

Sellwood Weekly News

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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

4/22 - Talent Show,
2:30 pm

Next Week

Plan Ahead

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

5/5 - Band Spring
Concert, 7 pm

5/12 - Band Assembly,
10 am

5/12 - Marimba Spring

Greetings Sellwood Families,

How about this phenomenal weather? It is such a nice change from the constant rain. Of course with this comes the fact that high 80's make the classrooms more uncomfortable. Happily, we don't usually have too many intensely hot days, but it still is less than ideal. Please make sure your student brings a water bottle so they can keep hydrated, and yes it is hot, but students still need to observe the dress code even in warm weather. We are starting to see some inappropriate clothing, so your help with this is most welcome.

We wanted to first send thanks out to our wonderful students who participated in The Jungle Book. We are so fortunate to have a PEAK program at Sellwood that supports the arts. Thank you to Director Mark Steering, Stage Manager Jessica Johnson, Rose Mary Price, and all our volunteers. Putting on a show takes a lot of hard work and dedication and we thank all involved.

Last week, Kasey Bond graciously offered to run the 8th grade CHOICES program through her math classes. We wrote to you about this class last week. Sellwood is the first school in PPS to participate as a pilot school. It was a huge success and students really enjoyed the experience. Students in eighth grade especially have a lot to deal with

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

6/5 - 8th grade locker
clean out, assembly
for staff-student
volleyball game,
yearbook signing

6/7 - 8th Grade to
Seaside, 8 am - 5 pm,
locker clean out for
6/7, Field Day for 6/7th
grade

6/8 - Junior Rose
Parade

6/9 - Last Day of
School, 6th and 7th to
Oaks Park, 8th Grade
Promotion, 10:30 am,

and this class helps them make informed decisions about their future. Not all 8th graders could participate, but most did. Our hope is that this program gets financially supported so we can offer it next year to all 8th grade students.

Day of Silence was held last Friday, sponsored by the Gay, Straight Alliance. The majority of our students participated (over 400), and it was very respectful and successful. Thank you to all our students who helped plan this event, and also our staff for their assistance and support.

For 6th grade parents who had Mr. Hall for Science, we have hired a teacher for the rest of the year. Her name is Katrina Flasch, and she will start today. She will have a sub working with her today while she gets organized. Katrina comes to us from the great state of Wisconsin. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Life Science Education and Cellular and Molecular Biology from Winona State University. Welcome Katrina!

Busy times ahead friends, so please keep an eye on the calendar. We seem to have events and activities every day in this last quarter. Have a great week and thank you for all you do 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 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.

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

Smarter Balanced Testing

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

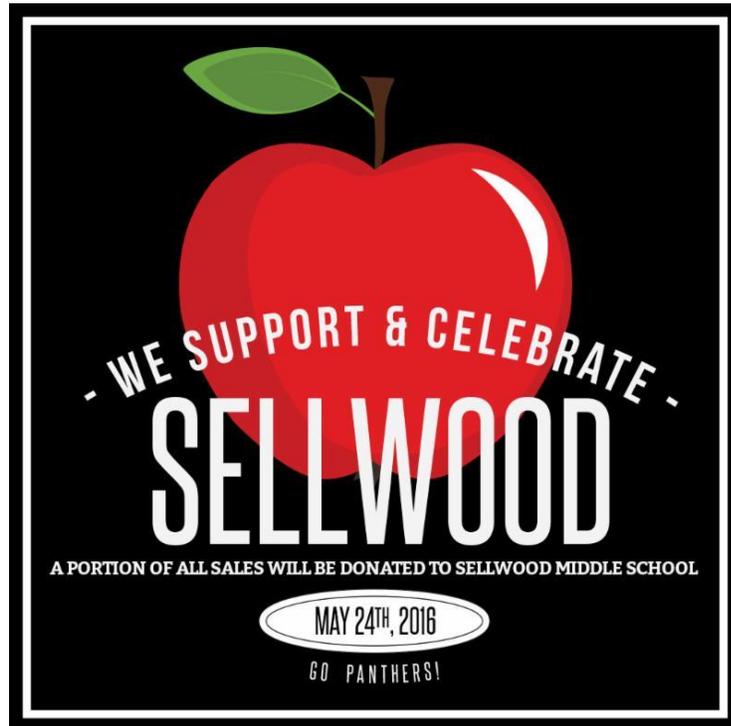
Dismissal 12:30 pm

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April PTA meeting
Tuesday, April 19 at 7pm
SMS Library



Support Sellwood and Celebrate Sellwood
Tuesday, May 24th

Please join us for Support Sellwood & Celebrate Sellwood. Local businesses will be donating a portion of their day's sales to the Sellwood Middle School Foundation. Look for the big red apple poster in the windows of participating businesses. Also don't miss our Community Appreciation Parade at 11:00am. The SMS band, dance team and students will march through the neighborhood celebrating all the support the school receives from the community. Please join in the fun and support our generous local businesses.

For a complete list of sponsors and parade route map visit our Facebook page:

www.Facebook.com/SupportSellwoodCelebrateSellwood

**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 Make up Winter Computer Classes will be on Tuesdays-May 3,10,and 17, 2016. Computer Lab-3:45pm-5:15pm. Students will continue learning Java Script-and be introduced to Raspberry Pi, Ringo Robot, and Arduino Uno. Questions see Ms. Price or email Howard Abrams.

Thanks again to Mark and Jessica for creating and supporting the Spring PEAK Drama students in the play-The Jungle Book. The Sellwood Staff and students enjoyed watching the 3:00pm performance. Many friends and family attended the 7:00pm performance. The audience appreciated the hard work the actors had devoted to their play.The Fall PEAK Play will be-The Wizard of

Oz.Date-TBA.

If you have any comments or questions contact Rose Mary Price,
Sellwood PEAK Coordinator.rprice@pps.net.

PIL Athletics

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cleveland High School Dance Team Tryouts

Tryouts for the Cleveland High School Dance Team have been scheduled for Tuesday May 17th & Thursday May 19th from 5:30-7:30 in the gym. Both days are mandatory. All are welcome to tryout! Tryout packets are now available in your school office.

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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