

Sellwood Weekly News

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Mark Your Calendar

This Week

6/2 - Spring Student Showcase, 5 pm

Next Week

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

SCHOOL NEWS

From Your Administration

Greetings Sellwood Families,

Let's start with some good news...tomorrow (Thursday) night is our annual Sellwood Student Success night, from 5-8 PM. You will have an opportunity to look at your students' portfolio as well as see all the wonderful work our students have done throughout the school. Last year we had a record crowd, and we would love to see all families there. We will have food carts, entertainment, and lots to see and do. I encourage you to bring your own water bottle, but we will have free bottled water on hand just in case. This is such a great event, and we are so proud of the work our students have done in preparation for this event.

Speaking of water, I wanted to give you an update on our situation. We, meaning all principals, found out about the water issue over the holiday weekend. When we came into school, 5000 bottles were delivered to Sellwood, in room 127 in the science wing. As we arrived early, we needed to make a plan to get water to students. As you know, this is a 3-story building with no elevator. With very few staff available to distribute water, we decided keep the water there and have students come

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

[Sellwood Calendar](#)

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

to 127, write their names on their bottle, and return it for a replacement. Distributing water to classrooms would be very difficult, and we do not have the ability to do this throughout the day. Students all have science and lunch as well as other classes on the first floor near room 127, which makes for easy pickup. They may come between class or during, depending on what is going on in class. If they are late to class because of the water, they are excused. Yesterday went great and students did a magnificent job. They were supportive, patient, and seemed to like the system. Our goal is to make sure every student has water all the time and that has been the case. And in addition, our hope is that every bottle gets recycled. Today we put recycling bins in the halls and have asked students to please be sure to put empty bottles in them. The system is running even better today, and we are doing all we can to support our students. If there are any volunteers who wish to help work in the water room, we would appreciate that. Please be patient with us as we were also caught off guard by this water development, and as you can imagine, have been working hard wrapping up the school year as well as supporting student and staff water needs.

One more week left my friends and every day coming up is busy so please check the calendar. Take care in this hot weather and thank you once again for all you do for our students and our school.

Brian and Marylyn

SPRING SHOWCASE

Don't miss this wonderful evening!

Please bring cash to spend at the carts,
as this speeds things up considerably. Thanks!



Attention 8th Grade Parents & Promotion Guests

Due to budgets constraints, lunch at Promotion will be provided for students only. There will still be cake for students and their guests. Please accept our apologies for this miscommunication. Lisa Souther, 8th grade block teacher

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.

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**

The Foundation board for the 2016-2017 school year will consist of:

Stacey Lovett - President
Eilidh Lowery - Vice President
Kat Popovich - Secretary
Christina Marcoules - Treasurer

We look forward to another great year of supporting our teachers and the electives program!

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

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



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Syrian teens**

**Tablets for the Ritsona
refugee camp, Greece**

\$65 T-Shirt Level

**A contribution of
\$65 gets you a
t-shirt with the
word "Peace"
(سلام) written in
Arabic**

Peter Fink, a freshman at Cleveland, is running a fundraiser to help education for Syrian students in a Greek refugee camp. He is currently living in Greece with his parents, who are working with the Swedish NGO Lighthouse Relief, and spends time at the Ritsona camp every week. Their goal is to raise \$12,000 to buy tablets for the child refugees for education and entertainment while they stay in the camps. To help fund their cause, you can donate on [this page](#) and stay updated on their adventures on [this blog](#). Thank you for reading, they appreciate every bit of help! *(Sponsored by Cleveland's Students For Global Change and Understanding Club)*

Buy a Piece of History & Support the Future

Rumpus Events and Blue Kangaroo present...

Buy a Piece of History & Support the Future!

The Old Sellwood Bridge is gone! It can no longer support cars, buses and fire engines, but it can still support education. Purchase any number of chunks, chips and keepsakes to help you remember our historic, beloved bridge. You can also bid for a spot on a plaque to be mounted with the last remaining portion of the bridge railing. And, there's an art contest!

On June 5th, while you are out and about on the Sellwood Garden tour, hop on over to Blue Kangaroo Coffee Roasters to buy your own piece of the bridge. Sales support Sellwood Middle School and continue while supplies last.

To find out more, visit us at www.RumpusEvents.com and www.BlueKangarooCoffee.com

Cleveland Warriors Summer Basketball Camp!

Register NOW for the [Cleveland Warriors Summer Basketball Camp!](#)
June 20-23.

Cleveland's annual summer basketball camp is directed by our Varsity coach, Craig Cokley with help of supporting staff and the JV and varsity players. The cost is just \$85 and is a fundraiser for the CHS basketball program. There are two sessions: 9:00-11:30 a.m. for boys ages 8-11 and 12:30-3:30 p.m. for boys ages 12-15. Each session is limited to 50 boys. Please use the attached [registration form](#) and mail with payment to Cleveland Basketball at your earliest convenience. Questions? cybbasketball@hotmail.com

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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