

Sellwood Weekly News

3-9-2016



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

Next Week

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

Plan Ahead

3/21 - 3/25 - No
School

4/8 - No School

Greetings Sellwood Families,

Can you feel it? Spring Break is right around the corner during the week of March 21st. We are all excited to spend time with family and friends. To me it is a milestone because it signals the beginning of the end of the year and once we return, time seems to fly by. We will be very busy with staffing for next year, state assessments, field trips, and of course 8th grade promotion. We try to keep you updated on all the end-of-year events, but if you ever have any questions, please contact us.

This past week was very busy, and I want to especially thank our substitute assistant principal John Hinds and counselor Dr. Jason Breaker for all their extra efforts since I was out for various District meetings. Our staff really steps up in time of need, and I appreciate everyone's extra efforts. I do have the staffing budget for next year and will be working on this all month. I will be sharing information as we move forward in the process.

4/19 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

Thank you to Cleveland High School Jazz Band and Choir for putting on a wonderful all-school assembly to showcase the Cleveland Music Tour. Sadly, I missed the assembly for a budget meeting, but I heard it was fantastic and hopefully inspired students to pursue and /or continue with music in high school and beyond.

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

4/22 - Talent Show,
2:30 pm

Today our 5th grade students from all three feeder schools visited Sellwood for their 6th grade tour experience. We had a great time, and I want to thank our peer helpers, student council, and the grade volunteers. Again, thank you Dr. Breaker for all your support of this visit. I also had time to connect with the 5th grade teachers while the students were touring. As always, I appreciated the time we had to talk and appreciated their input. Having solid communication between the schools really helps to make the 6th grade experience more positive.

5/5 - 8th Grade
Panoramic Picture, 2
pm

Band Spring Concert,
7 pm

5/12 - Band Assembly,
10 am

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

Marimba Spring
Concert, 7 pm

Brian and Marylyn

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

We are having some unsafe issues related to drop off and pick up.

Please remember these basic safety rules:

- *Please do not drop off or pick up students in our bus zone or at the stop sign. The front of the school is a no parking or stopping zone.
- * Please do not pull into the oncoming curb lane to drop off or pick up. Follow the lane of travel. This is a very unsafe and illegal maneuver.
- * Please stay off your cell phone when driving, slow down, and be extra cautious when exiting or entering our parking lot. Follow the arrows for entrance and exit, and do not block the flow.

Smarter Balanced Testing

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

East Coast Trip Fundraiser

We have two fundraising events coming up to help support students go on our end-of-year East Coast trip with Ms. Paula. First, there will be a Burgerville fundraiser this Thursday, March 10th from 5:00-8:00 pm. 10% of the proceeds will go to our East Coast group.

Location: 1122 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

Secondly, on Saturday, March 12th, there will be a can and bottle drive. Bring any cans or bottles that have a refund on them to the basketball courts on Umatilla from 9:30am-12:01pm.

Thank you.

**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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PARENT HELP NEEDED

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 and you'll be paying it forward for when you have an 8th grader graduating! Please contact Jennifer Means for more info: jennmeans@gmail.com

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



Next meeting:
3/15 Wednesday 6pm 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 All Girls Computer Class will begin on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Mac Lab-3:45pm-5:15pm. Howard Abrams, Sellwood Parent and Volunteer Instructor.-\$20.00.

Zimfest Classes will begin after Spring Break. Day and Time-TBA.

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

The student actors are now in practice for the Spring PEAK Play, THE JUNGLE BOOK. The play will be presented twice on Thursday, April 14, 2016. The first presentation will be for the whole school at 3:00 pm and the second presentation will be at 7:00 pm for families and friends and the Sellwood Community. Tickets will be on sale for the evening Performance to help support the cost of producing the play. Families-\$10.00; Adults-\$3.00; and Students-\$2.00.

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 to 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

Spring Break Comics Camp at Sellwood Library

Learn the basics of comics art with a professional cartoonist in this step-by-step introduction to basic character design, story development, page layout, penciling, and editing through fun and challenging exercises designed to stretch your creative muscles. Registration required.

* For teens in grades 6-12

* March 21-25

* Monday-Friday (Spring Break)

* Noon-1:30 each day

Register online at [Comics-101-Camp-Teens](#)

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](#).

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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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