

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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

February 23, 2011



Winter Weather Reminder

A reminder that on most days we go out for lunch recess, so we would like to remind families to make sure that students are dressed for the weather.



Inclement 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>

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) Elementary School Transfer Window

February 09, 2011 - March 11, 2011

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

Math Testing Scheduled for Week of February 28, 2011

A note to inform families of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students that we will be taking the OAKS State Math assessment the week of February 28, 2011

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 .

Yoga Club: Kindergarten-2nd grade

Stretch, Strengthen, Breathe, Relax. Come join in on a fun session of yoga classes. This 10 week session of yoga club is for children kindergarten-2nd grade.

Classes will be held in the gym on Tuesdays from 7:45a.m.-8:40a.m., beginning February 15th.

There is a one-time suggested donation of \$5.

Mats are available for use, or children may bring their own.

Registration forms are in the office. Please fill one out and turn it in to Tracy in the office.

Space is limited.

If you have questions contact the instructor, Kathy Bartlett, RYT at kathy.bartlett@comcast.net or 503-775-4842.

Low Cost Booster Seats: \$5 and \$15

Booster Seats are available to families in the Portland Safe Routes to School Program. Feb 26, 2011 (Sat) from 10:00am-Noon

Location: American Medical Response - 1 SE 2nd Ave
Additional information and a coupon is available in the school office.

Rummage Sale-Save the Date and your gently used discards!

A collaborative Rummage Sale to benefit Lewis' 5th Grade Camp Fund will be held Saturday April 2nd from 10am-3pm at the Woodstock Community Center. Please save your gently used clothing, and household items to donate to this worthy cause! More info to come!

NEW ITEMS! at the 5th Grade Student Store!

The Student Store is open every Friday from 3-4pm in the cafeteria. We have brand new, NEVER BEFORE SEEN Japanese Erasers and Yummy Homemade and store bought Muffins this week. 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

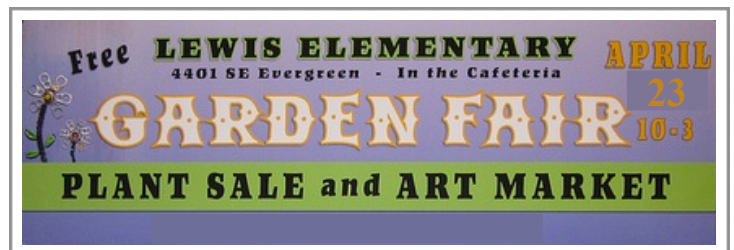
Join the Bike Train to Lewis!

Wednesday Mornings - north side Bike Train

Join other parents and students in riding our bikes together to school. Every Wednesday morning from the north side of Lewis, the Bike Train starts at 46th & Raymond at 8:20am, travels south on 46th across Woodstock, and then over to 44th & Martin at 8:30. Listen for our train whistles as we come through the Lewis NorthGate! Contact Steve Beattie (steve@nxnw.org) or Lennie Bjornsen (LBjornsen@msn.com) for more information.

PTA Meeting: March 1st 6:30pm. Childcare provided.

PTA is now accepting nominations for next year's Board Positions. All 2011-12 positions are open for nominations and voting will take place at the May 3, 2011 PTA meeting. Please contact Jeanette Finley 503-772-0108 or fill out nomination form in the school office.



Lewis Garden Fair Notices

Our Garden Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2011. Below are a few information items regarding the event.

Garden Fair Committee Looking for Plant Lovers

If you would like to help Lewis round up lots of awesome plants for this year's plant sale, we need your help! We need to meet soon to plan how we will start, procure, and gather the plants in the next few months. The more people join in, the better! Contact Kathleen Gagnon-Witter at gagwit@gmail.com , or 503-788-7041 for more info.

Attention Artists! Lewis Garden Fair Art Market is accepting applications from Lewis families and students for booths at this year's Garden Fair. Art must be garden/outdoor themed. Questions or inquiries, email lewisgardenart2011@gmail.com



No Boys & Girls Club
Feb. 24 & 25

PTA Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2011 6:30 pm
Childcare provided

