

Sellwood Weekly News

5-25-2016



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SCHOOL NEWS

This Week

From Your Administration

Next Week

Greetings Sellwood Families,

5/30 - No School

6/2 - Spring Student
Showcase, 5 pm

Plan Ahead

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

Yesterday was a beautiful day in many respects. We held our annual Celebrate Sellwood Parade to benefit our school Foundation. We were so fortunate to have perfect parade weather, and we could not be happier with how things went. Planning this event took so many volunteers and supporters. We first want to thank our incredible Foundation for taking this on. Although many on the Board were involved, we especially want to thank parents Wendy Cogan and Foundation President Stacey Lovett for all their hard work. Thank you also to our PTA and volunteers for supporting this event with refreshments for our students. Thank you to our generous and highly supportive Sellwood business community for donating a percentage of their sales on Tuesday. The money received will help us hire staff, as well as continue to offer strong and vibrant electives such as band and marimba. We are so thankful for your continuing support of our students and our school. Finally, we want to thank our staff, students, band, dance team, and marimba for their enthusiasm and talents, as we marched through Sellwood

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

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

honoring our beautiful community. A very special thanks to the Portland Police for keeping us safe and always helping us coordinate this parade. We cannot imagine how we could hold this event without the many volunteers involved.

Thursday we held our annual Volunteer Tea. We had a nice turnout and want to thank our staff for supplying the refreshments, and our jazz band, led by Mr. Arrayan for entertaining us the entire time. The jazz band had performed earlier at Westmoreland Union Manor, came right back to school, and performed for us! We appreciate our volunteers and always encourage you to participate. There are many ways to get involved...we always need volunteers for just about everything.

As the year comes to a close, thanks for all you have done to support our students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn



Your student will be bringing home the above postcard inviting you to join us on June 2nd for the second annual Student Showcase here at Sellwood MS. Be sure to ask them for it and don't miss this wonderful evening! Please bring cash to spend at the carts, as this speeds things up considerably. Thanks!

May 26th School Dance Cancelled

The student council did a great job trying to get an evening dance going for Sellwood. However, the school dance planned for May 26th is now cancelled. The student council needed to recruit a certain number of parent chaperones and sell a set number of tickets a week before the scheduled dance. The deadline has passed and neither goal was met. They learned a lot in the process and will try again to have a school dance next fall. Students that purchased tickets will have their money refunded this week.

RSVP for 8th Grade Promotion, June 9

To be able to plan accordingly, we need to collect a more-specific RSVP for the Promotion Ceremony and Reception. Please make sure your student knows the following to report back to the block teachers:

- How many people (including the student) will attend the ceremony?
- How many people (including the student) will eat lunch at the reception?
- How many people (including the student) will eat cake at the reception?

We encourage each student to bring immediate family only, as we have limited seating in the gym.

Sellwood Middle School Summer Building Improvement

Sellwood M.S. is one of seven Portland Public Schools receiving facility improvements during the summer of 2016 as PPS launches into the fourth summer of its 8-year \$482 million School Building Improvement Bond. Sellwood M.S. will receive a new seismically strengthened roof, science classroom improvements and ADA improvements.

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 door hardware.

Stay Informed-What you need to know:

- 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 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.

Project timeline:

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. The work is scheduled during the summer to minimize the impact on schools and students

For more information about the PPS School Building Improvement Bond 2016 Summer Projects,

Contact: 503-916-2222

E-mail: schoolmodernization@pps.net

BondProgram: www.pps.net/bond

Sellwood M.S. Bond Site: www.pps.net/Page/2652

www.facebook.com/pps.bond@ppsbond

Summer Reading Suggestions

Just because school is out, doesn't mean that your child needs to stop reading. They can't check out books from the school library, but please encourage them to use the amazing public libraries in the area.

I have a few suggestions. They have posted next year's Middle School Division Oregon Reader's Choice Award books (ORCA) as well as the Middle School Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) lists online.

Also, I have created a list of over 100 great reads for your middle school children and posted it online here: <http://bit.ly/readsummer2016>

Thanks for helping to support literacy and a love of reading!
Stuart Levy
Sellwood Teacher-Librarian

From the School Nurse

Please pick up your student's unused medications before the last school day. Any unused medications that are not picked up will be disposed of by the end of the school day on June 9th. We are not allowed to send medications home with your student.

Thank you,
Bev O'Brien, School Nurse

Lost & Found

Please have your student check the lost and found for anything that might be their's. After the last day of school on June 9th, the building will be fenced off as the district begins summer construction work. Once this happens, no one is permitted in the building to find anything left behind. Thanks for your help on this.

