

Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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September 9, 2009



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

Dear Families,

We had a great opening day Tuesday at Lewis. The sight of so many smiling children and parents is something I always look forward to as we start the new school year. I had an opportunity to spend time in every classroom and I saw happy and hopeful children. I saw teachers and support staff focused on engaging students and welcoming them to the new school year. The best part of my work is to be able to walk into your classrooms and talk to students about the work they are doing and why it is important.

I had the opportunity to view parts of President Obama's address to students in two of our classrooms. It is a message that should resonate with all of us. Work hard, do your best, respect your teachers, you have a responsibility to succeed, never give up... It was delivered with passion and an understanding that the work that we do can shape the arc of a student's life. It is important and valuable work that we have the honor of doing and I felt that the President hit the mark in helping students understand how important education can be in shaping their lives. If you would like to view his address, you can do so online at <http://whitehouse.gov>.

Sincerely,
Mr. Lauer

Below are a few Important Reminders:

Medication Authorization Forms

If your child requires medication during the school day, even if it is self administered, we must have a current file on record in order for your child to have medication administered at school. If you need a form, please contact Tracy in the school office.

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.

Helmets Required

Students riding bikes and skateboards to school must wear a helmet.

Registration forms and all other forms need to be returned to school by this Friday.

Free and Reduced Price Meal

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

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.

Lewis Eats Out: This Tuesday at Burgerville on SE 26th

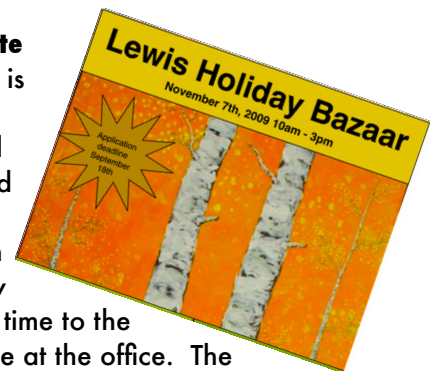
Lewis partners with local restaurants to offer Lewis Eats Out night, which means the restaurant will give a percentage of sales on a selected night to Lewis Elementary School. Support Lewis in a fun and community building way. Join us for the first Lewis Eats Out of the school year at Burgerville on 26th and Powell on Tuesday, September 15th from 5-8 pm. Burgerville will donate 10% to Lewis on this night. In a hurry? Get your meal to go instead, because it all goes toward Lewis. Tell your friends and family!"



"Want to double up on your support for Lewis? Buy a Burgerville Scrip card from the office. You can passively give money to Lewis by buying the Burgerville Scrip card AND by coming to Lewis Eats Out. Thanks for your support."

Lewis Holiday Bazaar Update

"The Lewis Holiday Bazaar is now accepting vendors. Children, parents, staff and alumni of Lewis do not need to be juried in and are automatically included with a \$10 application fee or by donating at least 1 hour of time to the sale. Applications available at the office. The application deadline is September 11th to appear on the postcard. For more details see the Lewis Events website at www.lewisevents.org or contact us at lewisholidayale@yahoo.com.



Kindergarten PTA Social

September 15, 2009 - 6:00 pm

Families and students in our kindergarten classrooms are invited to attend a gathering on September 15. This is an opportunity for new families to meet each other and for parents to meet our PTA Board members.



Lewis Open House

Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 pm

All parents and students are invited to attend our annual Open House on September 22. Traditionally many families come early to enjoy a "bring your own" picnic dinner on the playground. At 6:00 staff will be introduced and families will have the opportunity to tour classrooms. Also at this time families can sign up for fall conferences. We hope to see everyone at Open House.



Portland Public Schools



Important Reminder: Late Opening!!!

Wednesday, September 16 is a late opening. School will begin at 10:40 am.