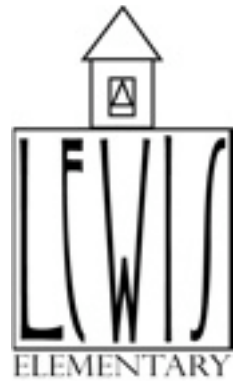


# Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

## Weekly Letter

503 916 6360 - <http://lewiselementary.org>

May 20, 2009



### Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

#### 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.

#### Special Education Parent Survey

The Portland Public Schools Special Education Department is seeking parent feedback through an online survey. A link to the survey can be found on our school web site. If you would like to take the survey, but do not have Internet access, you can do so in our computer lab. Please see me if you need assistance.

#### Student Profile Forms: Due Friday, May 22

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: This Week!

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.

#### SMART Reading Program

Our SMART program is finished for the school year. We would like to thank Darby Walker, Sally Allen and all of our SMART volunteers for their work and support.

#### Lewis Yearbooks:

Order forms are going home today. Yearbooks are \$15.00 each. Please complete an order form and include payment for each student separately. Yearbook orders are due Wednesday, May 27th. Late orders WILL NOT be accepted.



#### Lewis' 2nd Annual End-of Year Picnic

Come and join the Fun! This is the last PTA event of the year. Friday, May 26th, from 6-8 p.m. Bring a blanket and a picnic, or purchase Otto's hotdogs! (100% of the proceeds, will go to PTA) There will be bubbles, chalk and facepaint, as well as incredible entertainment by our own Boomin' Beats, Chris Hawking and The Satisfied Minds will perform some great music and prepare to be amazed when Paul Gibson performs his magic show! Bicycle helmets will be available for sell that night for a mere \$5.00. A great deal and a good way to make sure the family is protected for summer rides. It is sure to be a great event. Hope to see everyone there!



#### 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)

#### Book Fair

The Scholastic Spring Buy One, Get One (BOGO) Free Book Fair is right around the corner! The Book Fair will be open on Friday, May 22nd prior to the Talent Show, at 6:30pm. It will also be open Tuesday, May 26th - Friday, May 29th.

Everything at the fair is buy one, get one, so be sure to stop by and find lots of great titles for Summer Reading! Or donate your free book to a classroom library!

#### Talent Show:

The Talent Show is Friday, May 22nd @ 7:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Performers, Stage Hands and Announcers need to be in the Staff Lounge at 6:30.

Flowers and snacks will be for sale during the intermission.



#### New Recycling Center at Lewis

During Earth Week, with the help of Wilson Alness, master recycler, we set up a recycling center in the hall next to the cafeteria. As a school, during lunch and in the classrooms, we are recycling all plastics #1-7, paper, cans, bottles, plastic film and bags, styrofoam, batteries and compost. This is not a collection for families to bring their items from home however, there is information posted on the wall as to where you can recycle these items yourself. Namely standard curbside collection, Farwest Fibers (all plastics #1-7) and Pacific Land Clearing (styrofoam).

#### Consignment Shop Account for Lewis:

Sweetpea 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 Sweetpea in Lewis' account. It is an easy way to raise money for our fabulous school. Sweetpea 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.



**Memorial Day Holiday**  
**Monday, May 25, 2009**  
**NO SCHOOL**

## MERIWETHER LEWIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



From Song and Dance Man... Written by Karen Ackeman, Illustrated by Stephen Gammellan

## PTA TALENT SHOW

**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**