

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

Next Week

4/8 - No School

Greetings Sellwood Families,

Plan Ahead

4/19 - Foundation
Mtg., 6 pm

Thanks to voters who approved the 2012 Bond, Sellwood MS is one of 13 PPS schools that will undergo improvements this summer, making the total number of schools to get improvements through the Bond 45! For more info, [please follow this link:](#)

PTA Mtg., 7 pm

Work will begin in June of 2016. The work is scheduled during the summer to minimize the impact on schools and students.

4/20 - Late Opening,
11 am

The impacts on Sellwood M.S. are:

4/22 - Talent Show,
2:30 pm

- The school will be closed all summer, including all offices.
- Sellwood M.S. summer programs and office staff will be relocated to other sites.
- Construction fencing will surround the school including the asphalt walkways and parking areas.
- The fields and/or playground should remain open.
- There will be increased construction traffic in and around school

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

5/24 - SMS
Community
Appreciation Parade,
11 am

5/30 - No School

6/2 - Spring Student
Showcase, 5 pm

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

grounds.

- We do not anticipate that any streets will be closed.
- Work may occur in the evenings and on weekends.
- School registration will take place at the Portland Public Schools District office, 501 N. Dixon Street.

We appreciate your patience while we do this work!

Check back here to get alerts and notices about the construction's impact on the Sellwood M.S.

Construction Details

- Roof level seismic improvements with re-roofing that will include new insulation, rooftop mechanical, roofing materials and roof ladders.
- Removal of the brick chimney.
- Sellwood M.S. grade K-8 science classroom improvements include: new overhead electrical outlets, accessible sink, eyewash station, added cabinetry, new science tables and chairs, new flooring and paint.
- New ADA drinking fountains and door hardware.

Construction will begin immediately following the end of school in June. The project team will start and finish the work this summer unless otherwise noted.

Thank you,
Brian and Marylyn

AVID

We are excited to announce that Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is expanding to seventh grade! The seventh grade elective class will be added to Sellwood's 2016-17 course offerings, in addition to the existing eighth grade class. AVID is a year-long elective class that teaches students organization, writing, reading, collaboration, and critical thinking skills, with some team bonding sprinkled in. It is geared toward students who would benefit from extra help building college preparatory skills and navigating the college application process once they get to high school. Paid tutors are in our class twice a week helping students break through roadblocks to understanding in their core classes. We also have a budget to go on at least one field trip to a local college or university. This spring, we're scheduled to visit Western Oregon University with the

Hosford Middle School AVID class. Students also have the opportunity to hear guest speakers and visit with admissions officers from universities outside the state. The ultimate goal is to help students become global citizens who succeed in college, and eventually, their careers. We will work with each student to help them build skills and start to form a plan to reach their goals. Mr. Anderson, Ms. Russell (the elective teacher), and the other AVID team members (Ms. White, Ms. Bond, Ms. Fisher, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Lossner and Dr. Breaker) are excited to help a new crop of AVID students work hard and transition into the already-established Cleveland High School AVID program. Please see deadlines and important dates below. Until then, go to AVID's own "What is AVID?" page at avid.org.

Cleveland High School AVID visit for eighth graders:

On Monday, April 11, the CHS counselors and AVID leaders will make a presentation to our current eighth grade AVID class (seventh period). Any other eighth graders who are interested in joining AVID at CHS are invited to attend. If your eighth grader is not in Ms. Russell's AVID elective but is interested in joining at CHS, please fill out the permission slip (available in the office) by Thursday, April 7.

Family info night:

Sellwood's AVID program is excited to host another family information night that will introduce families to the AVID program, walk through some of the strategies used in the elective class, and review the goals of the program at the middle school level. The date and time of this info night will be announced soon!

Applications and teacher recommendations due:

On Friday, April 15, all applications and teacher recommendations are due to the office by 3:45 PM. Applications will be available in the office on Friday, April 1st.

Student interviews:

Applicant interviews will take place during the first two weeks of May. Students will receive the questions and helpful tips at least three days before their interview date. Not every applicant will be offered an interview.

Smarter Balanced Testing

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



SELLWOOD
Middle School
FOUNDATION

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**

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.

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](#).



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