

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

Next Week

Greetings Sellwood Families,

2/27 - Sellwood Bridge
Dedication
Celebration

We are so excited to announce that our wonderful art teacher, Suzanne Bauer, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl Wednesday morning. Mother and daughter are both doing well. Erika Johnson will be joining our staff for the rest of the year, covering for Suzanne who will be on leave for the remainder of the school year. Now that our first 2015 baby has been born, we have two more teachers anxiously awaiting their new arrivals, and one of those will be twins.

Plan Ahead

3/1 - Pizzicato
Fundraiser

We wanted to give you a heads up about the Sellwood Bridge reopening celebration. We have been coordinating with two local community groups about the celebration on Saturday, February 27th. The event will be from noon to 4:00 PM, with a parade around 2PM. Our band will be marching, and Mr. Arrayan will be communicating the details if he hasn't already. It will be a short parade, and students participating should be ready to line up at 12:30 to warm up and tune.

3/15 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

We are hoping marimba will also be playing, but still waiting for final details due to the possibility of rain. We are trying to get a covered area to protect the instruments. We are hoping for a great Sellwood Middle

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

3/16 - Late Opening,
11:05 am

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

School turn out, and it sounds like quite an event is planned. There is also a candlelight/flashlight walk on the old Sellwood Bridge on Thursday, February 25th and it will start at 7:30 on the east end of the bridge and will be over at 8:30 at the latest.

3/21 - 3/25 - No
School

4/8 - No School

Just a quick reminder that the lottery for elementary and middle school is now open, through March 9th. High school lottery ended on February 17th. Please go to the Enrollment and Transfer website if you have any questions on the PPS page.

4/19 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

Have a great weekend and thank you for all you do for your students and our school.

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

Brian and Marylyn

4/22 - Talent Show,
2:30 pm

From Tami O'Neill, CHS Principal

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

[Please follow this link from the Principal at Cleveland regarding an anti-bullying program they will be presenting here at Sellwood tomorrow.](#)

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

Spelling Bee Results

We have a Sellwood Middle School spelling champion! Students took a written qualifying test, and 56 top spellers from all grades were invited to participate in the oral spelling bee. Runners-up were Antonia Lou, 7th grader, and Henry McCreery, 8th grader. Eighth grader Elliot Hutfilz is the school winner, and will compete in the regional spelling bee at Hollywood Theatre (in association with the Scripps National Spelling Bee). The winning word was ecclesiastical, and with other such challenging words as genteel, soiree, deciduous, and ramifications, we're proud of all these spellers!

Smarter Balanced Testing

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

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

**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>.

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SMS Band Fundraiser a Success

The totals are in! The final amount raised for the Sellwood Middle School Band is \$6252.76. This includes a generous grant from the Storr Family Endowment Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation.

As promised at the winter band concert, 100% of the money will be allocated for the SMS band. Stay tuned for band updates coming soon.



Mark your calendar:

**Pizzicato Fundraiser
3/1/2016**

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

Two Drawing Contests for Teens at the Multnomah County Library

Now through March 15, artists in grades 6 to 12 have two opportunities to have their work honored and promoted:

[Illustrating the cover of the 2016 teen Summer Reading gameboard](#)

Calling all artists in grades 6-12! If you've played the Summer Reading game at the Multnomah County Library, you know that a LOT of people participate. So if your art is chosen to illustrate the teen gameboard, a LOT of people will see it!

Submit the winning artwork and you'll also win a \$100 gift certificate to [Collage!](#) Submit your artwork by March 15th. The theme is activity, exercise and wellness. Stop by any library branch to pick up an entry form -- or [download it here](#). Good luck!

[Writing and illustrating a short \(up to 8 page\) comic](#)

The Multnomah County Library is hosting its first [Comics Contest!](#) Winners will be announced by National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Yang at his [free talk at the Hollywood Theatre](#) on April 28, 2016. Winners will also be featured on social media, printed in an exclusive publication, and added to the library's collection. Stop by any library branch to pick up an entry form -- or [download it here](#).

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.

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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