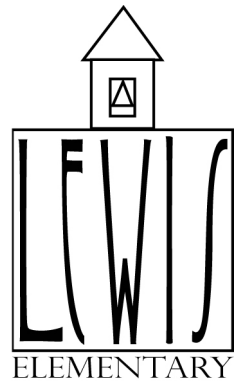


Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

Weekly Letter

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

December 10, 2008



Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

Lewis Night Out at Burgerville...

We had a great turnout for our Lewis Family Night at Burgerville. Thanks to all those that took part and to our PTA for making the event possible.



Lewis Night Out at Burgerville....

Report Cards

Friday first trimester report cards will be sent home on Friday.

Contact Information:

IMPORTANT: It is very important that we have current contact information for all of our students. If your phone, address, or emergency contact information should change, please be sure to contact the school office so that we have the current information.

NEW Vaccination Requirements for Pre-K & Kindergarten Students

Multnomah County requirements for Hepatitis A Vaccination have changed. Pre-K & kindergarten students that do not have 2 doses of Hep A by mid-February will not be permitted to return to school. If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K or K, these requirements apply to your child. If you have questions, please our school nurse Martha Button, or contact MESD Immunizations at 503-257-1760.

Inclement Weather & Emergency Closures

When school closure decisions are made, the district instantly publishes the information through their web site at:

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

Television and radio stations get their information from this service, but sometimes their broadcast of updates is delayed. If you have internet access, the link above is the first place you should check for weather-related closure information. The site is available 24 hours a day. This information can also be reached from our web site, <http://lewiselementary.org> Please note, that unless it is pouring down rain, we go out for recess each day at lunch hour. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.



Lewis Web Site and Information via E-Mail

I would like to remind our community that copies of this newsletter and other information can be found on the Lewis Elementary web site:

<http://lewiselementary.org>

In addition we have created a **Google Group** that can be subscribed to to allow you to receive notices and updates from the school office via email.

Announcements and timely updates are available via this group email list. To sign up, please visit the link below:

<http://groups.google.com/group/lewiselementary>



Lost & Found

All unclaimed items will be sent to the PTA Clothes Closet at Marshall High School on Friday, December 19th.

Silverware Drive

Do you have any extra forks or spoons at your house that you would like to donate to the Lewis cafeteria? Once we gather enough utensils, and with the help of our amazing volunteer tray washers, we will eliminate the use of plastic ware and reduce the amount of garbage created during lunchtime. We currently

have 104 forks and 104 spoons. We need 250 forks and 200 spoons to start using real silverware. The collection bin is located in the office. Thank you for your help!

Walk & Bike Day

Families should receive a form with next week's newsletter to enroll in the Lewis Walk & Bike punch card program. We will begin punching cards immediately after winter break so that students can start earning rewards. Bundle up and get the blood flowing every morning! Also, don't forget that next Wednesday is Lewis Walk & Bike Day.

Walk and Bike Planning Meeting- Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Childcare will be provided.

Walk Through Peacock Lane: Dec. 14

On Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 pm, Safer Routes is sponsoring a holiday walk through Peacock Lane. Go to www.bta4bikes.org for additional information.

PTA Clothing Swap:

Mid-January (date to be determined) we will have our first ever Lewis Clothing Swap. Get your gently used clothing (infants-grown-ups) ready! There will be bins set-up after Winter Break. All members of the Lewis Community are invited to participate. All left over clothing will be donated to the PTA Clothes Closet. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lori L_hymowitz@yahoo.com

Scrip Gift Cards...Support the Lewis Library

We are selling gift cards (scrip) to raise money for the Lewis library! We will have cards on hand for purchase on Tuesday and Friday mornings, beginning this Friday, December 5 at 8:40 in front of the main office. Remember that scrip is an even money exchange; if you pay \$50 you receive \$50 worth of gift cards. There will also be two more orders prior to Christmas, so this is a great way to buy Christmas gifts while raising money for the library! Order turn in dates: Monday, December 8 and Monday, December 15. Orders will be returned the Friday of each week.

PTA Auction Meeting: December 16

If you are signed-up, or are interested in helping procure items for the auction this year, please come to a short meeting on Tuesday, December 16th, in Room 3, at 3:15. We will go over different areas, suggested techniques and I will give you a packet with all you will need to secure donations for the upcoming auction. Everyone is welcome and the more help we have, the smaller the job is for everyone! Hope to see you Tuesday!
NOTE: If you know you want to procure, but cannot make the meeting, call and I will arrange a time to get you everything you will need.

Kung-Fu Club News

Lewis Elementary's after-school Kung Fu Club is now selling student-designed "Ninja in Training" t-shirts as a means to help raise funds to cover costs of the program. Shirts are available in the school office in youth and adult sizes in black design on white t-shirt, or white design on black t-shirt. The cost is \$10.00 per shirt [checks payable to Lewis PTA]. Feel free to call Lara at 503-432-7450, or e-mail info@kungfuoutreach.org for more info.



Butterfly Garden Workparty This Thursday

This Thursday December 11th from 3:00 to 4:30 we invite you to help us with a final clean-up and weeding of the Butterfly Garden to put it to sleep for the winter.



Upcoming Events

- ★December 11 - Walk & Bike Committee Meeting 3:00
- ★December 12 - Report Cards sent home
- ★December 17 - Walk and Bike Day
- ★December 19 - Last day before Winter Break