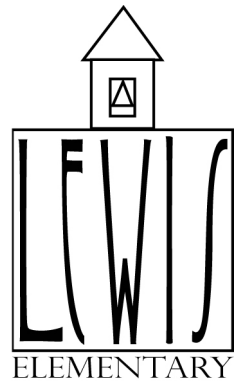


Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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

November 5, 2008



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

Teacher Planning Day Monday, Nov. 10 - No School
Veterans Day Holiday, Tuesday, Nov. 11 - No School
Monday, November 10, 2008 is a teacher planning day. This is a day for teachers to do record keeping and organization in anticipation of our upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences. There will be no school for students. Please also note that Tuesday, November 11 is the Federal Veterans Day Holiday and school will not be in session.

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.

LIBRARY INITIATIVE ADVISORY

Library staff, administrators, teachers, parents and community are invited to attend the first meeting of the Library Initiative Advisory Committee.

This group will meet on a regular basis to create a vision to improve and integrate the services provided by and for school libraries. We'll focus on increasing capacity for information literacy instruction and improving library administrative services.

Topics for Committee work may include:

- Develop vision statement for all PPS school libraries
- Assessment of school library staff and collections
- Development and recommendation of Information Literacy Standards for district adoption
- Continued implementation of Via, our web-based automated library management system
- Planning for Professional Development at both certified and non-certified levels
- City-wide vision for PPS library partnerships
- Report and recommendation to School Board



WHAT: Library Initiative Advisory Committee
WHO: Library staff, administrators, teachers, parents, community
WHERE: BESC, L1 Conference Room
WHEN: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 4 to 6 p.m.
Deb Carroll, Project Manager
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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 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.



Lewis 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 (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.



PTA Meeting - Thurs, Nov. 6, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

- ★November 6 - PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- ★November 8 - PTA Holiday Bazaar
- ★November 10 - Teacher Planning Day-no school
- ★November 11 - Veterans Day-no school
- ★November 14 - PTA Movie Night: KungFu Panda
- ★November 20 - Bennett/Gould Drama Production
- ★November 24 & 25 - Parent Teacher Conferences