

Sellwood Weekly News

2-25-2016



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

2/27 - Sellwood Bridge
Dedication
Celebration

Greetings Sellwood Families,

We want to first remind you that this week is our food and money collection for Project Second Wind. We are collecting for the Oregon Food Bank through Friday. The details are in this letter, and we would love to hit our goal of 6,000 pounds of food. The beginning of this week has been less than stellar, so we would appreciate any donations you can offer. As noted, Oregon Food Bank helps feed 92,000 kids each month. Thank you for your support!

Next Week

3/1 - Pizzicato
Fundraiser

3/9 - SMS feeder
schools visit

As a reminder, this Saturday the new Sellwood Bridge will reopen. There will be a celebration from Noon to 4:00 PM and our band will play in the parade at 2:00. Weather permitting, our marimba band will also be playing. We are hoping for a great Sellwood turn out. There is also a candlelight/flashlight walk across the bridge, this Thursday night from 7:30-8:30.

Plan Ahead

3/15 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

Thank you to our Cleveland High School students who came to Sellwood this past Friday. They worked with every 8th grader on project STRIVE, which is an anti-bullying program. Students really

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

4/19 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

4/22 - Talent Show,
2:30 pm

enjoyed their time with the high school students and got a lot of great information they can carry with them for the rest of this year, and as they enter high school. Special thanks to Cleveland Principal Tammy O'Neill and our Counselor Jason Breaker for coordinating this special day. Informational link about this program was posted in last week's newsletter.

We also want to thank our fantastic Peer Helpers for going to our three feeder elementary school this past week to talk with 5th graders about middle school. All three feeder school 5th graders will also come to Sellwood on March 9th to get a special tour and spend some quality time at Sellwood. The 6th grade orientation is planned for August 19th this year. We will keep you posted on end of year and summer activities.

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

Brian and Marylyn

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

Smarter Balanced Testing

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

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

Dress Code

As the warmer weather arrives, we ask that you please remind your kids about our school's dress code, which can be found in the student handbook that went home at the beginning of the year. In the event that we feel a student is wearing inappropriate clothing, we will ask them to call home to have a parent or guardian bring them something new to wear. Or, they also could wear some really good looking PE clothes. Your help on this is appreciated.

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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PARENT HELP NEEDED!

**The PTA needs your help with a
few upcoming events!**

8th Grade Graduation - June 9th

Volunteer Coordinator needed. We need a 6th or 7th grade parent to coordinate volunteers (list of volunteers will be provided) to decorate, purchase (and serve) cake and lunch to 8th grade graduates staying at school after graduation. This should be a really easy and fun job. Please contact Jennifer Means for more info: jennmeans@gmail.com

Teacher Appreciation Week - March 14-18

We need help providing meals for our staff to say THANK YOU for all they do. Please contact Stacey Swanson at happydog513@msn.com or Jennifer Means at jennmeans@gmail.com for more info.

Garden Tour - Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 11-4 pm

We are looking for gardens in the Eastmoreland neighborhood. If you have any potential leads, please pass along that information to us. We are also looking for someone to head the publicity committee. This entails sending out press releases to various newspapers, etc. For more info please contact Robin Springer at rspringer@windermere.com or Staci MacDonald at stamac17@gmail.com

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PIZZICATO

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

Basketball:

Thanks for a great season, everyone! Athletes play their final games Wednesday or Saturday, depending on their record.

Track:

Track registration opened on Monday, February 8. The team will be capped at 110 students, so get your forms and fees in ASAP. 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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