

# Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

## Weekly Letter

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

February 26, 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>

### 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](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php)

### 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 .

### Save the Date: Lewis Talent Show May 13

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All you talented and creative kids!!

It's time again for our Annual Talent Show! May 13th is going to be a night of music, dance, comedy and who knows what else! Please look for permission slips coming home for parents to sign. Auditions are set for Monday, April 18th and rehearsals will be April 25th and May 2, from 3:15-4:30. Dress rehearsal will be May 9th from 3:15-5:00. If you have any questions regarding the show or if you would like to help, please contact Patti Jay @ 503.847.4792



### Seeking Cafeteria Recyclers

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the cafeteria recycle program from 11:40 am-1:00 pm. Volunteers can help once or twice a month April through June. This program educates students about resource conservation, significantly reduces waste at Lewis, and saves the school district \$3,400 annually. We need your help to keep this program running! A number of winter quarter volunteers are no longer available, so we are looking for additional volunteers to join the team. Open shifts include 3/29, 4/5, 4/8, 4/11, 4/12, 4/14, 4/20, 4/22, 4/26, 4/28 and 5/3. If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with Julia Hamlin by calling 503-916-6360 or emailing [lewislearninggardens@gmail.com](mailto:lewislearninggardens@gmail.com) Thank you for your consideration!

### Walk & Bike Day - 1st Thursdays

**The next Walk & Bike Day is tomorrow - Thursday, March 3rd.** Get ready for school with morning exercise & hot chocolate. Raffle prizes at lunch. Free bike repairs right after school. Save fuel, protect the environment, re-fresh brains, and enjoy riding and walking with other families!

### Wednesday Mornings - north side Bike Train

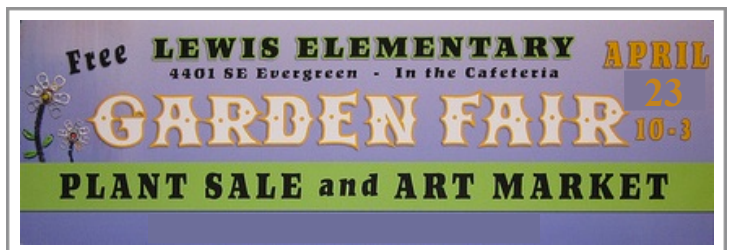
Join other parents and students in riding our bikes together to school. Every Wednesday morning from the north side of Lewis, the Bike Train starts at 46th & Raymond at 8:20am, travels south on 46th across Woodstock, and then over to 44th & Martin at 8:30. Listen for our train whistles as we come through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

### Rummage Sale Update

**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](mailto:maria@collagepdx.com)



### 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 [gagwitt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lewisgardenart2011@gmail.com)



This week our kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day of school...



### Lewis Eats Out at

**The Original Taco House - 3550 SE Powell**

Tuesday, March 8th. Lewis will receive 50% of the proceeds, but diners **must present a Lewis Coupon in order for us to benefit. Coupons will be sent home on Tuesday, and will also be available on our web site lewiselementary.org**