

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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

February 2, 2011



Technology Grant News

We are happy to report that Lewis has received a grant from **BookByte Digital** in the form of 65 iPad tablet computers for use in our 4th and 5th



grade classrooms. The iPads arrived on Monday and students and teachers have been starting to work with them this week. The number of devices will allow us to have technology readily at hand in a ratio of 1 iPad for every 2 students. We are excited about this opportunity and will be sharing more about our work with these tools in upcoming newsletters and on our web site.

Lewis Tree Planting - Tuesday, Feb. 8th

On 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. Thank you East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Partners in Conservation and Portland Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry for your support! If you are interested in helping on tree planting day, please get in touch with Julia Hamlin by emailing 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!

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 .

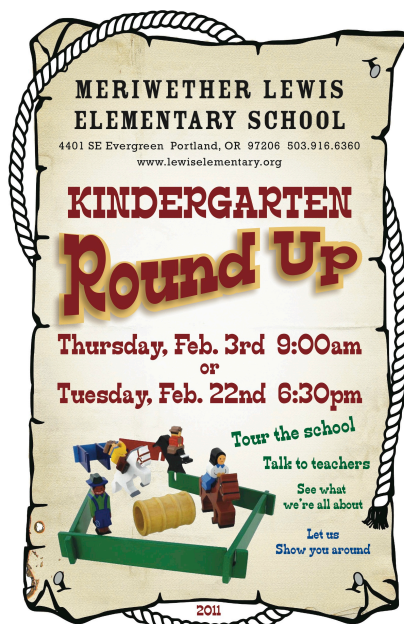
Lewis Kindergarten Round Up Meetings Scheduled

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:

- Thursday, February 3, 2011 - 9:00 am or
- Tuesday, 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.



A big thank you to Alea Bone for our great Round Up sign.

Elementary School Transfer Window

February 09, 2011 - March 11, 2011

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 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.

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 being sent home today. T-shirts will be delivered before Spring Break.

TAG TESTING

Testing for students nominated for TAG will take place on February 4th and February 18th. If you know that a nominated student will be absent on one of those days, please let us know. ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment) ELPA testing will begin for kindergarten-third graders next week (February 7th-11th). If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Lauretti, Room 15, lauretti@pps.k12.or.us

Healthy Homes Open House

Woodstock Community Center 5905 SE 43rd will host an Open House Lunch Potluck and Healthy Homes Workshop February 19th, 2011 from 11:00am - 1:00 pm. The workshop will discuss how to reduce toxins such as chemicals, lead, pesticides & mold in your home. Free blood lead screenings for kids 6mo-6yrs. Free lead dust kit for people with pre-1978 homes. Please bring a potluck dish to share, table & flatware provided.

Boys and Girls Club Closure Dates

Please note that All Boys & girls Clubs will be closed on February 24 & 25

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

Tomorrow is Walk & Bike to School Day

Celebrate with other families and students in walking and biking to school. The morning exercise refreshes young minds for a great day of learning! Hot chocolate starts at 8:15am. Sign up for raffle prizes. We'll end at 8:35am so to make sure students are to class on time. Also - there will be free bike repairs right after school on the playground. Enjoy the fresh air and join us!

February PTA Meeting Date Change

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