

# Sellwood Weekly News

## 5-4-2016



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### Mark Your Calendar

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### From Your Administration

#### **This Week**

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

5/5 - Band Spring  
Concert, 7 pm

#### **Next Week**

5/12 - Band Assembly,  
10 am

5/12 - Marimba Spring  
Concert, 7 pm

#### **Plan Ahead**

5/17 - Foundation  
Mtg., 6 pm

Greetings Sellwood Families,

As we enter the last five weeks of school, please take note of the many events and activities on our calendar. It seems something is going on every day, with several nighttime events coming up. This Thursday night is our spring band concert at 7 PM in the big gym, and next Thursday night at 7 PM is our spring marimba concert. We hope you can make these wonderful concerts. On the immediate horizon, we have 8th grade panoramic pictures tomorrow, the 6th grade is going skating at Oaks Park on Friday, and our yearly Ambassador Awards are Tuesday night, 6/11, from 6-8PM. Believe it or not, that is also midterm day, signaling the half way point of the quarter. Please ask the office or teachers if you have any questions about year-end activities.

Speaking of year end, it is this time of the year that we see a spike in behaviors both in and out of school. As you know, we have started our last quarter behavior expectations process that we wrote about earlier. We also know there continues to be quite a lot of negative social media things going on, mostly at

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,  
Dismissal 12:30 pm

night and on weekends. As parents, it is hard to know how to control inappropriate behavior in social media, so we are attaching some information that may help. If you click on the following link, you will find [PPS policy on online bullying and harassment](#). Also, if you go to the PPS Student Services website at <http://www.pps.net/Page/2001> you will find resources to guide you. Most importantly, if your student is being harassed or bullied, please contact the police. Many times this bullying is anonymous, but if you save the screen shots, it could help identify the bully. This is a tough conversation to have with your children, but a very important one.

Thank you again for all you do for your students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

### **Info on School Dance**

A number of students have requested an after school dance, so the student council has decided to take this on and plan a school dance for Thursday, May 26th. The theme will be "The Periods: 60's to 90's", and will run from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the school's big gym.

Tickets for the dance will go on sale May 9th and can be purchased in the student store in the mornings or from student council members at lunch in the cafeteria. The cost will be \$3.00. Tickets will not be sold the evening of the dance.

There are a lot of things that need to occur to make this dance happen. We need parent chaperones. There are chaperone spots both in and outside of the dance. If you have a current district volunteer background check and interested in chaperoning - please contact Dr. Breaker at [jbreaker@pps.net](mailto:jbreaker@pps.net). Additionally, if you have LED light stings you can loan for decorating the dance please contact Dr. Breaker. We are seeking 6-10 light strings. We want this to be a fun and safe dance for all students attending. The student expectations for the dance include:

- There is to be no grinding, "freak dancing" or sexual dancing, and no mosh pits.
- There is to be no lifting of other students off the ground.
- School dress code applies.
- Students cannot leave the school at any time. If a student leaves, they cannot return.
- No loitering on the grounds. Students must vacate

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

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the school grounds when the dance ends.

- Students may not bring food or beverages into the school or dance.
- Purses, backpacks, and other bags are not allowed. There will be no access to lockers during the dance.
- Electronic devices off and away during the dance.

### **Sellwood Middle School's Black Student Union**

Here at SMS, we are starting a Black Student Union (BSU), which is a student-led group that will meet at school twice per month. The group will work together to:

- Build friendships and have fun.
- Talk about race relations at Sellwood and come up with ways to improve them.
- Create an environment that is open to African American culture and ideas.

The BSU is open and welcoming to ALL students regardless of race and ethnicity and will be having it's first meeting this week. Ms. Paula and Ms. King will be the moderators and can answer any questions you might have.

### **Check out our New Library Book Drop!**

Students in our Creative Project Design painted a mail box as for our library! Doesn't it look great?



### **End of Year Activities**

Dear Sellwood Families,

Our students are quickly approaching their final weeks of the 2015-16 school year. In maintaining our focus on a positive and safe atmosphere, we need your help. Below you will see an end-of-year pyramids for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. These pyramids are to help parents and students understand the behavioral expectations for participation in end-of-year activities.

