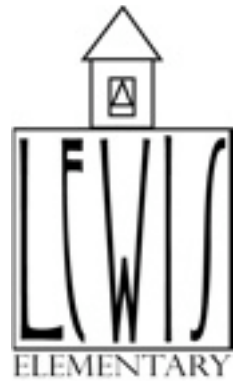


# Meriwether Lewis Elementary School

## Weekly Letter

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

June 3, 2009



### Principal Notes From Mr. Lauer

**Volunteer Breakfast: Friday, June 5, 8:00 am in the Cafeteria**  
One of the aspects of Lewis that I find most heartening is the tremendous volunteer support we get from our parents and the larger community. From working in classrooms with students, taking part in our SMART program, serving on school committees, to making copies and everything in between, our volunteers help make our school the place that it is. To show our appreciation we invite those that have volunteered at Lewis to attend our Volunteer Breakfast that will take place this Friday, June 5 at 8:00 am in our school cafeteria.

### End of Year Picnic Report

Last Friday we had our end of year picnic and BBQ on the playground field. In addition to the picnic our school nurse Martha Button and our school secretary, Tracy Buckley, were also working to sell low cost bike and skateboard helmets through the support of Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, an organization that promotes safety for children. They were able to fit and sell 64 helmets during the picnic.

It was a great event and I wanted to thank Stephanie Sook and Sarah Kohn for their work organizing the event and also the many volunteers who helped with set up and clean up. Also special thanks to local businesses Otto's, Portland Fruit Company, Albertson's in Milwaukie, and Surf Shack for their generous donations of food. Finally, I wanted to acknowledge the incredible entertainment by our own Boomin' Beats, Chris Hawking and The Satisfied Minds who performed some great music and to Paul Gibson for his magic show!

### Report Cards and Information about Next School Year

The last day of school will be Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Teachers will be working on report cards on Thursday, June 11 and they will be mailed home the week of June 15. Student placements for next year will be made over the summer and families will receive a welcome letter from their child's new teacher in late August.

### School Calendar 2009-2010

The school calendar for next year is just about set. The new calendar has added 5 additional days of instruction. The first day of school for the 2009-2010 school year will be Tuesday, September 8. This was accomplished by converting one of the days set aside for conferences into an instructional day, and by doing away with 4 professional development days. A 2 hour late opening has been set for the 3rd Wednesday of the following months: September, October, December, January, February, March, April and May. On these Wednesdays, school will start at 10:40.

Please also note that the Superintendent's latest budget proposal is proposing shortening the school year by 5 days to balance the budget. At this writing we do not yet know when those days will be. As this information becomes available we will share it with you via our web site and it will also be available on the PPS web site.

Sincerely,  
Tim Lauer

### Lost and Found

A reminder to parents to please check the lost and found. We have moved the racks into the primary hallway. Items left at the end of the school year will be donated.



### INSURANCE SIGN-UP CLINIC

The Northside Family Support Center in collaboration with MESD will be offering the final insurance sign-up clinic of the school year. The clinic will be held at the Family Support Center at Applegate 7650 N. Commercial Ave. Students will be screened and enrolled in the insurance program that best fits their individual needs. Assistance will be available in Spanish and English and other languages if requested in advance. Families are encouraged to call for an appointment 503-916-5875. Mary Krogh, Manager, Northside Family Support Center, 503-916-5876, mkrogh@pps.k12.or.us

### 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:

Sweetpea 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. Sweetpea 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

Way to go Lewis walkers and bikers! 214 students have used alternative transportation on at least one day since we started tracking in January, logging over 7200 total trips. We'll be sending out final tallies so that students can have a chance to redeem their points for prizes.

We also had another successful May Walk + Bike Challenge Month, tallying over 2200 total trips. We averaged 111 walkers/bikers per day, and had a record 160 students walk or bike on the day of the Lewis Walk & Bike Festival. Families interested in coming to the challenge month celebration at PGE Park on Friday, June 12 should contact Art Burden at [aburden@hevanet.com](mailto:aburden@hevanet.com) or go to [www.bta4bikes.org](http://www.bta4bikes.org) for more info.

Finally, parents interested in having their children represent Lewis Walk & Bike in the Woodstock parade on July 18th should sign up on the form in the office."

### Medication PickUp

At the end of the school year, please be sure to pick up any medications on file in the school office.

### Yearbooks

Limited supply available for purchase. Available in the office \$15.

### Volunteer Breakfast Friday, June 5, 2009 8:00 am

All those that have helped during this past school year are cordially invited to our Volunteer Breakfast. Please RSVP by calling the school office or returning your invitation.



## Lewis Elementary School



# Spring Music Concert

Thursday, June 4, 2009  
6:00 pm

Performances by our

- Recorder Club
- Strings
- Instrumental Band
- Boom'n Beats

