

Sellwood Weekly News

3-17-2016



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

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

Greetings Sellwood Families,

Next Week

3/21 - 3/25 - No
School

This is our final week of school before the spring break. I hope you have a very safe trip if you are able to travel. I think everyone is excited for a little down time, so whatever your plans, I hope you have a relaxing time. Our staff is also excited to have a short break, and they definitely deserve it.

Plan Ahead

4/8 - No School

4/19 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

4/20 - Late Opening,

I first want to thank Dan Arrayan and our band for playing in the St. Agatha St. Patrick's Day Parade this past weekend. The weather was not all that cooperative, but we had a great turn out. Thank you parents and students for making this happen. Speaking of bad weather, I just want to emphasize that we know how much most students hate indoor recess. Well, as I have shared with many of you, we are not fans either. We try every way possible to get outside and sometimes work around the storms, but this year has been quite unbearable. Thanks for understanding and we are hoping after today the dry days will return. We always put the safety of our students and staff first, and this year has been a very wet one.

From Your Administration

11 am

4/22 - Talent Show,
2:30 pm

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

Band Spring Concert,
7 pm

5/12 - Band Assembly,
10 am

Marimba Spring
Concert, 7 pm

5/17 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

5/18 - Late Opening,
11 am

5/19 - Volunteer Tea,
4 pm

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language\)](#)

After the break, all of our 6th graders will participate in a program called Soul Shoppe. I have written about this before, and we are all excited to spend March 29th working with Daniel at Soul Shoppe, which we hope helps students understand more about anti-bullying, friendships, and positive choices. We are fortunate to have this opportunity and if it works out, we are hoping to grow the program at Sellwood. We also had the Cleveland High students here a few weeks ago, presenting their anti-bullying program, STRIVE, to all the 8th graders. I am also hoping to have the Portland Police present to parents and staff before the year is out, to help us understand how we can combat and understand cyber bullying. This is becoming more of an issue lately, and we would love to get solid support for our families and students. I will keep you informed as this moves forward. Our staff is also very dedicated in helping curb this hurtful behavior.

On an unrelated note, if you are a 7th grade parent you hopefully have seen the permission form for the 2 day OMSI STEM field trip. We were chosen to participate through a fully funded grant that will "help establish a middle grade system for career learning and to expand college and career readiness opportunities." 7th grade students will all go to this two day experience, and we think it will encourage more students to look at science, technology, engineering, and math career opportunities.

Finally, thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make Staff Appreciation very special., We are halfway through the week and our staff has been fed and deeply appreciated every day. ,I know many volunteers worked on this, so thank you all again. ,Have a wonderful spring break and thank you for all you do for our students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

Mix It Up Week

During the week of February 29 your children (if they are in sixth grade) participated in Mix It Up Week. This was based off of a project called no one eats alone, where students sit with other students at lunch that they don't usually sit by. However for our "Mix It Up Week" we had three days of this. On the first day the students played bingo but the squares were qualities like, has anyone at your table ever been out of the continent? Or does anyone at your table have a pet snake? The second day we did "would you rather" questions and the third day we

did one word stories. Each table in the cafeteria had student council member that was designated as the facilitator.

We did this because while technically it's hard to sit alone in a Cafeteria some kids sit without socializing or sit by the same students all year long. Mix It Up Week makes it so all the students have time to sit with others. Also these activities made it so they could mix it up instead of sitting with the same people every day. And that's about it for Mix It Up Week we hope your children enjoyed.

By students London Mahaley and Adley Schwartz

Smarter Balanced Testing

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



It's Staff Appreciation Week! Thank you to everyone that contributed to the PTA's Staff Appreciation festivities. We could not have done this without your support. Please take a few minutes this week to appreciate Sellwood's staff for all they do!

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



Save The Date

Support and Celebrate Sellwood will be held on Tuesday, May 24th. Please note the date change from 5/17. Local businesses will be involved and the students of SMS will parade around the community!

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

Track:

The schedule is up on the website. We will not practice or have meets over spring break. Our first meet is Thursday, March 31. Enjoy spring break! Stay active!

www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fundraiser for Marching Band Uniforms

On April 6-7, Wednesday and Thursday, Relish Gastropub (6637 SE Milwaukie Ave) has generously offered to host a fundraiser for the Cleveland Band. A portion of the proceeds from both days will go to the uniform fund for next year's marching band. Enjoy lunch, or a night out, invite some friends (especially those with incoming freshman band students), and help us get our kids closer to showing off their stuff in brand new uniforms!

Sellwood Community Center Support

Please take a minute to sign the petition through change.org to encourage Mayor Charlie Hales and Portland Commissioners to continue funding the Sellwood Community Center.

[Support Sellwood Community Center](#)

On April 5th at Wilson High School at 6:30 and April 12th at Alice Ott

Middle School at 6:30 there are budget forums as an opportunity to give your input.

Thank you for your support of this amazing center that supports so many of our children.

Tabor Challenge 5k

The Tabor Challenge 5k was started in honor of a fallen member of Southeast Portland. Thomas Cameron was an upstanding young man, and a beacon in his community. After losing his life while on duty for the US Coast Guard, his loss was felt by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The Tabor Challenge on April 9th celebrates Thomas by raising money for college scholarships and athletic facility improvements for Cleveland High School. The event will be followed by a party at Migration Brewing starting at 7. All are welcome. Register [here](#).



— **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](#)

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