

Sellwood Middle School NEWSLETTER

August 5, 2019

Summer Newsletter, 2019/20

Summer Greetings to Sellwood Families and Community Members,

From Jeandré Carbone
Sellwood Principal



It is with great honor and anticipation that I welcome you to the 2019/20 school year as the new principal of Sellwood Middle School.

Since being hired as principal in June, I have had the opportunity to speak with several Sellwood teachers, parents, and community members. During these conversations, I felt the community's pride in Sellwood students' high academic achievement, the strong and caring teaching staff, the school's rich history, and the active, supportive Sellwood community. I also heard voiced the desire for an already great school to shine even brighter.

I have also spent more time getting to know Sellwood better. I spent several summer afternoons taking my dog, Dexter, for a swim at the Sellwood Riverfront Park.

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead Sellwood Middle School, and look forward to working with you. I welcome your involvement, so feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns or suggestions to help make 2019/20 the best year yet!



Schedule and Dates

This week:

August 8: Secretaries Return

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

August 12 and 13: Building Closed

August 24, 9 to 12 noon: Community Care Day

August 28: First Day for 6th-graders!

August 29: First Day for 7th and 8th-graders!

Sept. 1: Labor Day – No School

Sept. 4, 5:30 to 7:30 PM: Back-to-School BBQ

Sept. 11, 6:30-8 PM: Back-to-School Night

Sept. 13: Picture Day

October 11: No School

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From Bethany Nelson
Sellwood Assistant Principal



I am beyond thrilled to be joining the Sellwood Middle School community. For the last 10 years I've worked at Jackson Middle School, as a teacher, SMS, and Artful Learning coordinator. Prior to my time at JMS I taught seniors at Marshall High School.

When I made the switch from HS to MS I found my calling. I adore the humor, compassion, and earnestness unique to middle schoolers.

When I'm not at work, I bike, create, read, listen to music, and adventure through Portland with my husband and two daughters.

I've heard such great things about Sellwood Middle School's students, staff, and community, and I am honored to be a part of it. I plan to be at Sellwood's Community Care Project on August 24th, and hope to meet you all there.

Summer Building Opening Dates

Sellwood Middle School will be open starting **August 8th** when secretaries return to work. However, please note that Professional development for secretaries and administrators will require building closure on August 12 and 13.

Here is the schedule:

- August 8 and 9: Building is open. (Administrators will be off-campus for district training).
- August 12 and 13: Secretaries attend required training – Building is closed.
- August 14: Administrators will be off-campus for district training. Building remains open.

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Community Care Day

Project Community Care Day is an annual tradition and a wonderful opportunity to help beautify our school grounds. This year it will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Help us prepare the Sellwood Campus to welcome students back to class this fall. Join Sellwood staff and community volunteers in enhancing and beautifying our building and grounds. Please also remember to bring water and a snack, and any favorite tools you may have. Questions? E-mail volunteer@pps.net.

Important Information about the Start of School

- August 28th: First day of school for 6th-graders so we can provide them a special orientation.
- August 29th: First day of school for 7th & 8th-graders.

Back-to-School Supply List

The required student supply list can be found on Sellwood's website <https://www.pps.net/sellwood>. We will also send it to families through School Messenger as a PDF document. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or if you need assistance providing the items on the list.

Please keep an eye out for more emailed information as well as updates to our website, as we prepare to get the school year up and running. See you soon!