Summer Opportunity for Outgoing 8th Grade Students Heading to High School

The organization From The Ground UP is a Ninth Grade Counts partner and will be offering a summer arts program for incoming Freshman.

Who We Are:

From The Ground UP is a local non-profit. Our mission is to offer FREE and ACCESSIBLE art programs to local youth. A hybrid of artistic expression and mentorship. Our program works to create high quality art that gives voice to local youth.

When & Where:

Monday - Friday

10:00am-3:30pm

July 11th-July 29st 2016

Marshall High, 3905 SE 91st Street, Portland, Oregon 97266

What We Do:

Train alongside professional artists, musicians and playwrights. Students will be able to write and perform their own show. Program includes breakfast and lunch.

Classes:

Acting, Storytelling, Comedy, Prop-Design, Music, Shakespeare,

Directing, Playwriting, and Performance Art! All students are encouraged to become part of our four-year performance ensemble.

Registration:

Participation offered on a sliding payment scale. NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY!

Executive Director-Katherine Lewis

katherineftgu@gmail.com

541.543.0228

Library Book Fair

It's that time of the year again when the Sellwood Middle School Library is hosting another book fair. This time we plan to have it open during the Spring Student Showcase, as well as during the school day before the showcase. As a result, we need some help setting up, running the book fair, and taking it down. If you are interested, the sign up page is at [Book Fair Sign up](#)

Regardless, I hope that you are able to stop by for a little shopping during the Showcase. Remember that all proceeds are used to put books in the hands of all students.

Thanks for helping out!

Stuart Levy

Teacher-Librarian

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](#)



Sellwood Garden Tour

Please Save the Date: The 2016 Sellwood Garden Tour is coming up on Sunday, June 5th 11am-4pm.

We have several opportunities for you to make this year's event a success but we particularly need volunteers for the day of the garden tour. Please contact Robin Springer (rspringer@windermere.com) or Staci MacDonald (stamac17@gmail.com) for more information.

We have 7 gorgeous gardens in Sellwood, Garthwick and Eastmoreland this year that feature a variety of design elements.

Tickets can be purchased at the following: <https://sellwoodmiddle.ejoinme.org/gardentour16>

Or at these locations:

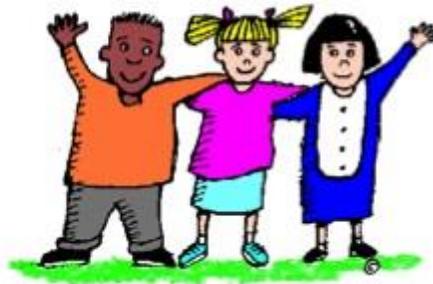
Dennis' 7 Dees (Powell, Cedar Hills, Lake Oswego)
New Seasons - Sellwood
Chrisman Gallery
Sellwood Middle School

We also have several exciting raffle prizes this year including: 2 VIP tickets to the McMenamin's Edgefield Summer Concert of your choice, a custom garden design plan courtesy of Well-Grounded Design, 2 tickets to a Thorns game, 2 tickets to a Timbers game, a trio of decorative mosaic stepping stones for your garden, and other prizes.

Tickets are \$25 each.

Raise Your Hand

The Sellwood Middle School PTA is actively looking for a Treasurer for next year's PTA Board. Please contact Cassandra Nicholson at 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!



SELLWOOD

Middle School

FOUNDATION

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Support Sellwood & Celebrate Sellwood day!!!

PEAK

Spring PEAK Session will run until the week of 5/27/2016.

Look for the yellow PEAK Brochure that will be available in the Fall with a list of PEAK classes for the Fall PEAK Session.

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

PIL Athletics

COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteer at Cleveland's College and Career Center

Come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 31st at 7pm at Cleveland High School in the College and Career Center (CCC), room 213 to learn more about this wonderful volunteer opportunity. We'll go over what the volunteer commitment would look like and the training involved. If you can't make this meeting but would like to be put on the list of interested volunteers, please email Jenny Rockwood at rockwoodpdx@msn.com

. All new volunteers will be contacted in August.

Summer Reading Starts June 17!

Join over 100,000 area youth to play the Summer Reading game at Multnomah County Library. Players set reading goals, then read, listen to audiobooks, or complete gameboard activities to earn t-shirts and other prizes. Summer Reading is free, and teens who finish the game will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing for a \$250 shopping spree!

Besides supporting reading, the Summer Reading program includes free workshops and camps for teens hosted at local libraries.

Workshops include photography, how to create comics, 3-D printing, cooking and more! Summer Reading runs June 17-August 31, and you're invited! Find out about library events at <https://multcolib.org/events>.

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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