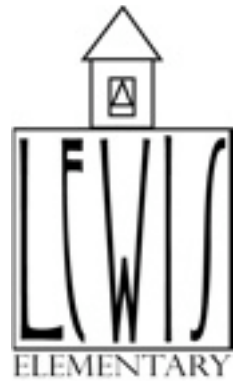


Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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May 13, 2009



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

Art Night 2009

We had a great turnout last Thursday for our annual Art Night. Our hallways looked great and our students did a great job acting as docents. Much of the art is still on display and if you have not had a chance to tour the hallways, please plan to do so soon. I would like to thank our staff for their work preparing for Art Night and also acknowledge the parent and volunteer help that went into making the event such a success. I would like to also acknowledge the work of our Art Night leaders, Deborah Swan and Kathlyn Meskel. A great job by everyone involved.

Special Education Parent Group Forming

A parent group is forming for parents of students enrolled in our special education programs. An informal meeting will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Our School Psychologist, Gary Wagner will help facilitate the group.

Looking for Incoming Kindergarten Students

As we continue our planning for the 2009-2010 school year we are asking any of our families who will have an incoming kindergarten student to please contact the school office if they have not already done so. Also if you know of neighborhood children who will be attending Lewis, please encourage those families to contact the school office. Thank you for your help and support.

Student Profile Forms:

As we start to think of our next school year we would like to make available to parents an opportunity to share information about their child that will help in our work with student placement for the 2009 - 2010 school year. This process is not a teacher request process, but rather a method for parents to share information about a child's learning style with us as we make these placements. Student profile forms are available in the school office until May 17th. Also if your child is not returning to Lewis next year, please let us know through the form being sent home today.

Sincerely,
Tim Lauer

Lewis Staff Appreciation Week: The Week of May 18...

The PTA has treats and special extras planned all week for the Lewis Staff.

Events and Treats for the week:

- Monday-Coffee, Tea & Pastries
- Tuesday-Car Wash
- Wednesday-Luncheon in the staff room
- Thursday-Italian Sodas & Beverage Cart
- Friday-Dessert Extravaganza

We need help with the car wash, and people to bring in food for the luncheon on Wednesday and/or desserts for Friday. Please Call Cass at 503-593-0802 or Bonnie at 503-470-6142 if you can help.

The Lewis Staff has also completed questionnaires sharing some of their likes if you would like to check those out. They are in the office.

Scrip Cards:

The following Scrip cards are available for purchase in the school office:

New Seasons, Safeway, Fred Meyer (\$50.00 each)
Starbucks, iTunes, Sweet Tomatoes (\$25.00 each)
Subway (\$15.00 each), Burgerville & Borders (\$10.00 each)



PTA Fundraising:

We are looking for people to assist with a fundraising team for Lewis School for the 2009-2010 school year. This can be a smaller commitment or a larger commitment, you decide what you can do. Finding people to assist with fundraising for next year is a very important so that we can continue to offer an enhanced and enriched education for our children. If you have skills in these areas PLEASE come to the next PTA meeting on Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm. We are looking for people with these abilities:

- writing skills (2-4 people)
- able to man a table at school events (2-4 people)
- computer skill (someone to run a Cafe Press store for Lewis and possibly an Etsy store - 2 people)
- communications (2-4 people to work toward increasing

communication at Lewis that can be used in many ways including fundraising)

- grant writers (2-4 people)
- marketing (1-2 people)
- someone to run the e scrip program (1 person, this is not a big role, but a very important one.) If you are interested in helping with a particular fundraising event for next year? If so, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can start planning for next year! Thanks for your continued support!

Lewis Talent Show Update:

Thanks to all who auditioned for our upcoming Talent Show. See all of you at rehearsal on 15th, from 3-5. The Talent Show is Friday, May 22nd. Questions? Call Patty Jay 503-804-9131



New Recycling Center at Lewis: Help Needed

Are you passionate about recycling?

We are in need of parent or community volunteers to help once a week, or once every other week, to support the recycling and composting efforts at Lewis during lunchtime. The shift is from 12:00-1:00. Please help our school make less waste and volunteer! You can leave a message for Julia in the office or email her at lewislearninggardens@gmail.com. Thank you!

Community Dinner, Friday, May 15th 6:00-7:30

The dinner will feature local, seasonal foods. We will be eating dinner in the cafeteria with dessert being served in the school garden. Please bring your own reusable/washable bowls for the soup. There will be a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 per family. **IMPORTANT: Please RSVP to lewislearninggardens@gmail.com with the number of people attending, or leave a note in Julia's box in the office.** Also, if you have any extra rhubarb in your garden you would like to donate for the dessert, we are in need of 10 more pounds, please bring it to the school by Thursday.



Butterfly Garden Work Party

Sunday May 17th 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Butterfly Garden was built last May 2008 and is already attracting hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. The garden is in need of a spring clean-up. We will be meeting at the southwest entrance of the school this Sunday to weed and mulch our beautiful habitat garden. Come and join us!



Walk + Bike News: Walk and Bike Fest...

Mark your calendars: next Wednesday is going to be Walk & Bike mayhem at Lewis! Start the day off right with some fresh air and exercise since we're having our **May Walk & Bike Day on Wednesday, May 20th**. If you have bikes, make sure you ride them that day so you can get a free bicycle safety inspection after school at the first annual Lewis Walk & Bike Fest. Between 3-4:30pm every Lewis family can join the fun on the playground (gym if rain). Check out all the awesome activities:



- > FREE bike inspections by James at The Bike Gallery
- > Bike and helmet decorating (scooters and backpacks, too!)
- > Cool tire tread art station
- > Bike parade loop
- > Music by our very own Boomin' Beats
- > Prize raffles for students, parents, and teachers
- > Popcorn and sno-cone concessions
- > Walk & Bike Punchcard prize table

Consignment Shop Account for Lewis:

Sweatpea consignment shop in Sellwood has generously opened an account for Lewis. If you have gently used clothes that you are trying to pass on please consider donating them at Sweatpea in Lewis' account. It is an easy way to raise money for our fabulous school. Sweatpea is located at 8235 SE 13th Ave. The phone # is 503 233 1153. They are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 to 5 and on Saturday from 11 to 5. If you wish to donate please call first and they will set up an appointment to look over your treasured items. Thanks again for helping Lewis.

