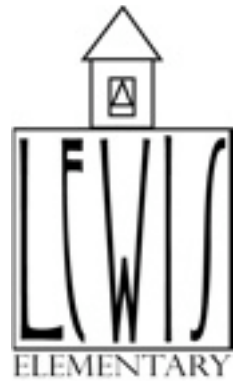


Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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May 27, 2009



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

2nd Grade Position

We have recently finished interviews for our open 2nd grade position and I am happy to report that Marta Vasquez will be joining our staff in the fall. Ms. Vasquez is an experienced and well regarded teacher and she joins us from Sitton school where she was teaching 2nd grade.

Talent Show Report

Over 29 acts took part in our annual Talent Show that was held last Friday night. The students did a fantastic job. I would like to acknowledge the work of Patty Jay in leading this year's production. Also thanks goes to Sarah Kohn, Daniel Petersen, Jen Kelly, and Tracy Buckley for their help with consessions. In addition we had several other parent volunteers and we also thank them for their help.

Staff Appreciation: Thank you Lewis Community

On behalf of the Lewis staff I would like to thank our PTA and families for the gifts and activities provided during Staff Appreciation Week. We all feel very fortunate to work in a school with such a caring and considerate parent group. Thank you all. Also special thanks to Bonnie and Cassandra for leading this effort.

Hands Project

This week during your child's library time, Ms. Tori is facilitating a discussion about nonviolence, respect and equality through the use of the HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING PROJECT. The projects mission is to educate each person in every community about their moral and legal right to live free of abuse and violence. During this discussion, Ms. Tori is encouraging each child to take the pledge "I will not use my Hands or Words for Hurting Myself or Others." The pledge is simple and powerful. The child simply traces their hand on purple paper as a reminder of the pledge they have taken. Each child's Purple Hands Pledge will be coming home with them this week to share with their family. For more information about the project please visit www.handsproject.org

PTA BOARD ELECTIONS FOR 2009-2010

President	Jeanette Finley
Vice President	Monica Nettle
Secretary	Cassandra Nicholson
Treasurer	Mark Perin
Fundraising	Jen Neitzel
Auditor	Martin Nicholson

Congratulations to our new PTA board!!

Sincerely,
Tim Lauer

Lost and Found

A reminder to parents to please check the lost and found which is located in the hallway next to the library. Items left at the end of the school year will be donated.

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 This Friday, May 29, 2009 6:00 pm

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!



Spirit Week Continues

- Tuesday, May 26 - Elegant Day
- Wednesday, May 27 - Monochromatic Day
- Thursday, May 28 - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday, May 29 - Lewis T-Shirt Day (Lewis, Run for the Arts, Chess Club...)

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 Continues this Week

The Scholastic Spring Buy One, Get One (BOGO) Free Book Fair is taking place now in the school library.

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!

Butterfly Garden Workparties:

We will be hosting three Butterfly Garden Workparties to weed and chip the garden before summer break. If you are able to help on one, or more, of the following days we would be very appreciative! We will be meeting in the Butterfly Garden Wednesday, May 27 9:00-10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 28th 3:00-4:30 p.m., and Wednesday, June 3rd 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Garden Committee Meeting:

There will be a "working" Garden Committee meeting Monday June 1st from 8:45-9:45 a.m. We will be meeting at the cob bench. If you have a project in mind that you would like to work on, an area that you see needs attention or want me to direct you, all help will be welcomed.

School Recycling Center at Lewis

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. PLEASE NOTE: 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.

Consignment Shop Account for Lewis:

Sweatpea 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. Sweatpea 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.

Walk & Bike Update

Did you come to the Lewis Walk & Bike Fest last week? What a great time that was - We counted 45 bikes in the rack area that day! Thanks to all who volunteered and to all who came and celebrated.

This Friday marks the end of the BTA May Challenge Month. As of last week we had totaled over 1700 days - congratulations to all who participated. To celebrate, the BTA will be hosting "Walk + Bike to Baseball" at PGE Park on Friday, June 12th. Contact Art Burden at 971-235-9016 or aburden@hevanet.com if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Friday is also the last day that we'll be tracking walking and biking at Lewis in the classrooms. Notices will be sent home with point totals to give everyone one last chance to redeem for prizes. Thanks for helping to make Lewis a walk and bike success story!"

Upcoming Events

May 29 - Field Day: Please be sure to have your child dress for physical activity.

May 29 - End of Year BBQ and Picnic: 6:00 pm

June 1 Kohn, Jacobsen Drama Performance - 1:30 pm

June 4 - Spring Music Concert - 6:00 pm

June 5 - Volunteer Breakfast - 8:00 am in the cafeteria. All those that have volunteered this year are cordially