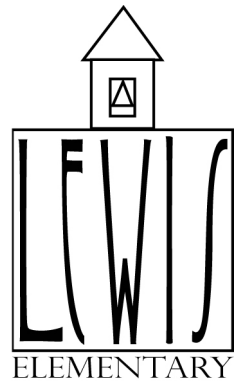


# Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

## Weekly Letter

503 916 6360 - <http://lewiselementary.org>

October 30, 2008



### Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 24, and Tuesday, November 25 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please call the school office at 503.916.6360 and we will get you scheduled. As it is each year, our goal is to have 100% participation and we look forward to the opportunity to work with you and to optimize your child's work and school experience.

#### Lost and Found

We have moved the lost and found rack to the main entrance area. If your child is missing clothing items, please check the Lost and Found rack.

#### Drama

Ms. Tori is requesting donations or loans of black pants and black shirt or tops in various children's sizes for our reader's theater presentations. Donations will be used throughout the school year. Items on loan will be laundered and returned.

#### Lewis Homework Club

We have started a Wednesday morning Homework Club for students in grades 3 - 5. This is an opportunity for students to get some help and support with homework assignments. The group will meet each Wednesday morning at 7:45 am. If you are interested in having your child take part in Homework Club please contact your child's teacher.

#### Homework on the Lewis Web Site

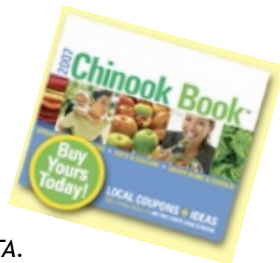
Most of our Lewis teachers have started to post homework for the week on our website. To check on homework for the week just visit the Lewis web site at [lewiselementary.org](http://lewiselementary.org) and follow the homework link at the top of the page

#### More Homework Help: Woodstock Library Homework Helpers at the Woodstock Library, 6008 S.E. 49th Ave

3:15-5:15 p.m. every Wednesday.  
Homework Helpers are trained volunteers who give students one-on-one help finding the books and information they need to complete homework assignments. They volunteer whenever school is in session. Space at library programs is limited. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis  
<http://www.multcolib.org/events/homework.html>

#### Chinook Books Sale...

Chinook Books are on sale in the school office. Cost is \$20. These community coupon books, are filled with amazing coupons from OMSI, Burgerville, Portland Nursery, local bike shops, coffee shops, New Season's, and so much more! The savings are incredible and it's a great way to support Lewis PTA. Books cost \$20.00, 10.00 of which goes directly to PTA.



#### Yoga Club

Yoga is a practice that invites creativity, calmness, strength, and flexibility. This year yoga club will be split into two sessions.

The first 12 week session will be for Grades 3-5. This session will be held on Wednesday mornings from 8:00a.m.-8:40a.m. beginning October 29th and ending February 4th. Class will be limited to 15 students.

The second 12 week session will be open to grades k-2. This session will also be held on Wednesday mornings from 8:00a.m.-8:40a.m. beginning March 4th and ending May 27th. Class will be limited to 15 students.

Forms will be available in the office. If you have questions please contact Kathy Bartlett at [kathy.bartlett@comcast.net](mailto:kathy.bartlett@comcast.net) or 503-775-4842. Namaste

#### Library Volunteers Needed!

Do you love books? Would you like to volunteer, but you don't have a lot of time? We would love to have you help out in the library. We have tasks that can be done in 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or 1 hour or more. We have a great need for adults who would like to come in and help kids with book selection during class library time. This is a great way to help kids and Tori (our fabulous librarian). If you would like to help out, please contact me, Kathy Bartlett at [kathy.bartlett@comcast.net](mailto:kathy.bartlett@comcast.net) (there is a dot between my first and last name) or 503-775-4842. I would love to hear from you and will be happy to get you started. Hurray for Books!

#### PTA Auction Needs Your Help

The Auction Committee is looking for help. We really need folks to pitch in if we are to make this event a success. We especially need help with procurement. For more information please contact Angie at 503 775 3664.



Students in Mrs. Pechette's Classroom making paper...

#### Raz Kids Information

Check the Classroom Notes for more information or contact your child's teacher.

#### Woodstock Community Center- Messy Art Class for Preschoolers

Children ages 1.5 to 4 years old  
Starts Tuesday, November 4 at 9:30 am at the Woodstock Community Center located at 5905 SE 43rd Avenue. Cost \$15

#### VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

Free and Reduced School Meals Program Is Used to Help Provide Additional Academic Support AND FREE FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES...

**Important Reminder: Free and Reduced Meals Applications**  
Lewis receives funding based on a number of factors but one important factor is the percentage of students in our school who qualify for free and reduced meals. This percentage has historically been around 42%. UPDATE: Overall as a district the average percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced meals is now 46%. If we fall below the district average we are in danger of losing a significant amount of funding which translates directly into cuts to our program.

APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE IN

#### Lewis PTA

#### Holiday Bazaar: Update

The Lewis Holiday Bazaar is just over a week away . . . If you have friends and family that would be interested in coming to the bazaar there are extra postcards available in the office. If you would like to help with postcard distribution for the neighborhood grab a stack and take them to your work, neighbors or any place else you can think of.

Lewis  
Elementary  
Holiday  
Bazaar!



Saturday, November 8th  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

#### Upcoming Events

- ★November 8 - PTA Holiday Bazaar
- ★November 10 - Teacher Planning Day-no school
- ★November 11 - Veterans Day-no school
- ★November 20 - Bennett/Gould Drama Production
- ★November 24 & 25 - Parent Teacher Conferences