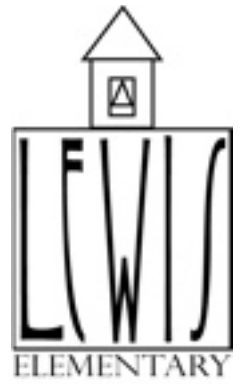


Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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April 22, 2009



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

5th Grade OMSI Camp

Our 5th grade students had a great time at OMSI camp. I would like to thank our teachers and our parent volunteers for making this experience for our students possible. Also a big thank you to our PTA for their support of OMSI camp.

Looking for Incoming Kindergarten Students

As we begin 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.

Sincerely,
Tim Lauer

Run for the Arts:

Run for the Arts pledge sheets are due Friday,

April 24th. Our run is

scheduled for April 29. We are looking for volunteers to help during the run to hand out water and snacks, count laps, and process pledge sheets (after the run). We are looking for parents and community members to help with the run. To volunteer, please call Julie LaRoche at 503.754.8996.



Student Meal Account Information:

Families have several ways to pay for student meals: they can bring cash or check to the cafeteria, drop it off in the office in an envelope with students name and ID # on the outside or through MyLunchMoney.com which allows families to use a Visa/MasterCard as either credit or debit online. MyLunchMoney.com also allows families to view their child's account history online. An account history can also be checked by Maria in the cafeteria if a parent or guardian would like to call or stop by. **A family can also at any point in the school year fill out a free and reduced meal application to apply for financial assistance.**

Sellwood Sustainability Fair:

Sellwood Middle School Invites its Neighbors and School Families to a Party! Sellwood Middle School is hosting the first Sellwood Sustainability Fair, April 25th from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission and almost all activities at the fair will be FREE. At this event students and neighbors consider their carbon footprint and will feature entertainment, educational, service, and food booths and events, including veggie races, worm and compost bin demos, and a potting station. For more information or to participate as a volunteer at the Sellwood Sustainability Fair, go to www.sellwoodmiddleschool.org

Sellwood Family Math Night: 5th Grade Student Invited...

Sellwood Sun School is sponsoring a Family Math Night. Suggested grades levels are 5th - 8th. For more information please contact Sellwood Middle School Sun School.

Looking for Wednesday Tray Washing Volunteers

We are in need of volunteer tray washers for our Washable Tray Project in the cafeteria. Shifts are from 12:00-1:30 as little as once a month, and as much as once a week. We are also looking for substitutes. Every day 150-200 trays are saved from going into the landfill. If you are interested in helping with our project, please call the office and leave a message for Julia Hamlin or email lewislearninggardens@gmail.com

Spring Picture Day:

Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, May 5th.

Order envelopes will be sent home next week.

Coffee Mug Drive

Do you have any extra mugs that you would like to donate to Lewis? Please bring them into Room 9, and place them on the counter on the left hand side of the room. We are going green for Art Night which is on May 7th. We are looking to collect 200 mugs for the event. These same mugs will be used for future events such as Community Dinners and the Volunteer Breakfast.

Lewis Front Entryway Garden Renovation Project:

We will be cleaning-up, weeding, dividing, mulching and doing some planting in the gardens surrounding the front entryway of the school. We will be meeting there after school from 3:00-4:30 today, Earth Day, April 22nd and next Wednesday, April 29th. We are also looking for a couple of parents on these day to watch kids on the playground, so that other parents can come and help with the project. Please leave a note for Julia Hamlin in the office if you are able to help with this.



Plant Sale Follow-up:

There will be plants for sale on the playground this Friday, April 24th from 3:00-3:30. If you weren't able to make the Plant Swap last Wednesday, now is your chance!

Next Garden Committee Meeting:

Thursday, April 30th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge

Talent Show:

For those students that turned in permission slips, remember the Talent Show Auditions are this Friday, April 24th at 3:00 in the Cafeteria. Please contact Patty Jay if you have any questions. 503-659-0677

Walk & Bike:

Tomorrow (Thursday) is Walk & Bike Day. Make sure you come out early for refreshments, check your punchcard point total, and cash points in for prizes.

The May Walk + Bike Challenge is here. There are 20 school days in May - how many days do you think you can use your legs to get school? Look for pledge tables near the front office and outside between now and May 1. Your first opportunity is this Thursday morning when you check in for Walk & Bike Day. To inquire about current and future Lewis Walk & Bike projects or sign up to volunteer, please contact Art Burden at 971-235-9016 or aburden@hevanet.com.



Lewis Eats Out:

Lewis Eat Out next Tuesday, April 28th at Pizzicato Pizza on 60th and Division. All day long whenever anyone purchases anything 20% goes to Lewis. The following week, Lewis Eats Out at the Bagdad theater and pub on 37th and Hawthorne. From 5 pm 'till close 50% of the food and drink sales from either the pub or theater goes to Lewis. The more people we share this news with the more money Lewis will be receiving, so tell your friends and family! Hope to see you there!

Saving paper at Lewis:

Our school newsletter is now going home with the youngest sibling in each family at Lewis. This will reduce the amount of newsletters by 77 per week. If for any reason you would still like to receive a newsletter for each of your children at Lewis, or would like your newsletter to go home with one other than the youngest, please leave a message for Julia Hamlin in the office, or email her at lewislearninggardens@gmail.com

Do you need health insurance for your children?

Schools, Multnomah ESD and Kaiser Permanente team up to enroll more kids in zero-premium and low-cost health insurance Programs: Kaiser Permanente offers zero-premium health insurance coverage for children from families that earn up to 250% of the federal poverty level (about \$4,600/mo. for a family of four).

The Oregon Health Plan offers low cost health insurance to children from families that earn up to 185% of the federal poverty level (about \$3,400/mo. for a family of four).

Contact: Call Multnomah ESD: 503-257-1732
Email to: speterso@mesd.k12.or.us
Website: www.mesd.k12.or.us/shs/childhealth/indexnew.shtml



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