

# Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

## Weekly Letter

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April 6, 2011



### Budget and Staffing Update: Community Survey

At this date we don't know exactly what kind of staffing cut we face at Lewis, but we do anticipate that we will be required to make staffing reduction based on the current budget projections. In anticipation of this, today I am sending home a short parent survey that I would like families to fill out and return to school by Friday. With this survey I hope to gather information as to the budget priorities reflected in the Lewis community. Please fill out the survey and return it to school office by Tuesday, April 12. If you like you can take the survey online at:

<http://goo.gl/8rms5>

### Rummage Sale Report

Our 5th Grade Rummage Sale was a great success. Over \$1300 was raised to support our 5th grade trip to OMSI Camp. A big thank you to all those involved and to all those that participated.

### Walk & Bike Day - TOMORROW April 7th

By the First Thursday of April, Spring will finally be here! Join other students and families in walking or biking to school April 7th. Enjoy the spring air, hot chocolate, raffle prizes and great fun as we celebrate human power in getting to school. Free repairs for kids bikes right after school too. Mark your calendars!

### PTA Used Book Fair Planned for June 10

In conjunction with our End of Year Picnic in June, we are planning a used book sale. We are looking for used books. Do you have used books you would like to donate? We are accepting gently used books for our end of year book fair. Donations can be dropped off in the school office.

### Roller Skating Pizza Party 5th grade Camp Fundraiser

Now open to all Lewis Students & Families:  
Mt Scott Roller Rink  
Friday April 29th 6-8 pm  
Cost \$10 per skater

Children 8 & under must have adult stay during party (although they would not have to skate-yes 1 person can chaperon their kids friends too!)

Cassandra Nicholson will be selling tickets before school on Friday before school and after school at the the Student Store. (cash or check only) or you can contact her at: 503-593-0802 or [mcnic@spiretch.com](mailto:mcnic@spiretch.com)



### Lewis Eats Out at Laughing Planet: Wednesday, April 13th

Details: Help support Lewis by dining at Laughing Planet Restaurant on Woodstock on Wednesday, April 13 all day. 20% of the sales go to support the work of the Lewis PTA.



### Seeking help with the cafeteria recycle program

Nine recycle shifts remain open between now and the end of June. We need your help to keep this program running! Our current recycle volunteers have already signed up for their total number of available shifts this spring. This program educates students about resource conservation, significantly reduces waste at Lewis, and saves the school district \$3,400 annually. Open shifts are from 11:40 am-1:00 pm and include 4/26, 4/27, 4/28, 5/9, 5/24, 5/26, 6/7, 6/10 & 6/13. Please let Julia Hamlin know if you are interested in getting involved by calling 503-916-6360 or emailing [lewislearninggardens@gmail.com](mailto:lewislearninggardens@gmail.com) Help spread the word to other parents and neighbors. Thank you for your consideration!

### Lewis School hosts Summer Camp!

Camp Invention runs July 11-15th with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities through inquiry-based, hands-on learning for children entering grades 1-6. Camp Invention runs in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and has low teacher-to-student ratios. New curriculum each year! Go to [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or contact Tiffany Cook at [tiffany.a.cook@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.a.cook@gmail.com) for more information.

### Spring Picture Day is Coming

Tuesday, April 12th is Spring Picture Day. All classrooms will be taking their group picture. This will be the only opportunity for students to be included in their class picture. Every student will receive a class picture compliments of Lewis PTA. Students may also have individual pictures taken. Order forms can be picked up in the school office. If you only want the class picture, you do not need to complete an order form.

### PTA Board Member Nominations

PTA is now accepting Board Nominations for the 2011-2012 School year! Please contact Jeanette Finley 503-772-0108 or fill out Nomination form in the school office. Voting will take place at our last PTA meeting on May 3 2011. Look for a detailed listing of board member responsibilities coming in next week's packet and also on the PTA web site. <http://pta.lewiselementary.org/>

### Rosetta Stone Lab

Families of English Language Learners (ELLs) are invited to practice English using Rosetta Stone. We meet in the computer lab every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4. Please see Tracy in the office to sign up.

If you would like your child to practice a foreign language using Rosetta Stone, the computer lab is open after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4. A teacher is available to help students navigate the program, choose appropriate lessons and monitor progress. If you are interested, please email Leslie Lauretti at [llaurett@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:llaurett@pps.k12.or.us) or put a note in my mailbox.

### Lewis Talent Show

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

### Save the Date:

**Lewis Elementary Art Night:  
Thursday, May 5 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm**



Mark your calendars. . .  
**Lewis Garden Fair is coming April 23rd.**

Largest Fundraiser of the Spring Term!  
Free family-friendly event open to entire community. Featuring a Plant Sale, Art Market, Bake Sale, Live Entertainment and student-led tours of the garden.

For more info on the event or to learn how you can be involved, check out: [www.LewisGardenFair.com](http://www.LewisGardenFair.com)

### Cookie Bakers!

**Cupcake Makers!** Looking for homebaked treats for the Garden Fair Bake Sale. A sign-up sheet will be outside the school office next week with all the details.

### Time to donate plants!

Lewis will be accepting plant donations the next 2 Fridays after school, from 3-4pm. Please label plants to the best of your ability and drop them off at the loading zone area near the school's green houses at the corner of SE 43rd Ave and SE Evergreen Street.

To make arrangements for another drop-off time or to request a pick up, please contact Alea Bone: [aleabone@gmail.com](mailto:aleabone@gmail.com) or Kathleen Witter: [Gagwitt@gmail.com](mailto:Gagwitt@gmail.com)



**Late Opening:  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011 School begins at 10:40 am**