

Sellwood Weekly News

4-6-2016



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

4/8 - No School

Next Week

Plan Ahead

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

5/5 - 8th Grade

The SMS Art Room needs your recycling!

In honor of Earth Day, SMS Art students will be creating "Junk Sculptures" out of your used and clean milk cartons, juice boxes, toilet & paper towel rolls, food containers, bottle caps, plastic containers, altoids tins, straws, cardboard packing pieces, fabric scraps, etc.

In addition, the student will be working on collage projects. Any magazines donated (besides National Geographic...we have plenty of those) would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your clean recycled goods and magazines to the ART room 135 with Ms. Johnson now until April 22nd!!
Thank you, Happy Earth Day!

AVID

We are excited to announce that Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is expanding to seventh grade!

Panoramic Picture, 2 pm	<p>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.</p>
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	<p>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.</p>
6/5 - Sellwood Garden Tour	
6/8 - 8th Grade to Seaside, 8 am - 5 pm	<p>Student info sessions: Members of the AVID team will make presentations to sixth and seventh grade students during school on April 11.</p>
6/9 - Last Day of School:	
6/9 - 6th and 7th to Oaks Park	<p>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</p>
6/9 - 8th Grade	

Promotion, 10:30 am

6/9 - Dismissal 12:30
pm

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

class, and review the goals of the program at the middle school level. We will hold this on Monday, April 11 at 6 PM in the Sellwood MS library.

AVID application lunch:

Students may fill out their applications together and receive help from AVID team members. Lunch will not be provided, but encouragement and support will be!

Applications and teacher recommendations due:

The deadline for applications is April 19 at 3:45 PM (note the change from last week's e-news). Please turn them in to the Sellwood MS office.

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.](#)



Please join SMS PTA at The Bottle Shop 7960 SE 13th. This Thursday April 7th. 11:30-9pm. 10% of all sales will be donated to the PTA.



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:

Track registration opened 2/8/16 and closes at the mandatory parent meetings on 3/7/16. Forms are available for download on this website. See the "Spring Sports" page ...

www.ClevelandClusterAthletics.weebly.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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