

# Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

## Weekly Letter

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

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### Portland Taiko Continues this Week and Next!

We continue this week with our arts residency with Portland Taiko. Please be sure to ask your child about their experiences with our artists.

### Middle School Transfer Process: Very IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

This process is very important for our 5th grade students who may be considering a middle school other than their home middle school. Some middle schools require attendance at a mandatory parent information meeting in order to be considered for a transfer.

Students who live in the Lewis attendance area are slated to attend Sellwood Middle School. Students who have transferred to Lewis are slated to attend their neighborhood middle school unless they choose to go through the transfer process. More information can be found on the PPS Enrollment and Transfer Office page at <http://readysetconnect.pps.k12.or.us>. Note: If you would like further information or any help with the transfer process, please contact the school office or the Enrollment and Transfer Office at 503 916 6360 .

### Sellwood Middle School Open House Dates:

Feb. 16 - New Parent Info Session, 9:30 AM: Parents can see school in session and includes a guided tour by our peer helpers.  
Feb. 22 - New Parent Info Night, 7PM: Includes a self-guided tour by parents  
Feb. 23 - 2nd New Parent Info Session, 9:30 AM

### Vision & Dental Screening

Vision & Dental Screenings will be taking place on February 18th for Grades K, 1, 3, 5th grades. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Nurse, Sabrina, by calling the office on Thursdays.

### Lewis Kindergarten Round Up Meetings Scheduled

We will be offering two informational meetings for prospective kindergarten families. Please share this information with family and friends who might be interested. The dates and times are listed below:

Tuesday, February 3, 2011 - 9:00 am

or

Thursday, February 22, 2011 - 6:30 pm

### We need your help... Kindergarten Round-Up

We are working to determine just how many kindergarten students we can expect for next school year. If you have an incoming kindergarten student in your family and you plan to have him or her attend Lewis during the 2011 - 2012 school year, could you please fill out the information form available on our web site, ( <http://bit.ly/lewis-kindergarten> ) or contact the school office at 503 916 6360. This will help us in our planning process. Also if you know of family and friends who plan to have kindergarten students attend Lewis, could you please share this information with them.

### 2011-12 School Choice Transfer Cycle (Grades K-12)

Families may enroll students at their neighborhood school or request a transfer to another school or program. Transfers are determined through a centralized lottery, and space is limited. Transfer applications are available when the window opens, and must be submitted/returned by the close date. More information is available on the PPS Web Site:

[http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make\\_a\\_choice.php](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php)

### Elementary and Middle School Transfer Window

February 09, 2011 - March 11, 2011

### BATTER UP! Registration is now OPEN for the 2011 season of Sellwood Junior Baseball & Softball!

SJB provides the opportunity for kids from pre-kindergarten thru middle school to play America's greatest pastime. Register your player online at [www.sellwoodbaseball.com](http://www.sellwoodbaseball.com) before the January 31, 2010 deadline. Questions? Contact Steve Stone at [SJBstone@q.com](mailto:SJBstone@q.com).

### February PTA Meeting Date Change

February's PTA meeting will be on the Tuesday the 15th at 6:30pm - Childcare provided.

### Indement Weather & Emergency

**Closure Information** When school closure decisions are made, the district instantly publishes the information through their web site at:

<http://pps.k12.or.us> or <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=69>

### 5th Grade Student Store

The Student Store is open every Friday from 3-4pm in the cafeteria. We will be selling the ever-popular Japanese Erasers along with Healthy Snacks and Beverages.

All proceeds from the student store go to help fund 5th Grade OMSI Camp scheduled for May 31-June 3rd.

If you are interested in helping or donating healthy snacks or beverages please contact Maria Raleigh 503-502-2221 or email [maria@collagepdx.com](mailto:maria@collagepdx.com)

### Before and After School Care Survey

Please take a few moments to complete a survey about child care by going to the PPS website:

<http://bit.ly/ppschildcare> . Or pick up

a paper copy (in English or Spanish) at the sign-in area of the child care room. Please complete the survey by Friday, January 21st.



### Lewis Tree Planting - 2 weeks away!

Tuesday, February 8th from 9:00-11:30 am we will be planting 21 trees at Lewis School. Each class will have the opportunity to plant one tree. Twelve trees will be planted in the field and nine trees in the new planting strip along Evergreen Street. If you are interested in helping on tree planting day, please get in touch with Julia Hamlin by emailing [lewislearninggardens@gmail.com](mailto:lewislearninggardens@gmail.com) or calling 503-916-6360. We will also be holding a work party on Monday, February 7th from 3:00-4:30pm to dig holes and prepare for the planting. Everyone is invited!

### Seeking Cafeteria Recycle Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help from 11:40-1:00 pm on 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, & 3/10. If you are available on one or more of these days, please get in touch with Julia Hamlin by emailing [lewislearninggardens@gmail.com](mailto:lewislearninggardens@gmail.com) or calling 503-916-6360. Thank you!

### OASIS: Tutoring Program Seeking Volunteers

Through the OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring program, volunteers, school districts and OASIS work together to help children build reading skills, self-esteem and positive attitudes toward learning. Training and materials are provided; no teaching experience is needed.

In a few weeks OASIS will host its midyear tutor training. Our tutors receive training throughout the year as well as the initial training. To find out more about volunteering through the OASIS program, go to the OASIS website: <http://www.oasisnet.org/Cities/PortlandOR/Volunteer.aspx>

### February 3rd is Walk & Bike Day!

•Join other students, parents and families in walking or biking to school on Thursday, Feb. 3rd.

•Follow through with those New Year's resolutions to get more exercise and be more organized!

•Sign up for raffle prizes and have some hot chocolate starting at 8:15am and ending at 8:35.

•Free repairs for kids' bikes will be provided right after school by **The Bike Gallery**.

•Save the fragile environment, conserve expensive fuel, refresh young minds for learning, and have fun in the Lewis community!



### Box Tops and Labels for Education:

It's time to save your Box Tops and Labels for Education! Each Box Top clipped and saved can earn ten cents setowards our music program with Mr. Jamesbarry. Each Labels for Education UPC clipped and saved can be used to earn equipment for our PE program with Mr. Woods. Labels and Box Tops may be turned in to our office.