

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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September 16, 2009



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauerchrom

Dear Families,

I wanted to remind parents about our upcoming Open House scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to have your child share with you their classroom and meet your child's teacher and other support staff. I hope to see all of you next Tuesday evening.

We had a great turn out yesterday for our first Lewis Eats Out event of the year. We would like to thank Burgerville for their support of our school and also thank all that were able to take part.

Sincerely,
Mr. Lauer

Below are a few Important Reminders:

Medication Authorization Forms

If your child requires medication during the school day, even if it is self administered, we must have a current file on record in order for your child to have medication administered at school. If you need a form, please contact Tracy in the school office. This applies to all medications, prescriptions and over the counter medicines.

School Hours

School begins at 8:40, with dismissal at 3:00. Our lunch period is now beginning at 11:40. Students having breakfast at school should arrive at 8:25. If not eating breakfast at school students should not arrive until after 8:30.

Students are not allowed to wait in the hallways near their classrooms. Students can wait near the main entrance or on the benches near the mural in the north hallway.

Helmets Required

Students riding bikes, scooters and skateboards to school must wear a helmet.



Registration forms and all other forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Tardies and Leaving Early

Students arriving after 8:45 need to first check in at the office before going to class. Students leaving early need to be checked out in the office.

Adults Visiting the School

Please remember that all visitors must first check in at the school office.

Kung Fu Club News:

Registration for Session 1 is now open for Kung Fu Club at Lewis School. Session 1 will run Tuesdays & Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm in the GYM. September 22 through December 17, 2009.

\$10 for the session, per child. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Seeking Volunteer Tray Washers

We are seeking volunteers to help with our cafeteria Tray Washing Project this year.

Everyday the trays are washed we save 190-220 polystyrene (Styrofoam) trays from going into the landfill. The volunteer commitment is twice a month from 11:55 until 1:15 or 1:30. We are in need of help every other Tuesday, every other Thursday and every other Friday. Help Lewis make less waste, reduce its environmental impact, and keep its kids healthier! If you are interested please email Julia Hamlin at lewislearninggardens@gmail.com or leave a note in her box in the office. Thank you!

Lewis Open House

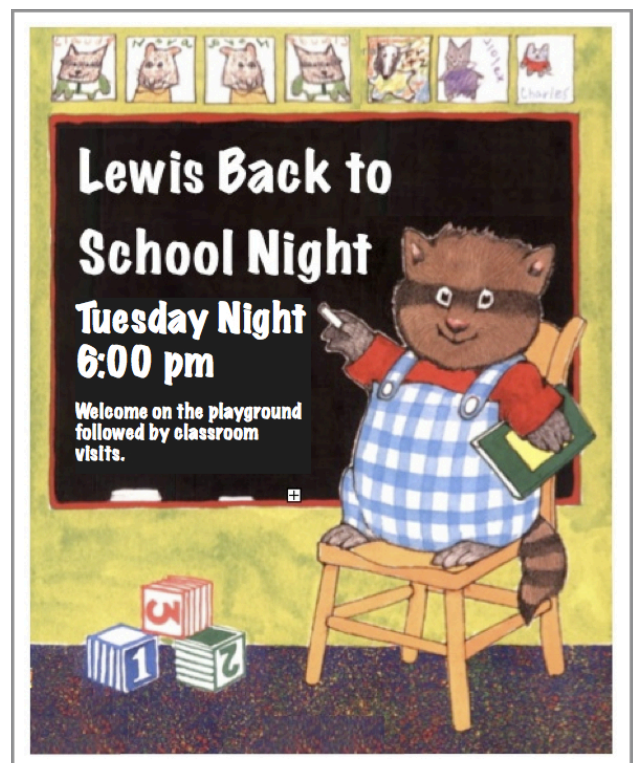
Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 pm

All parents and students are invited to attend our annual Open House on September 22. Traditionally many families come early to enjoy a "bring your own" picnic dinner on the playground. At 6:00 staff will be introduced and families will have the opportunity to tour classrooms. Also at this time families can sign up for fall conferences. We hope to see everyone at Open House.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Sept. 21-25 in the Lewis Library. Hours will be 9:40-10:00am and 2:30-4:00pm. We will also have the Book Fair open during Back-to-School Night.

Stop by and pick-up some great books for your reading enjoyment! Be sure to also check out the Teacher wish lists and donate a book to your child's classroom library. Every purchase helps to purchase books for our school!



Free and Reduced Price Meal

Free and Reduced Price Meal forms need to be submitted each year. If you believe you qualify for free and reduced price meals please return the form included in your registration packet to school as soon as possible. Families can also enroll online. For more information please visit the PPS web site: <http://www.nutrition.pps.k12.or.us/>