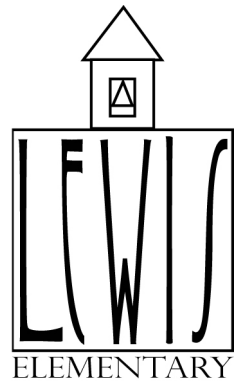


Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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

December 18, 2008



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

This has been quite a week. The snow coming down on Thursday was quite exciting for all of us. At one point in the morning the scene outside the classroom windows was, as Hailey in first grade said, as if we were inside a snow globe.

As we come to the end of the calendar year, and with Winter Break starting, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of our families the very best and to thank all of you for the opportunity to work with the students, families and staff of Lewis Elementary School. I consider it a great honor to do so.

Best wishes,
Tim Lauer



Automated Rapid Response Broadcast System

With our recent winter weather and school closures I wanted to remind families of the PPS Rapid Broadcast System. The Rapid Broadcast system enable us to deliver swift notification of inclement weather related school delays or closures and other school information which is deemed urgent or emergency in nature such as safety or facility related issues. This information can be delivered to you in the form of a recorded phone call, a text message, an email message, or any combination of the three. This week the school district activated the system and it provided families with fast and accurate information regarding our school closures. At the beginning of the school year a form for enrollment in the Rapid Response System was included in your child's registration packet. Over 80% of our families have already signed up for the programs. If you would like to enroll, please stop by the school office and ask for a Rapid Broadcast form.

Inclement Weather & Emergency Closures

When school closure decisions are made, the district instantly publishes the information through their web site at: <http://www.weather.pps.k12.or.us/> Television and radio stations get their information from this service, but sometimes their broadcast of updates is delayed. If you have internet access, the link above is the first place you should check for weather-related closure information. The site is available 24 hours a day. This information can also be reached from our web site, <http://lewiselementary.org> Please note, that unless it is pouring down rain, we go out for recess each day at lunch hour. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Lewis Web Site and Information via E-Mail

I would like to remind our community that copies of this newsletter and other information can be found on the Lewis Elementary web site: <http://lewiselementary.org>

In addition we have created a **Google Group** that can be subscribed to to allow you to receive notices and updates from the school office via email. Announcements and timely updates are available via this group email list. To sign up, please visit the link below: <http://groups.google.com/group/lewiselementary>



Lost & Found

All unclaimed items will be sent to the PTA Clothes Closet at Marshall High School on Friday, December 19th.

Silverware Drive

Do you have any extra forks or spoons at your house that you would like to donate to the Lewis cafeteria? Once we gather

enough utensils, and with the help of our amazing volunteer tray washers, we will eliminate the use of plastic ware and reduce the amount of garbage created during lunchtime. We currently have 104 forks and 104 spoons. We need 250 forks and 200 spoons to start using real silverware. The collection bin is located in the office. Thank you for your help!

PTA Clothing Swap: January 17, 2009

On January 17, 2009 the PTA will be sponsoring a clothing swap. Get your gently used clothing (infants-grown-ups) ready! There will be bins set-up after Winter Break. All members of the Lewis Community are invited to participate. All left over clothing will be donated to the PTA Clothes Closet. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lori L_hymowitz@yahoo.com

Kung-Fu Club News

Lewis Elementary's after-school Kung Fu Club is now selling student-designed "Ninja in Training" t-shirts as a means to help raise funds to cover costs of the program. Shirts are available in the school office in youth and adult sizes in black design on white t-shirt, or white design on black t-shirt. The cost is \$10.00 per shirt [checks payable to Lewis PTA]. Feel free to call Lara at 503-432-7450, or e-mail info@kungfuoutreach.org for more info.



Winter Break Information

English

There is no school from Monday, December 22, to Friday, January 2, for winter vacation. See you Monday, January 5!

Spanish

No hay clases empezando el lunes 22 de diciembre hasta el viernes, 2 de enero, para las vacaciones de invierno. Nos vemos el lunes, 5 de enero!

Somali

Dugsi ma jiro laga bilaabo min Isniinta, Diisambar 22, ilaa Jimcaha, Janaayo 2, ee fasaxa xilliga jiilaalka. Waa innoo Isniinta, Janaayo 5!

Vietnamese

Tròøøng ñoùng cõuà töø Thõu hai, ngaøy 22 thaùng 12 ñeán thõu saùu, ngaøy 2 thaùng Giẽàng ñeà nghæ muøa ñoàng Hoïc sinh ñi hoïc laii vaøo thõu hai, ngaøy 5 thaùng Giẽàng!

Russian

НЕ БУДЕТ ЗАНЯТИЙ с понедельника, 22-го декабря, до пятницы, 2-го января, в связи с зимними каникулами. Увидимся вновь в понедельник, 5-го января!

Chinese

冬季休假學校放假由

星期一，十二月廿二日開始至星期五，一月二日止
星期一，一日五日復課！