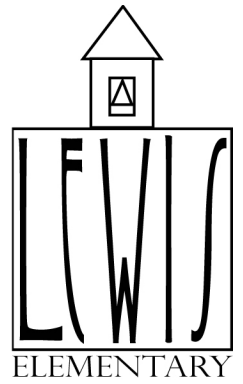


# Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

## Weekly Letter

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March 4, 2009



### Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

#### Lewis Auction This Thursday Evening

On Thursday the Lewis PTA will hold their 3rd auction. Each year the event keeps getting better and better. I am thankful and impressed with the level of support that our parent community provides to our school and this event is a great example. I wanted to thank all of those who have worked so hard to make this event possible. The staff and students and I are very thankful for those efforts. I look forward to seeing many of you at the auction.

#### Mrs. Bennett to Retire

It is with a mixture of sadness, and also happiness for her, that I report to you that after a long and distinguished career with Portland Public School Mrs. Muriel Bennett has decided to retire at the end of the school year. She informed our staff of her decision on Monday and today we are informing our community. We will be sad to see her leave, but also look forward to her staying connected to the Lewis community as perhaps a volunteer. Towards the end of the school year we plan to provide our community with an opportunity to formally wish her well.

### TRANSFER INFORMATION FOR 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

**Important Information for our 5th Grade Students and Their Families Regarding Middle School and 6th Grade: Transfer Window: January 30, 2009 - March 13, 2009**

Middle School Transfer Process: Very **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ** This process is very important for our 5th grade students who may be considering a middle school other than their home middle school. Some middle schools require attendance at a mandatory parent information meeting in order to be considered for a transfer.

**Students who live in the Lewis attendance area are slated to attend Sellwood Middle School. Students who have transferred to Lewis are slated to attend their neighborhood middle school unless they choose to go through the transfer process.** More information can be found on the PPS Enrollment and Transfer Office page at <http://readyssetconnect.pps.k12.or.us>.

**Note:** If you would like further information or any help with the transfer process, please contact the school office or the Enrollment and Transfer office at 503 916 3205 .

#### Lewis School Clothes Closet needs donations

We try to keep clothing on hand in the event students need a change of clothes while they are at school. We are in need of gently used sweatpants (all sizes) and new underwear (all sizes, boys & girls). Please bring donations to the school office. Thank You.

#### Yoga Club:

Yoga club for grades k-2nd starts next Wednesday, March 4th. Class will be held on Wednesdays from 8:00a.m.-8:40a.m. in the gym. I have 3 spaces left and then the class is full. Sign up in the office if you are interested. There is a one-time \$5 fee for the entire 12 weeks of class. If you have questions contact Kathy Bartlett at [kathy.bartlett@comcast.net](mailto:kathy.bartlett@comcast.net) or 503-775-4842.

#### Garden Work Party - Friday, March 6th

You are invited to come and help us care for the Lewis gardens between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. We will be weeding, mulching and doing general clean-up in the Outdoor Center and Butterfly Garden. There is no school on Friday, so it is a perfect day to bring your kids to work in the garden together as a community. See you there!

#### Drama Opportunity

Next week, Lincoln High School will be holding open call auditions for 3rd graders and older for their spring musical, Annie. They will be casting 100 actors for this production. If you would like more information, a flyer is available in our school office and on our web site.

#### Walk and Bike Update...

The next Walk & Bike Day will be a week from Thursday, March 12. We will once again serve hot chocolate to our ever-growing group of walkers and bikers. As part of the effort Lewis Elementary is making to reduce waste, we will be switching to plastic, reusable cups for the first time.

A big thanks to all the volunteers that help make Walk & Bike Day and the new punch card program happen. We can always use a few more friendly faces. If you are interested in joining us in encouraging our students and families to use their legs to get to/from school, please contact Art Burden at 971-235-9016 or [aburden@hevanet.com](mailto:aburden@hevanet.com).

### Teacher Grading Day Friday, MARCH 6: No School for Students

Teachers will be working Friday preparing 2nd Trimester report cards. School will not be in session.

### Looking for Incoming Kindergarten Students...

As we begin to plan 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 could you please encourage those parents to contact the school office. Thank you for your help and support

### Lewis Auction This Thursday Evening!!! March 5, 2009 7:00 - 10:00 pm



#### AUCTION TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! \$30

This is sure to be a fun, community building, affordable, fundraising event for all of our children and for Lewis. Please support it by coming and inviting others to come.

#### AUCTION PREVIEW WEB SITE IS NOW UP!

<https://lewiselementarypta.tofinoauctions.com/lewisptauction/>

- The Lewis Auction is Here! A night on the town: a roaring 20's experience
- The auction is tomorrow, March 5th from 7-10 pm and we are so excited to share this fabulous event with you.

**View Items:** You can check out all of the awesome auction items at: <https://lewiselementarypta.tofinoauctions.com/lewisptauction>

**Tickets:** We will have auction tickets available at the door for \$30 for anyone who still needs to purchase a ticket.

**Buy-ins:** The buy-ins (parties focused around different activities that you can 'buy-in' to) are still posted on the bulletin boards at the school and some are full, others are filling up fast. re going to remain on the bulletin board until 6 pm today. If you don't get a chance to sign up at the school the buy-ins will be available at the auction.

**Volunteers:** We are still looking for day of or night of volunteers. If you can help out please call Angie at: 503.775.3664.

**Reminders:** This is an adult only event. There is no school the day after the auction on Friday, March 6th.

**Auction Tips:** Here are a couple of ideas to make your auction experience that much more enjoyable!  
Bossa Nova Ballroom has street parking. Parking can get a little tricky near the ballroom, so if you can carpool or take a cab is suggested.

This venue has many stairs so wear comfortable shoes or that you can scale steps in.

We will have an info table at the auction. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the person working the info table.

Thank you to all who have supported this event by helping host it or by purchasing a ticket and attending!!"