[6-7 grade end of year participation](#)

[8th grade end of year participation](#)

### **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!



### **Book Drive for SMS Library May 4th - 19th**

There will be a Book Drive- May 4th-19th, SMS is collecting used books in good condition (no ex-library, please).

SMS library will keep any they need, then Wallace Books will "buy"

whatever they can sell and give the library in-store credit. Books can be dropped off in the SMS office.

There will also be collection bins at the band Spring Concert.

### **Raise Your Hand**

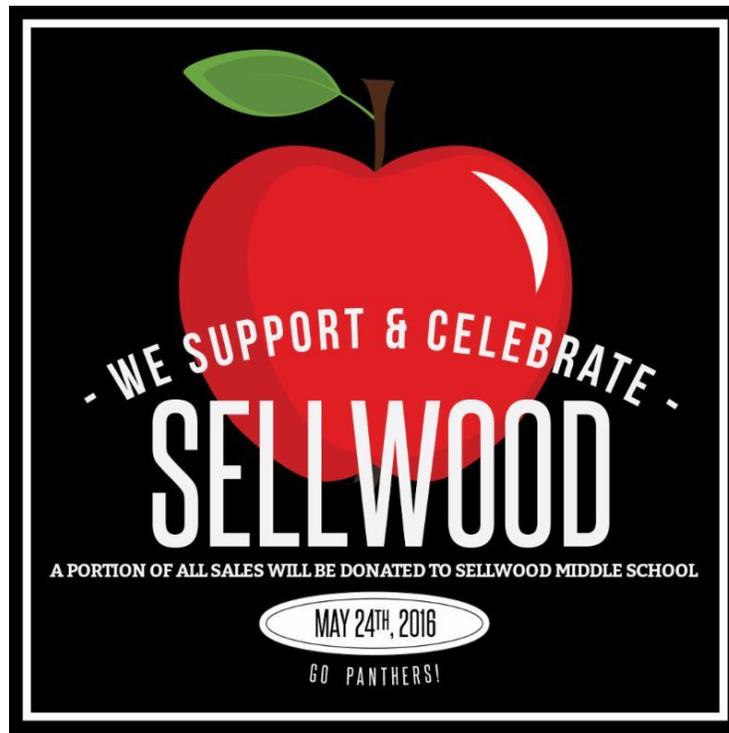
The Sellwood Middle School PTA is actively looking for volunteers to head up next year's PTA Board. Please contact Cassandra Nicholson at [Cassfoldslaundry@gmail.com](mailto:Cassfoldslaundry@gmail.com) if you are interested. This year's board is more than willing to guide you through the transition process and help along the way next year. Thank you!



May PTA meeting  
Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm  
SMS Library

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**SELLWOOD**  
**Middle School**  
**FOUNDATION**



**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](http://www.Facebook.com/SupportSellwoodCelebrateSellwood)

**May Foundation Meeting:  
5/17, 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 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](mailto:Coordinator.rprice@pps.net).

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## PIL Athletics

The schedule is up to date on our team website. Our next home meet is Thursday, May 12. Please also support our neighbors at Hosford Middle School by participating in their 5K fundraiser, the Husky Hustle. Here's the online sign up: [HuskyHustle5kFamilyFunRunWalk](#). This is a great opportunity to get a workout and support another PPS middle school!



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## **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.

### **Cleveland PTA Volunteer Recruitment Party**

Are you looking for that special something to volunteer for at Cleveland? Do you want to focus your energy in one area, but don't quite know what that is yet? Come join the PTA Board for a getting-to-know-us party, and learn more about different areas of PTA need, and tell us about your interests. Monday, May 9 7:00pm @ 1944 SE Mulberry Ave, Carolyn Choi's house (PTA Volunteer Coordinator). Bring a friend, or two!! And, we especially welcome you, if you are a parent of an incoming 9th grader! RSVP to [carolynjon@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynjon@hotmail.com)

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