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Llewellyn Friday Family Anncouncements 12/11

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Dear Llewellyn Families,

"Wherever there is a human need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference." Kevin Heath

We are in the final stretch before the Winter Break. Hang in there! Only 10 more days left, but who's counting? We know that everyone: kids, parents, and staff are tired and ready to move away from computer screens. I don't think I have to tell you that this fall has been a huge ask for all involved. Nevertheless, we continue to focus on what's important, the social emotional and academic health of our students. We are grateful to you, our parents and caregivers, who have learned alongside us and continue to give your all everyday.

In this season of giving, we at Llewellyn are thankful for all we have received. Our volunteer school groups such as the PTA and Foundation continue to work hard to support students and staff. Fundraising efforts (Wrapping Paper and Wreath Sales) will allow students to have quality art experiences next year. Thank you everyone for your support of these fundraisers even during these difficult times and all you do for us every day as well!

Speaking of giving back, make sure to check out the Shop Local notice later in this newsletter. Many of these businesses have supported Llewellyn in the past and need our help now. If you can help, they would greatly appreciate your business.

COMING SOON!!!!! Our first Star Flier issue of the year will be released next Friday! A link will be put in our newsletter and on the Llewellyn School Website. I can hardly wait for you to read it!

Be Well! & Be Safe! Principal Pam

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.

<u>School Directories</u> 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:

Hello Llewellyn community!

As we head into Winter Break, the Llewellyn Counseling team wanted to let you know that we are here to support you and your students with whatever you need. Ms. Brittany sent out an email earlier this week regarding the PPS coat drive, so we wanted to remind you that if you are interested in gently used coats, hoodies, or blankets please email either myself (apenix@pps.net) or Brittany (bsill@pps.net) with the item and size.

Additionally, the counseling team is excited to announce that we will be offering weekly lunch bunch groups as well as a weekly mindfulness group when we return from winter break. Ms. Allie will meet with students in grades KG - 2, while Ms. Brittany will meet with students grades 3 - 5. All groups will be held from 11:30 am - 12 pm, with each grade having its own meeting day. *These groups are voluntary and open to everyone*, and we will give more details and re-share the information with teachers and families before returning from break. Stay tuned!

Also, don't forget to check out PPS's At Home Strategies for Distance Learning website if you are looking for resources to help you at home with your student during this time.

We hope you have a wonderful week!,

Ms. Allie and Ms. Brittany

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? <u>Here's a list</u> 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. <u>Purchase one online</u> 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!

From the School Nurse:

Immunization news from Nurse LeAnn!

Please continue to send or bring in immunization records to your child's school. Though many schools and districts are still be providing distance learning, Oregon school law still mandates immunization compliance by February 17, 2021. Getting your child's immunizations completed as soon as possible will help to ready them for in school instruction when we return to school buildings. If you need assistance in locating a health care provider or clinic site, please contact Nurse LeAnn. We know that many routine appointments were

delayed during COVID restrictions; so, that is why exclusion letters were sent earlier this year to give parents time to schedule appointments.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics, and its 67,000 members, urges parents to make the decision to immunize... Vaccines are simply the best way to protect our children from these viruses and bacteria that can cause real and devastating harm." AAP message on immunizations

In addition, the flu vaccination is recommended, "to reduce the burden of respiratory illnesses and hospitalizations of children and youth and to prevent overwhelming the capacity of the US Healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic. "CDC on Flu & children

Check with your PCP if having symptoms of COVID-19 but here are some places you can get testing for COVID-19 in Multnomah County:

Multnomah County COVID-19 testing

Walgreens Testing

Zoom Care Testing

OSHU Testing info

AFC Urgent Care

Sincerely, LeAnn Teixeira RN

From the District:

DECEMBER MEAL SERVICES

The Nutrition Services department will be providing extra meals each service day to help keep our students with access to food as we head into the winter break. Each service day through December 16, we will be providing 3 days worth of meals for each child. On Friday, December 18, we will provide each child with a food box that will contain enough food for 7 days. We will not be serving or delivering meals on Monday, Dec 21 through Friday, January 1. Meal services will resume Monday, January 4.

Thank you for sharing updates with your school community. Please feel free to visit our website where you can find resources such as our menu to help guide families with what we plan to serve for each day and enrichment activities, or contact us at nutritionservices@pps.net with any questions and requests for home meal delivery.

Whitney Ellersick, Senior Director, Nutrition Services, wellersi@pps.net

Important Dates:

December 21-Jan 1 Winter Break

January 4, 2021 First Day Back

January 18 Martin Luther King Day - No School

January 28 End of Quarter 2

January 29 Teacher Planning Day - No School

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