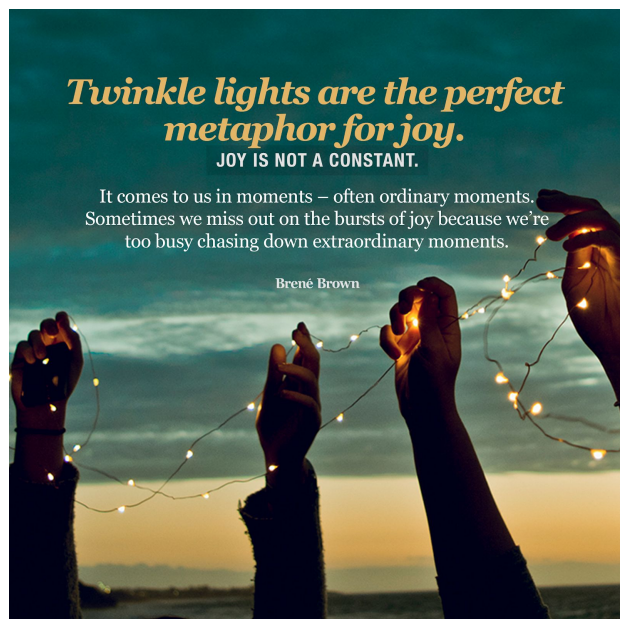


Dear Llewellyn Families,



As the holiday season and winter break are fast approaching, we know this year they will be different. While many of us will need to alter celebrations with family members and/or vacation plans due to the pandemic, one thing remains steady and strong; we can still find joy.

I am lucky to find joy everyday at Llewellyn in seeing and hearing the smiles and laughter of students as they interact online with their teachers and classmates. I find joy in watching the light bulb turn on when a student has learned something new or when they have been challenged but then triumph through a difficult assignment or technology complication. When discussing how characters

in a book students are reading are changing or students share their understanding of how the brain works in different situations, I am reminded of the value in listening intently to how our students are putting together their understanding of our world.

As we continue to balance working and schooling from home along with preparing for the holiday season, I hope you can find those bursts of joy. While they might just be ordinary moments like those listed above, joy is especially important in these times. Thank you for helping to keep our Llewellyn stars burning bright!

Be Safe! Be Well!
★Principal Pam

★ **Star Flier - The deadline has been extended.** Encourage your students to share their pieces with our community. They will be published Authors!! Please send their writing (doesn't have to be long) to Mark Robb (mrobb@pps.net) **by December 8th**. We'd love to have a picture (photo) that goes with the story as well. Thanks for helping to revive this school tradition! We hope to put out this year's first edition in December before Winter Break.

★**Holiday Wreath Pick Up:**

Don't forget that this Saturday, December 5th is Holiday Wreath pick up day between 1:00-2:00 pm at 7036 SE 19th Ave (cross street is Bybee). Contact Damian Rothermal at 503.730.8644 if you have any questions.

★From the Library:

★**Book Bag pick-ups** from the Library are back on for the remainder of the weeks we are in school in December. Come Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:30-2:00. Return your previous book bag for others to enjoy or come for the first time. We've got bags of books ready to be enjoyed by your students, including lots of new books that have just been added to the library, and several copies of OBOB books.

★**Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)** is still on at Llewellyn this school year, although it will be slightly different. Students in grades 3-5 were asked in their Seesaw Library classroom to state their level of interest in competing to see who knows the most about 16 pre-selected books. Check with your student whether they submitted the form. If they're still interested but haven't responded, it's not too late. Ask your student to please respond by Dec. 11, so that Ms. Gilkey can help form teams that don't have enough players yet. Our school OBOB competition will be later in the spring (April) to allow for the possibility of in-person battles outside. Have questions? Contact school librarian, Nancy Gilkey, at ngilkey@pps.net.

★**School Directories** are here! You can pick up one for your family from the Library during Book Bag pick up times. Thank you to Megan Perkins and Stacey Lovett for all your work putting it together!

★From our Counselors:

Happy December, Llewellyn community!

As we move into Winter, our students seem to be settling nicely into managing classwork and reaching out to teachers or adults if they need help. If you are in need of mental health resources for you or your family, please feel free to check out PPS's new [Mental wellness resources handout](#) for a list of helpful numbers and other resources.

During our classroom counselor lessons this month we have continued our talks about The Zones of Regulation and we are now focusing on how to identify **triggers and tools for self-regulation**. Feel free to check out my [Seesaw lesson on making a Zones tool jar](#) to practice these important skills at home! You can also check out our [Zones Sensory Break Virtual Classroom](#) as a resource to help your child get back into the green zone when needed. If your child is feeling overwhelmed or experiencing stress related to school, you can also check out these [At Home Strategies for Distance Learning](#) to help alleviate some of these concerns.

Miss Brittany (bsill@pps.net) and Ms. Allie (apenix@pps.net) are happy to check-in with families as needed - just email us and let us know how we can support you!

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend,
Ms. Allie and Miss Brittany

★From the District:

[Tools For Noticing my Emotions](#), a one page flyer. The flyer also contains links to more detailed information on the strategy, as well as a link to the MTSS At-Home Strategies Website, accessible to educators and families wishing to learn more.

★Free Parent Workshop!

Big Village and Volunteers of America are offering a [free workshop on parenting](#) through the holidays during a pandemic on Thursday 12/10/20 from 6:00-7:30. It will include brief presentations, resources and strategies and break out groups for parents to connect and share with other parents. Questions? Please contact Mary Krogh by email or at 503-577-6104.

Mary Stevens-Krogh, Coordinator of Substance Use Supports, mkrogh@pps.net, 503-577-6104

★PARENT WORKSHOP ON EARLY READING SKILLS

The Humanities Department is offering a virtual workshop in collaboration with Read by 4th, Drexel University School of Education, and AIM Institute designed to help parents grow their grade K-3 students into strong readers. This workshop will have ideas for making reading fun with the ultimate goal of reading by 4th grade. Parents will receive a workbook to use during and after this workshop.

Sessions will be offered in both Spanish and English with translation available during the English session. Sessions will be recorded. Administrators, please share with teachers and include in your family newsletters.

- Friday, December 11, 2020 (4:00 pm-6:00 pm) - English with translation
- Saturday, December 12, 2020 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm) - Spanish

[Registration link](#) [English flyer](#) [Spanish flyer](#)

Jennifer Hernandez, Assistant Director, Humanities, OTL, jhernandez1@pps.net

★REBEL WISE - STUDENT WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

Rebel Wise are a local Hip-Hop collaborative who are currently offering student workshops that combine music videos with interviews of indigenous Elder teachings, lead talking circles, and guide students through a creative undertaking. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Tarehna Wicker, Program Associate, Humanities, twicker@pps.net

★Shop Local to support our community!

The Sellwood-Moreland Business Alliance is launching a **Shop Local** campaign to support our neighborhood businesses in this challenging COVID economy. They are asking neighbors to take the pledge to shop and dine locally this holiday season.

Need ideas? [Here's a list](#) of local shops, restaurants, wellness and community services to get you started. You can help us get the "shop local" word out by buying

and displaying a "Shop Local" lawn sign. [Purchase one online](#) or at Oodles 4 Kids, Milieu, and the Bull and the Bee.

Let's show our local small businesses that we want to keep them in the neighborhood -- pledge to shop local!

Important Dates:

December 21-Jan 1	Winter Break
January 4, 2021	First Day Back
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 28	End of Quarter 2
Jan 29	Teacher Planning Day