

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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September 23, 2009



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

Dear Families,

We had a great turn out for our Open House last night. I wanted to thank all of our families that were able to come out and . If you were not able to make it, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a fall conference.

Free and Reduced Meals: Important Information...

Lewis is a Title I school. This designation allows us to provide more resources to our students including free full day kindergarten. Our Title I designation is dependent on a certain percentage of Free and Reduced Meal participants. If you believe that your family qualifies for Free and Reduced Meals, I encourage you to please fill out a FRM applicaiton. Applications are available in the school office, or online at:

<http://www.nutrition.pps.k12.or.us/>

If you qualified last year, please be aware that you must fill out another application in order to be in the program this year. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Sincerely,
Mr. Lauer

Below are a few Important Reminders:

School Hours

School begins at 8:40, with dismissal at 3:00. Our lunch period is now beginning at 11:40. Students having breakfast at school should arrive at 8:25. If not eating breakfast at school students should not arrive until after 8:30. Students are not allowed to wait in the hallways near their classrooms. Students can wait near the main entrance or on the benches near the mural in the north hallway.

Tardies and Leaving Early

Students arriving after 8:45 need to first check in at the office before going to class. Students leaving early need to be checked out in the office.

Adults Visiting the School

Please remember that all visitors must first check in at the school office.

Kung Fu Club News:

Registration for Session 1 is now open for Kung Fu Club at Lewis School. Session 1 will run Tuesdays & Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm in the GYM. September 22 through December 17, 2009. \$10 for the session, per child. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Seeking Volunteer Tray Washers

We are seeking volunteers to help with our cafeteria Tray Washing Project this year. Everyday the trays are washed we save 190-220 polystyrene (Styrofoam) trays from going into the landfill. The volunteer commitment is twice a month from 11:55 until 1:15 or 1:30. We are in need of help every other Tuesday, every other Thursday and every other Friday. Help Lewis make less waste, reduce its environmental impact, and keep its kids healthier! If you are interested please email Julia Hamlin at

lewislearninggardens@gmail.com
or leave a note in her box in the office. Thank you!

Holiday Bazzarr Update

Breaking News - The Holiday Bazaar Committee has decided to let currently enrolled students of Lewis Vend at the Bazaar for FREE! Child applications can be picked up at the office, along with the general applications. The deadline for applications is October 2nd. Apply today! We would like to encourage anyone who would like to be involved to apply. We have short list of people who have said they want to help, however we are hoping to get more involvement from Lewis families. If you would like to help or have questions contact us at lewisholidaysale@yahoo.com

Fall Fundraiser

The fall fundraiser will be going home later this week. Look for catalogs in your child's backpack later this week!

Seeking Cob Bench Building Volunteers

We will be building a new cob bench in the Lewis Garden October 5-8 & 12 with the help of natural builder James Thompson. All Lewis students will be participating in the project. We are seeking volunteers to help. Volunteer shifts are from 9:00-12:00 and 12:45 p.m.-3:00 each day. If you are interested in one or more of the shifts, please email Julia at lewislearninggardens@gmail.com or leave a note in her box in the office. Thank you!

Lewis Walk and Bike Meeting

We will be meeting Tuesday, September 29th from 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the library. This will be the first meeting of the year and everyone is invited.

Lewis Weekend at Barnes and Noble - Oct 17 & 18

We are just a few weeks away from this fundraising and fun kid friendly event. Mark your calendars and plan to stop by the Barnes and Noble at Lloyd Center on October 17th or 18th between 12-5 to participate in some of the awesome FREE hands-on activities . Also check out the web site for more information about this event at: lewisevents.org

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair continues through Friday. Stop by and pick-up some great books for your reading enjoyment! Every purchase helps to purchase books for our school.

PTA Update

Lewis PTA will be having an open Board Meeting on Thursday Sept 24 at 230pm in the Library to discuss what will be on the agenda for our Oct 1st PTA meeting.

Free and Reduced Price Meal

Free and Reduced Price Meal forms need to be submitted each year. If you believe you qualify to for free and reduced price meals please return the form included in your registration packet to school as soon as possible. Families can pick up a form in the office or also enroll online. For more information please visit the PPS web site: <http://www.nutrition.pps.k12.or.us/>