

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

Dear Families,

SMART Reading Program

Our SMART Reading program is up and running for the year. This year our program is lead by recently retired Lewis teacher Muriel Bennett. We have many returning volunteers and are also looking for a few more. If you, or someone you know is interested in taking part, please contact Mrs. Bennett by calling the school office.

Lewis Email List

I wanted to remind our families that we have established a new email list to keep families informed of news and events at Lewis. You can subscribe to our list by visiting this page: <http://lewiselementary.org/email-list/>

Sincerely,
Mr. Lauer

Yoga Club - Stretch, Strengthen, Breathe, and Relax:

Yoga is a great activity for children. The movements are helpful for growing minds and bodies. My goal for yoga club is to help children be more physically active and aware, learn to respect and care for their bodies and to learn that movement relaxation and breathing can be fun!

The Fall session is for 3-5 grade, K-2 will be held in the spring (TBA).

Yoga club is from 8:00-8:40 a.m., Thursday mornings in the gym, beginning October 22nd and will run for 10 weeks.

Please sign up in the office, while a donation of \$5 is appreciated, no fee is required to take part. Any questions can be directed to Kathy Bartlett, kathy.bartlett@comcast.net or 503-775-4842. You will receive more information after registering your child.

PTA Clothes Closet

The PTA Clothes Closet is looking for donation of Jeans for students in need. They need jeans for grades Kindergarten through 4th grade. Please bring any items you would like to donate to the Lewis School office, and the PTA will send them to the Clothes Closet. Thank you.

Great Library Card Adventure

Our school is again working with the Multnomah County Library to encourage all students to sign up for a public library card. Applications will be sent home this week. Please return the completed application or the top letter indicating that your student already has a card. Every student should return to their teacher one of the two items (application or letter) by Friday, November 13th. Classes with 100% participation will be eligible to win prizes. Support your student by returning the application or letter promptly.

Walk + Bike Committee Meeting

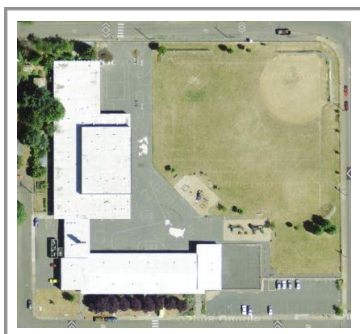
The next Walk & Bike committee meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd, 8:45-9:45 am in the library. Bring your ideas, suggestions, complaints. We want to hear from you!



Master Plan for Lewis Grounds

Please join us Tuesday, November 3rd from 2:00-3:00 in the teacher's lounge to help us create a shared vision for the Lewis Elementary school grounds.

University of Oregon Landscape Architecture student, Leah Lyon will be helping us create a Master Plan for the Lewis grounds as her senior project. This is your chance to be part of the process. Leah will be visiting Lewis on this day to gather your input and ideas.



Do you sew?

We have some fabric we would like to turn into napkins that could be used during special events such as the Community Dinner. By using washable napkins we are making less waste and reducing our environmental impact. If you like to sew, and are interested in this project, please leave a note for Julia Hamlin in the office or email her at lewislearninggardens@gmail.com

Fork and Spoon Drive Resumes

Do you have any extra forks or spoons you would like donate to Lewis. We are running low on utensils in the cafeteria, especially spoons. Please bring to the bin located in the office. Thank you!

Book Drive for a Children's Clinic

One of our library volunteers is collecting used children's books for a Children's Clinic in Nigeria. She is collecting books that are in reasonably good condition. If you have any books to donate, please drop them off at the office No Later than Friday, October 30th. Thank You.

Lost and Found is growing!

We are gathering a large collection of items in our lost and found. If you are missing items, please be sure to check the lost and found rack outside the library.



No Chess Club Thursday, October 29!

Lewis Holiday Bazaar

The Lewis Holiday Bazaar is just over a week away! Just a quick reminder, the Bazaar is on November 7th, 2009 from 10 am - 3 pm in the gym and cafeteria. We will have a craft table for kids in the library so parents can shop solo! Food and drink will be available for purchase and will help fund transportation for OMSI Camp.



Student-made cards: This year, each student in each classroom has created a card for the Bazaar. To be sure that your child's card is still available for purchase come at 9:30 on the day of Bazaar before it is open to the public! At 10 am all student made cards are first come first serve.

Support: Come shop for yourself or begin your holiday shopping with this sale. Tell friends and family about this event, but please make an extra effort to come shop if you can. This event is our largest fundraiser at Lewis that helps funds part of the Learning Garden and transportation to OMSI Camp.

Volunteers: We are still looking for volunteers to help out at the event. Contact lewisholidayale@yahoo.com to volunteer or if you have questions.