

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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Yearbooks

Order forms are coming home today.
Orders must be turned in by Thursday, April 28th.

May Walk & Bike Challenge Month is Coming

This is the month to challenge yourself to get to school in an alternative way. This doesn't have to be just walking and biking. Ride your scooter, unicycle, jump rope, pogo stick, walk to the bus stop & ride the bus, or park at least a couple of blocks away and walk!! There will be a pledge table set up next Monday (April 25) by the front office & Friday (April 29) by the Glenwood door to help you set your challenge month goals. This pledge is not necessary to participate in the challenge month, but is to encourage you to set your own goals. Bring your pledge sheet to the Walk & Bike MayFest at the end of May for a prize.

Key Bank Parking Lot Use During Walk and Bike Challenge Month

Fridays during the May Walk and Bike Challenge, Lewis families will be able to park their cars in the Key Bank parking lot and then walk to Lewis. Key Bank asks that we have cars out of the parking lot by 9:00 am. More information regarding this will be sent home next week.

5th Grade Student Store:

The Student Store will be around for just 2 more Fridays from 3-4pm before it is retired for the school year. This Friday April 22nd it will be located in the hallway outside the cafeteria as the cafeteria will be busy with Garden Fair Set-Up. All the proceeds from the Student Store goes to the 5th Grade OMSI Camp General Fund!

PTA Board Nominations:

PTA is now accepting Board Nominations for the 2011/12 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.

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.

Seeking help with the cafeteria recycle program

Ten recycle shifts remain open between now and the end of June. We need your help to keep this program running!

This program educates students about resource conservation, significantly reduces waste at Lewis, and saves the school district \$3,400 annually.

Shifts are from 11:40 am-1:00 pm. Open "Recycler" shifts are: 4/26, 4/27, 5/9, 5/24, 5/26, 6/7, & 6/13.

Open "Educator" shifts are: 5/6, 6/3 & 6/10 Please let Julia Hamlin know if you can help by calling 503-916-6360 or emailing lewislearninggardens@gmail.com Help spread the word to other parents and neighbors. Thank you for your consideration!

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!)

Tickets are on sale in the school office (see Tracy). They will also be on sale at the Garden Fair, or contact Cassandra at: 503-593-0802 or mcnic@spiretch.com



Lewis Day at the PTA Clothes Closet

Thursday, April 28th is Lewis's day to send 4-5 volunteers to be a "personal shopper" to help kids receive clothing or to help sort donations to get them put out. The volunteer hours are 9:30am - 1:30pm at Marshall HS Campus, 3905 SE 91st Avenue. The main cross streets are SE 92nd and SE Powell, out by the Chucky Cheese.

The Clothes Closet has been having about 20-30 kids each volunteer day and NEED volunteers. One day we had 44 kids come to receive clothing. Each school is responsible for sending volunteers on their assigned day. We don't want to have to send away kids because we don't have enough volunteers.

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 or contact Tiffany Cook at tiffany.a.cook@gmail.com for more information.

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 were held last Monday 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



This Saturday... Lewis Garden Fair 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



Looking for Bake Sale help this Saturday!

We still need many individuals: parents, grandparents, neighbors! to help at the bake sale table. Shifts available are 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30 and 1:30-3:ish. Help is also needed with the plant sale. If you or someone you know is able to spend even one hour helping out it will make a huge difference! A sign-up sheet is outside the office or call Alea at 503-788-7662 or Monica at 503-775-2002.

If you have signed up to donate baked goods for the Garden Fair the items can be dropped off Friday afternoon in the office or Saturday morning between 9:00 and 10:00 in the cafeteria. Thanks so much!

Time to donate plants!

Lewis will be accepting plant donations this Friday 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 or Kathleen Witter: Gagwitt@gmail.com



Bioswail Bridge: Our bioswail in the garden has a new bridge thanks to Lewis grandparent Dan Miller...