so students on transfer will have to return to their neighborhood school for 6th grade. You must live in the neighborhood to come to Sellwood. If there are any questions, please go to the Enrollment and Transfer page on the PPS website. You will also find information relating to hardship requests.

The new calendar for 2016-17 is also posted on the PPS website. The first day of school will be 8/29 and conferences are now in early November. With the addition of 2 days this year, we will be shifting end of year activities, such as promotion, Oaks Park, and Seaside, to fit the new dates (please see below). Site Council and staff approved

2/27 - Sellwood Bridge
Dedication Celebration

3/1 - Pizzicato
Fundraiser

3/15 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

3/16 - Late Opening,
11:05 am

3/18 - All School
Celebration, 2:45 pm

3/21 - 3/25 - No
School

4/8 - No School

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

extending the events, probably by two days. Sorry for this inconvenience. We are hoping there are no more snow days this year, because that could once again affect our plans.

We will begin state assessments for language arts, math, and science after spring break. You will find the information on our web site if you choose to opt out for your student. You must use these specific forms, and they must be in before we start assessing. We do encourage you to have your student take the assessments. Last year our students outperformed other PPS schools as well as the State average. Students seemed to enjoy the new exams, but in the end, it is your call. If you want to discuss it further, please call us. The web site also has an informational letter and important information about the assessments. Starting February 1st, for 1 week, 15th will see additional traffic flow from the sewer work that is being done on 13th. Please be extra cautious when dropping off and picking up. Please do not drop off at the stop sign as it causes serious safety issues. Please plan to arrive earlier to secure a good parking spot or drop off/pick up point. Finally, last Friday we completed another Lockdown drill. This time, we pretended a staff member went into labor (we do have three pregnancies now), and we had to secure the building, sequester students, and handle the situation. This is one of many drills we do often. Had this been an actual emergency, we would have notified you immediately. As we have discussed, we do a monthly fire drills, and periodic earthquake, lockout and lockdown drills, as well as continuous training on emergency preparedness. Generally our students do great, and we appreciate their diligence when these happen. Have a great week and thank you for all you do for your students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

New end of year plan barring no more snow *

June 2nd:

Student Success Showcase 5-8 PM (no change)

June 7th:

Full day, shorter periods

8th grade AM locker clean out

Yearbook signing

PM assembly for staff-student volleyball game

June 8th:

Seaside trip for 8th grade, 8:30-4:45

AM locker cleanout 6/7 gr.

PM field day for 6/7 gr.

June 9th:

Last day with dismissal at 12:30pm
Oaks Park for 6/7 9:30-12:30, Area 14
Promotion practice at 9:15am
Promotion activities 10:30-12:30pm
All students 6-7-8 leave on buses at 12:30pm

June 10th & 13th:

Teacher planning days

* If we have one more snow day, this will shift again by a day.

Cleveland Cluster SRO

As you may know, all Portland Public Schools have historically been assigned a School Resource Officer (SRO) from the Portland Police Bureau. This officer is trained to support school age children and to specifically address the safety needs of school campuses. The SRO will patrol the streets around the campuses of the feeder pattern schools, support school personnel in addressing safety concerns, and maintain a positive presence in and around the community

Last spring, Officer Berg, the officer assigned to the Cleveland cluster schools, was temporarily transferred to detective duty and was recently promoted to this position permanently. We have been told that there are no plans to assign an SRO to the Cleveland Cluster. We need your help in persuading Police Chief Larry O'Dea that this is an important resource for our schools.

Schools need to be supported with an officer trained to support school age children and we need to know that response times in emergencies do not rely on the number of patrol officers available. Please email Chief O'Dea at chief.odea@portlandoregon.gov to remind him of the proactive work these officers do every day to keep our children safe and that we need him to prioritize the schools by assigning a School Resource Officer to the Cleveland Cluster Schools. [Here is a sample letter](#), if you want a starter.

New PPS Website

As many of you probably already know, Portland Public Schools has

launched a new website. You can familiarize yourself with the new design at www.pps.net. In addition, there are helpful videos on the new website that demonstrate how to navigate this new design.

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

EDUCATE & ENGAGE 2016: THE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 12, 2016, 9am-noon
Lewis Elementary School / 4401 SE Evergreen
Sponsors: PPS & Concordia University
Audience: Parents

Technology is changing how today's students learn. The creativity and innovation of teachers is advancing educational opportunities - allowing students to connect with and learn from teachers, the world and each other more than ever before. On Saturday, March 12, 2016, local school districts are partnering to host Educate & Engage 2016: The Parent-Teacher Conference, offering parents an opportunity to hear from teachers about the roles and implications of technology both in and out of today's modern classroom. A device is not necessary, but you can bring your own (laptop, tablet, smartphone) if you want. Limited childcare available.

