

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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Lewis Tree Planting Update

We had a very busy day on Tuesday at Lewis Elementary School. Our 3rd grade students were involved in the state reading test, and many of our primary classrooms made paper with the "Tree Lady." We also had our tree planting today.

Tuesday the students, staff and parents of Lewis Elementary School planted 21 trees on our school grounds. Nine of these trees have been planted in our parking lot and the remainder were planted in our playground field. We had great weather, a great group of parent volunteers, and great support from our staff.

I would like to acknowledge and to thank Julia Hamlin for her work organizing this amazing tree planting event. The comings and goings of our classrooms onto the field for the tree planting was a bit like ballet. The number of parents we had involved was amazing. The classroom coordination by our teachers and the special ways that each class commemorated or celebrated the event has made the event quite memorable.

A very special thank you to our wonderful parent and community volunteers. Without their support this event would not of been possible.



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 .

Lewis Kindergarten Round Up Scheduled

We will be offering another informational meeting for prospective kindergarten families. Please share this information with family and friends who might be interested.

• Tuesday, February 22, 2011 - 6:30 pm

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

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.

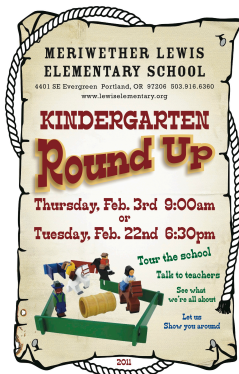
There is a one-time suggested donation of \$5.

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.



Join the Walking Bus to Lewis!

If you live south of Lewis, meet other families and join us in the trek up the hill. It isn't as big when you walk up with others! **This Thursday, Feb. 10th there will be a walking bus picking up walkers at the following stops:**

8:25 - 42nd/SE Rex

8:28 - 42nd/SE Knapp

8:32 - 42nd/SE Rural

Join the Bike Train to Lewis!

If you live north of Lewis and would like to ride your bike to school, get on the bike train! Join other families in having fun and getting exercise before school. **This Thursday, Feb. 10th there will be a bike train picking up bikers at the following stops:**

8:25 - 46th/SE Reedway

8:30 - 44th/SE Martin

Low Cost Bike Helmets and Booster Seats Available

Bike Helmets: Trauma Nurses Talk Tough with Legacy Emanuel Hospital offer \$5 bike helmets and \$20 ski and snowboard helmets. Feb 5, 2011 from Noon -4pm Location: Lloyd Center Mall - 1st level, near the skating rink in front of Ross Dress For Less

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.

Lewis T-Shirts & Sweatshirts:

Order forms were sent home last week. Additional forms are available in the school office.

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

5th Grade Camp Fundraising Meeting

We will be having a meeting to discuss fundraising for 5th grade camp on **Tuesday February 15th at 5:30pm** in the Cafeteria.

Free childcare will be provided in the library

We hope to see you there!

FAMILY DODGEBALL NIGHT at Sellwood Middle School. Friday, Feb. 11th from 6:30-8:30. Come Join The Fun!

Entrance fee - \$5/person or \$15/family. All families are invited. 3 Separate Courts - Fun for all levels. Pizza from Pizza Roma & Water will be available at \$1/each. Students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

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 gagwitt@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

Vision & Dental Screening Scheduled

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.

February PTA Meeting

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