

Sellwood Weekly News

1-20-2016



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

Next Week

1/25 - No School

1/26 - Start of new semester

1/27 - New Parent Info Mtg., 7 - 8:30 pm

Plan Ahead

2/15 - No School

2/16 - Foundation Mtg.,

From Your Administration

Dear Sellwood Families,

As we approach the second semester, we wanted to remind you there is not school on Monday, January 25th, because the teachers are doing their report cards for this quarter. The new semester will begin Tuesday the 26th, and in most cases your student will begin their new elective rotation. We tried to honor as many requests for change as possible, but we could not accommodate all requests. Thank you for understanding if your student does not get to make an elective change. We are also beginning our AVID elective for the first time, and we are so excited to begin this system at Sellwood.

6 pm

PTA Mtg, 7 pm

2/17 - Late Opening,
11:05 am

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

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language\)](#)

Today our staff went through additional safety training and we are very pleased with their current knowledge. We spent a great deal of time going over all safety situations, and updated the work we have been doing with FEMA over the past few years. It is always important to keep on top of any potential safety situation. We owe that to our students, families and our staff because our main goal is to always be safe yet prepared for almost any situation.

We are pleased to announce that our math teacher Martha Sherman, received a very prestigious award this morning at our staff meeting. She was recognized as the 2015 Oregon Middle Level Consortium Outstanding Cooperating Teacher of the Year because of her dedication to students and future teachers. We are very proud of Ms. Sherman and thank her for going above and beyond for our students and interns.

Finally, the Parent Information Meeting is Wednesday, January 27th, at 7:00 PM. This meeting is for incoming 5th grade families, as well as new families to the neighborhood. It is geared towards 6th grade, but all are welcome if there is a chance your child may be coming here next year. Most of the 6th grade teachers will be present to meet and greet. Also, dates are set for visiting the feeder schools, and also the 5th graders coming here to visit in March.

Have a great week and thank you for all you do for our students, and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

Schedule Changes

We are in the process of going through the schedule change request forms. Not all requests were granted, however, we did our best to change those we could. Second semester schedules will be handed out in class on Friday. We

are unable to make any changes to CORE classes. Thank you for your understanding.

Benson Shadow Day for 8th Graders

Benson Shadow Day is Friday, February 5th, 2016, 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Benson Polytechnic High School
546 NE 12th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Shadow Days provides Portland Public School 8th grade students the opportunity to explore and experience Career Technical Education programs and classes at Benson Polytechnic H.S. This is a chance to see if Benson is the right school choice for your student.

Please complete the appropriate field trip permission form and return to Dr. Breaker or the Sellwood office (forms are in the Sellwood office). Students are responsible for getting themselves to Benson by 8:00 am. Students will be directed to the Auditorium by student escorts who will be waiting for you at main entrance to the school.

While at Benson, students will be assigned to a small group to visit the three Career Tech Academy options (ex. Health Occupations, Industry & Engineering, or Communications).

- Students will meet students, teachers, and see students working on projects in shop classes.
- Students will be actively involved in some projects, depending on the shop class and safety rules.
- Students will be able get answers to any questions you might have about the career technical education majors available at Benson (ex., Nursing; Automotive; Construction; Electric; Radio Broadcasting; Photo, Video, & Web Design; Manufacturing, Health Occupations, Computer Science, etc.). Buses will be departing Benson no later than 11:00 AM to take students back to their school.

For PPS middle schools:
The field trip form covers the following:

It provides you with an excused absence from your middle school for the morning, it officially registers you for Shadow Day once your middle school notifies Benson, and it allows you to have bus transportation from Benson back to your middle school (schools listed below). A field trip permission form can be obtained in the Sellwood main office and is due back to the office by January 26th.

REMINDER: 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. 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.

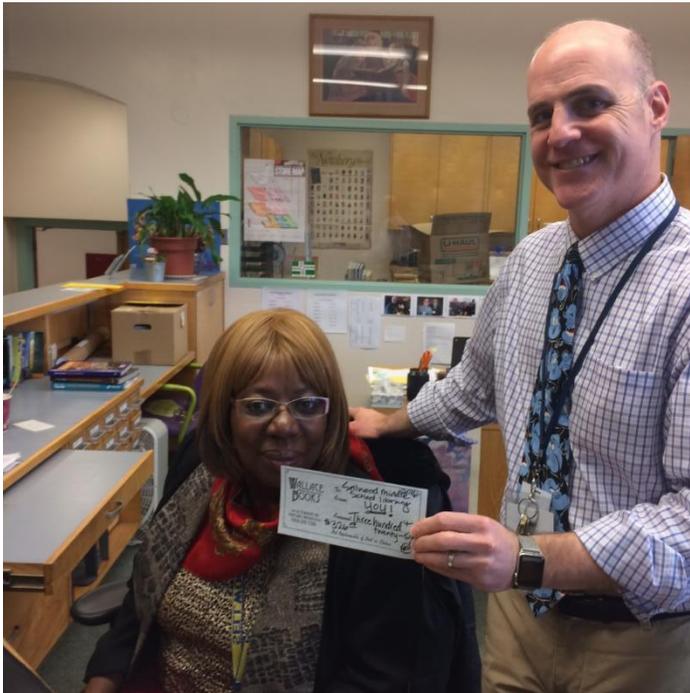
Lane Middle school clinic-503-988-5640, Harrison Park- 503-988-4577, or Cleveland High School -503-988-3350, George Middle School-503-988-3829.

If you have any questions, contact the school Nurse, Bev O'Brien
bobrien@mesd.k12.or.us



Book Drive Success

Our book drive was a huge success. Mr. Levey added 50 of the books donated to the SMS library. Julie Wallace purchased the majority of the remaining books which yielded a \$326 credit for him to spend at Wallace Books. We'll do another book drive in the Spring.



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

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.

New Seasons Bag It Forward Program

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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