

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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Indement Weather & Emergency Closure Information

When school closure decisions are made, the district instantly publishes the information through their web site at:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/student-transportation/1404.htm>



Television and radio stations get their information from this service, but sometimes their broadcast of updates is delayed. If you have internet access, the link above is the first place you should check for weather-related closure information. The site is available 24 hours a day. This information can also be reached from our web site, <http://lewiselementary.org> Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Kindergarten Round Up Meetings Scheduled

This winter Lewis will be offering two informational meetings for prospective kindergarten families. Please share this information with family and friends who might be interested. The dates and times are listed below. We also offer tours of the school each Wednesday in January and February except for the late opening days, (Jan. 20 & Feb 17)

Lewis Kindergarten Round Up Meetings

Thursday, February 4, 2010 - 9:00 am

or

Thursday, February 16, 2010 - 6:00 pm

Traffic Safety and Parking Issues

Recently we have been having trouble with drivers parking in the fire lane near the main entrance. Please note that cars can not be left parked in this space. We have been having discussions with our Portland Police Support Officer and he plans to start ticketing drivers who park in this area. Also we have had some instances of people parking in, or too close to, the designated cross walk areas. Again, drivers who do so will be ticketed.

Park and Walk! We are working with Portland Police to come up with solutions that will help us deal with some of the congestion that occurs at arrival and dismissal times. One very healthy and easy solution is for parents to park their cars on our side streets and then walk into the school to pick up their child. There is plenty of parking on 45th and by parking and walking you are setting a healthy example for your child Your help in following traffic laws will help us keep our students and others safe.

Drama Program

Students from Ms. Jen and Mrs. Wieand's classrooms will be performing for their families on the evening of December 17 at 6:30 pm. Students should plan to arrive at school at 6:00 pm.



PTA News: Tracy Buckley Shower

As you may know, our wonderful and efficient Secretary Tracy Buckley is due to have a baby girl in mid-December so we're planning a baby shower for her. Friday December 11th 3:30-4:30-Lewis Library. Everyone's invited to stop by to wish her well! Tracy has requested minimal gifting but if you feel you must she's registered at Babies R Us-she does have most smaller items so gift cards (for items they'll need once Piper's born) or going in together are encouraged. Call Cass if you have any questions 503-593-0802

SCRIP ORDERS:

One a few weeks left until Winter Break! Don't forget to place

your order for all your Holiday Shopping and Gift Giving needs!

Order due dates:

Monday, December 7, returned Friday, 1

Monday, December 14, returned Friday,

Labels & Box Tops for Education

This holiday season keep Lewis Elementary in mind when cooking and baking. Many products you may already use when cooking and baking can help raise money for Lewis Elementary Music and PE programs. Just save your Campbell's labels with UPC code or Box Tops for Education coupons and bring them to the office. Ask your friends and family to collect and donate their Labels and Box Tops on behalf of our school. Box Tops proceeds go to Mr. Jamesbarry and the music program, while Campbell's labels help earn PE equipment for Mr. Woods and the PE program.

High School Redesign Meetings

Portland Public Schools and Portland Council PTA invite you to a conversation about plans for our High School System. You can attend the meeting at your neighborhood high school or one that fits your schedule. All meetings will be from 6:30-8 p.m.

- Wednesday, Dec. 2—Roosevelt Campus, 6941 N. Central St.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8—Cleveland High School, 3400 S.E. 26th Ave.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 – Marshall Campus, 3905 S.E. 91st Ave.
- Thursday, Dec. 10 – Wilson High School, 1151 S.W. Vermont St.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15 – Madison High School, 2735 N.E. 82nd Ave.
- Thursday, Dec. 17 – Franklin High School, 5405 S.E. Woodward St.

Our notes went a bit long this week. Below are notes from Mr. J...

Music and Technology Notes from Mr. Jamesbarry

I want to remind parents and students in Band and Strings that instrument rental slips are due this week. Your student should have brought one home the week before the Thanksgiving holiday. Remember that you do not need to include full payment at this time. I understand that December can be tough on the checkbook (I know it is on mine). Just add a note to your child's slip letting me know. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at school or send me an email. I'm also working on making changes to the Boomin' Beat schedule. Right now there are almost 60 kids participating in this group. While I'm very thrilled to see the enthusiasm it does present some logistic hurdles. In the past the Beats have meet during the school day, unfortunately this year my daily schedule is completely filled. I would like to split this group into 2 or 3. The only times I have available are before school Mondays - Thursday or Lunch. I'm leaning towards lunch as before school can be difficult for some students. I'll be talking with students this Friday at Boomin' Beats. I'll be sharing the decision with everyone next week.

2 Hour Late Opening Wed. December 16!



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- Maalmaha La Dib-dhigayo
- Дни, когда уроки начинаются позже
- Những ngày đi học

School will begin at 10:40 am Wednesday, December 16!

PTA BINGO NIGHT

Friday December 11!



The PTA is sponsoring a BINGO night for Lewis school families this Friday, Dec. 11th. This is a free community event with fabulous prizes, and will be in the cafeteria from 6pm until 7:30. Food will be available for purchase, including popcorn, drinks, and pizza from Hammy's pizzeria. Come have dinner and enjoy the BINGO games! No prior experience needed.

Winter Break

December 20 through January 1.
School resumes on January 4, 2010