Sessions Include:

- Social Media in Education
- Google Apps for Education (also in Spanish)
- Coding and Computer Science
- Parenting in the 21st Century (also in Spanish)
- How Technology is Changing Teaching and Learning
- What is STEM/STEAM?
- Cyberbullying

Registration is open Feb. 1-29. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/educateengage2016>.

Melissa Lim, Instructional Technology
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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PTA MEETING
ON FEBRUARY 16TH 2016 AT 7 PM!





*Join Sellwood Middle School
Foundation*

**Tuesday, February 8, 2016
5pm – Close**

**McMenamins Barley Mill Pub
1629 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214**



**50% of the proceeds
goes to the Foundation!**



Go Panthers!



PEAK

The PEAK Winter Session is over the week of 2/26/2016, and the Spring PEAK Session will begin the week of 2/28/2016 and run until the week of 5/27/2016.

BoyStrength Class - 2/29/2016-4/25/2016-
forms on the PEAK Office Door. No Charge for the Class but you need
to fill out a PEAK form to be in the Class-Mondays in the Small Gym

The PEAK Felting Craft Class-Tuesday-2/16/2016-in the Teachers'
Lunchroom-Room 119-cost-\$15.00 for the Felting Craft Kit. One day
only. Blue PEAK forms and Blue PEAK Spring Booklets in the office
and on the PEAK Door-Room 214.

There are openings in: PEAK Chess, PEAK Homework Club, PEAK
Computer Class and try outs for the Spring PEAK Play will be on
February 11, 2016. The blue Spring 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 PEAK Spring Computer Class will be on Tuesdays, 3:45pm-
5:15pm, in the Mac Lab-cost \$20.00. The Class is for Girls only. Moms
are also invited. The Class will introduce a variety of computer
programs and it should be a great experience for the girls at Sellwood.
Howard Abrams the Computer Instructor is very happy to offer this
Spring Computer Class to Girls only.

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

We need track coaches! As it stands, there are no full time track coaches at our Sellwood location. (I appreciate the parents who have offered to volunteer part time, though!) If you know of anyone who would consider the position, please have them contact me (Jessica Russell, jrussell@pps.net).

Assuming I can find coaches who are willing and able to contribute full time, track registration will open on Monday, February 8. The team will be capped at 110 students, so get your forms and fees in ASAP. If there are fewer than six coaches, fewer students will be admitted onto the team. I hate to do this, but the last thing anyone wants is to put kids in an unsafe situation due to poor supervision. Forms will be available in the SMS office and on our website. I will email you after I have processed your athlete's registration and notify you that they are on the team. Please turn in all forms and fees together.

Any middle grade student who lives in the Cleveland High School boundary is welcome join our team. If you joined us last year for track, we have changed up our team structure a bit. Because our team is so large, the Hosford site and the Sellwood site will have a separate meet and practice schedule. We did this in hopes of shortening the meets and allowing students to participate in more events. Both groups will compete under the Cleveland name (Cleveland-Yellow and Cleveland-Green), but we will not compete together like we did last year. Oh, and one last item; if your athlete participated in a fall and winter PIL sport, their spring sport is free!

www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Softball Skills Clinic

Cleveland HS varsity softball team is putting on a clinic for girls 3rd through 8th grade, see this [flyer](#).

YOU ARE INVITED!!

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL

**8TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT
"BRIDGING THE GAP"**

**Thursday, February 4, 2016
Program begins at 7:00 p.m.
in the Auditorium**

**ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED
TO SEE AND LEARN ABOUT CLEVELAND**

- TALK TO TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS
- HEAR FROM STUDENTS
- TOUR OUR CAMPUS
- LEARN ABOUT OUR 9TH GRADE ACADEMIES
- LEARN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
- LEARN ABOUT MANDARIN CHINESE IMMERSION
- LEARN ABOUT OUR FULL ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY PROGRAMS FROM COACHES, ADVISERS AND STUDENTS
- MEET CLEVELAND PARENTS WHO WILL SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH OUR SCHOOL

(Students must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.)

CALL 503-916-5120 FOR INFORMATION

Play Ball!

Registration remains OPEN for the 2016 season of Sellwood/Cleveland Junior Baseball & Softball for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade! At any grade, players of all skill levels are welcome. We encourage early registration but registration will remain open through February 1, 2016 for 3rd through 8th graders and up and February 29, 2016 for younger players. The season will begin around spring break. You may register player online at www.sellwoodbaseball.com. You may get answers to

any questions by emailing prez@sellwoodbaseball.com.

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