

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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2011-2012 PTA Board Members:

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the students, families and staff at Lewis School!

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Lewis Eats Out at Burgerville Tuesday, May 10th:

Come to the Burgerville at 25th and Powell on Tuesday, May 10th to support Lewis! 10% of all sales from 5-8 pm will be donated to our school. Spread the word, and dine-in or drive-thru for an easy and tasty meal next week!

Chefs Move Garden Party - Friday, May 20th

This "free" event is open to the public and will take place in the Lewis Garden after school from 3:00-4:30 pm. If it is raining the event will take place in the cafeteria. This Garden Party celebrates local, seasonal food and educates the community about the goals of the Chefs Move to Schools Program. Guest chefs Naomi Pomeroy from Beast, Scott Neuman from Oba, and TJ Sellars from Good Samaritan Hospital will provide small bites to sample. Food will be displayed giving the community a chance to taste, smell, touch and learn about the local ingredients. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Julia Gray by calling 503-916-6360 or emailing lewislearninggardens@gmail.com. Mark your calendars!



Lewis Elementary Benefit Dinner - Friday, May 20th

We are partnered with Chef David Anderson from Genoa Restaurant and Accanto Cafe to host our spring benefit dinner at Lewis School. All proceeds from the dinner will directly support Lewis Elementary School. The event will take place Friday, May 20th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Lewis cafeteria. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. The menu for the dinner celebrates local, seasonal food and includes two courses and a delicious dessert. Please RSVP to Christy Combs (email: perron0052@comcast.net or phone: 503-774-0375) to reserve tickets. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, serving, clean-up, and dish washing. Please get in touch with Julia Gray by calling 503-916-6360 or emailing lewislearninggardens@gmail.com if you are interested and available to help. Thank you!

Last Chance Plant Sale This Thursday

Last Chance to buy plants and benefit the Lewis Learning Gardens. This Thursday after school from 3pm to 4pm near the North entrance on Glenwood. Please bring cash or check only. Most plants only \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Still lots of garden goodies to be had!

S.M.A.R.T. Reading Program

Friday, May 13th will be the final day of our program for this school year. We would like to thank our SMART Coordinator, Muriel Bennett, and all of our wonderful SMART volunteers for their work this year.

May Walk & Bike Challenge Month

May Walk & Bike Challenge Month is coming up. 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!!



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.

Join the Sellwood MS Foundation!

The Sellwood MS Foundation is seeking members for next year! We are a group of strong, proud, passionate and fun parents of Sellwood MS students dedicated to ensuring the quality of our children's education experience remains high. The time commitment is very reasonable, and the potential payoff for your child is enormous. Interested? Please contact Lanell Nolf at lnolf@gmail.com or Carol Samuels at csamuels@snwsc.com.

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: 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!

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.



Talent Show Update:

We are still in need of a sound person to run the music and make sure the microphones are set for each act. This person is only needed on May 9th from 3:15-5:00 and May 13th from 6-8pm. Thank you, Patty Jay 503.847.4792

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

Be a Part of the art our annual Art Night Celebration, "Reveal Your Colors," on Thursday, May 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Along with a gallery-style exhibition, featuring student artwork, this year's celebration will again feature **The Paintbrush Café**, which will serve desserts and beverages as well as performances by Lewis' talented, musical groups. Best of all, the proceeds will be used to support art programs at Lewis.



Art Night Support Needed

Please consider supporting this artful endeavor by donating a purchased

gourmet-style dessert to the Paintbrush Café.

Just drop the dessert—such as a cheesecake, torte, specialty pie or large, specialty cookies—in school office on Thursday, May 5th by 4:00 p.m. Thank you for helping and for being part of the art!

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help serve desserts at the Paintbrush Cafe, which is a fundraiser for our Arts Program. Sign up sheet is outside the school office door.



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