

# Sellwood Weekly News

## 4-13-2016



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### Mark Your Calendar

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **This Week**

Greetings Sellwood Families,

#### **Next Week**

4/19 - Foundation  
Mtg., 6 pm

4/19 - PTA Mtg., 7 pm

4/20 - Late Opening,  
11 am

4/22 - Talent Show,  
2:30 pm

#### **Plan Ahead**

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

We have reached the home stretch in our final quarter of the 2015-16 school year. If you are an 8th grade parent, hopefully you have done everything you need to do for high school next year. Cleveland HS counselors returned to Sellwood today to collect forecasting for next year. If you have any questions regarding forecasting or need any other support regarding this transition into high school, please contact our counselor, Mr. Breaker. It can be a confusing and difficult experience, so please reach out if you have concerns. We are in the process of setting the master schedule for next year, and helping incoming 6th graders, prepare for their big change. We anticipate a lot of growth at Sellwood, and are working to create and refine our program so it is the best it can be. Our numbers for next year will be the highest they have been in years.

Today our Jazz Band will be competing at University of Portland in the Festival of Jazz. We are all very proud of them and wish them the best. Thank you to our wonderful band teacher, Dan Arrayan. We are so fortunate to have him at Sellwood. Also, for the next two days, many of our 8th grade students will participate in the "Choices" program which

5/5 - Band Spring Concert, 7 pm

5/12 - Band Assembly, 10 am

5/12 - Marimba Spring Concert, 7 pm

5/17 - Foundation Mtg., 6 pm

5/17 - PTA Mtg., 7 pm

5/18 - Late Opening, 11 am

5/19 - Volunteer Tea, 4 pm

5/24 - SMS Community Appreciation Parade, 11 am

5/30 - No School

6/2 - Spring Student Showcase, 5 pm

6/5 - Sellwood Garden Tour

6/8 - 8th Grade to Seaside, 8 am - 5 pm

6/9 - Last Day of School:

6/9 - 6th and 7th to Oaks Park

6/9 - 8th Grade Promotion, 10:30 am

will be run through Ms. Bond's math class. This is a pilot program, and Sellwood was chosen to participate. The first day focuses on stay-in-school messages and the second on skills for success in high school and beyond. This program is interactive and designed to empower teens to make positive educational choices. We are looking forward to see how this goes so if you have any feedback from a parent perspective, please let us know.

This last Monday, Ms. Russell met with all 6th and 7th grade students to discuss the two AVID classes we will have next year. Currently we have one 8th grade AVID class, and next year we are expanding to a 7th grade and an 8th grade class. This past Monday night we held an AVID Family Informational Night. Student applications are due on April 19th. We are very excited to expand AVID and feel this system is an exciting way to help students graduate from high school and prepare for college success. If you look at the Sellwood web site, you will find more details about AVID.

Finally, as we wrap up the year, we generally have a spike in student misbehavior. We will be sending out the usual discipline plan for the end of the year so you know what the expectations and consequences are for increased misbehavior. Students know that there are consequences for negative behavior and although we try to resolve issues on an informal way, if the behaviors are serious enough, students do miss certain end of year activities. Thank you in advance for supporting this process. We are hoping to communicate the plan to students and families in the next week. Thank you once again for all you for our students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

#### **From the PPS TAG Department**

The PPS Department of Talented and Gifted Education is now accepting essays from students who have a passion for science and are identified as TAG. Two students will be selected for the quality and content of their essay and will have the opportunity to attend a summer camp offered by OMSI, at NO COST. We will accept scholarly essays from current 5th and 6th graders only. This competition is open to all schools and requires the student to write a one page essay describing how science has impacted their life and how they plan to study science to help make the world a better place. Also, each essay will need to

6/9 - Dismissal 12:30  
pm

include why he or she wants to study a specific area of expertise offered this summer at OMSI. All essays are due to the Department of Talented and Gifted Education by May 15th, 2016.

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Please spread the word to your 5th and 6th grade students!

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

### **8th Grade East Coast Trip Fundraiser**

**What:** Car Wash and Bottle Drive Fundraiser. Please drop off any cans or bottles with deposits that you have collected. And while you're at it, have your car washed! All proceeds go towards the 8th grade east coast trip at the end of the year.

**When:** This Saturday, April 16th

**Where:** Sellwood MS parking lot

**Time:** 10am-1pm

### **Smarter Balanced Testing**

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



## **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!

**April Foundation Meeting:  
4/19, 6pm, SMS Library**

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## **PEAK**

Spring PEAK Session will 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.

PEAK Marimba-Zimfest students will practice on Mondays, March 28, 2016-May 23, 2016, in Room 103,-3:45 pm-5:15 pm. Please use the purple Zimfest form to sign up for the class. \$50.00 class fee.

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](mailto:Coordinator.rprice@pps.net).

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## **PIL Athletics**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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