

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

Next Week

Greetings Sellwood Families,

2/15 - No School

2/16 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg, 7 pm

2/17 - Late Opening,
11:05 am

Plan Ahead

2/27 - Sellwood Bridge
Dedication Celebration

3/1 - Pizzicato
Fundraiser

As this is written, we are having such a beautiful day! Loving this spring-like weather, and hope you are enjoying it all. We have worked very hard trying to move around end of year activities so we can accomplish our original plans. It is not pretty, and may not be the best wrap up of the year, but this new plan restores all the end of year activities, including the Junior Rose Parade. This is the plan barring any more snow days, and hopefully this great weather is a sign for us! This may not be great for everyone, but it is the best we can do. As you can imagine, it is very busy at the end of the year and making changes even now is a difficulty.

June 2nd

Student Success Showcase, 5-8 PM, all staff present

June 6th

Full day, shorter periods

8th grade AM locker clean out

PM assembly for staff-student volleyball game

Yearbook signing

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

June 7th

Seaside trip for 8th grade all day
AM locker clean out for 6/7
PM Field Day for 6/7th grade

June 8th

Junior Rose Parade

June 9th

Last day (only school in AM, as PM is waived due to Student
Showcase)

Oaks Park for 6/7 9:30-12:30, Area 14

Promotion practice at 9:15

Promotion 10:30-11:30

Lunch and Cake afterwards 11:30-12:30

All students 6-7-8 leave on buses at 12:30

June 10th and 13th

Teacher Planning days

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

Thank you for all you do for your students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

Smarter Balanced Testing

[Please follow this link for important information on state testing.](#)

Attention all parents and students!

Ms. Paula is looking for help in raising scholarship funds for the 8th grade East Coast Trip. We are collecting bottles and cans towards our goal. If you can offer those bottles and cans, especially from your Super Bowl get together, we will be collecting them on Saturday, February 13th, from 10 AM-12:00 PM on the outside basketball court. If you would rather, you could donate your receipts from your own container collection. Any contributions are greatly appreciated. Ms. Paula is also looking for volunteers to take any cans/bottles to the recycling center. If you have any questions, please see or call her.
Thank you!

Oregon Battle of the Books

Oregon Battle of the Books at Sellwood: We have eight teams competing! The final battle is Thursday, February 25 from 6:30 to 8:30

PM. We need parents (or perhaps older siblings?) who are willing to be moderators (question readers) and judges that evening. Please contact Lisa Souther at lsouther@pps.net if you can help out!

Project Second Wind

For many years Sellwood has been very active in Project Second Wind. We will be collecting money and canned food donations for the Oregon Food Bank, which helps feed 92,000 kids each month. Project Second Wind's goal is to feed hungry children. Last year, Portland Public Schools raised enough to feed 156,000 meals to hungry families in our city, and Sellwood Middle School collected the equivalent of 21,698 pounds of food.

Project Second Wind Collection starts **Monday, February 22 and ends Friday, February 26**. Each morning during this week Student Council members will be at the entrances to the school collecting both food and money for Project Second Wind.

Thank you for helping make this project a success.

Most Wanted Foods:

Oregon Food Bank needs these nutritious foods:

- canned meats (i.e., tuna, chicken, salmon)
- canned and boxed meals (i.e., soup, chili, stew, macaroni and cheese)
- peanut butter and other nut butters
- canned or dried beans and peas (i.e., black, pinto, lentils)
- pasta, rice, cereal
- canned fruits and vegetables
- 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice (canned, plastic or boxed)
- cooking oil
- shelf-stable milk
- consider donating healthy, low-fat and low-sugar products

To ensure food safety, Oregon Food Bank cannot use:

- rusty or unlabeled cans
- perishable items (applies only to food drive donations)
- homemade items
- noncommercial canned or packaged items
- alcoholic beverages, mixes or soda

- open or used items

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.

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 us for our next meeting,
Tuesday 2/16 at 6pm in the SMS library.

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.

The Craft Felting Class is Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 3:45pm-5:00pm, in Room 119. The cost is \$15.00 for the kit to make the felt penguin. Bev O'Brien, our School Nurse is the Instructor. Please sign up by using the blue PEAK forms.

The Winter Computer Class will not meet again in February. The three lost computer classes will be made up during the Spring Session.

Tryouts for the PEAK Spring Play-Jungle Book will be Thursday, February 11, 2016-3:45pm-5:45pm in the Big Gym. Practice will be on Mondays and Thursdays in the Big Gym or the Music Annex. Fill out the Blue PEAK forms if you are interested in being part of the cast.

The BoyStrength Class, presented by the Portland Police Department will begin-2/29/2016, 3:45pm-5:30pm, in the Small Gym. There is no charge for the class and boys in grades, 6,7 and 8 are welcome. The nine week class supports good decision making and positive options for self defense. Mr. Jason Breaker and Ric Oleksak are the School Facilitators.

If you have any comments or questions contact Rose Mary Price, Sellwood PEAK Coordinator.rprice@pps.net.

PIL Athletics

We still need track coaches! 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).

Track registration opened 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 are 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

Play Ball!

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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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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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