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Llewellyn Thursday Family Announcements

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GREETINGS LLEWELLYN COMMUNITY!



Dear Families,

Happy Thursday! I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. This week marks our seventh week of Distance Learning with four more weeks left in the school year. I can hardly believe it!

I want to acknowledge how challenging this journey has been at times and to appreciate and honor how ALL of the Llewellyn Community (students, families, and staff) have stepped up to the plate for our students. Through the tireless hours, the frustrations with technology at times, and the real need for human (not virtual) interaction, everyone has mustered the strength to keep on going. Don't give up now! One way that I have found to keep myself going is to look for the BRIGHT SPOTS. By focusing on the good things that are happening and the joy mixed in even the toughest of days, I am able to re-energize myself and to keep moving forward. **Joy collected over time, fuels resiliency.** My biggest joy comes from visiting classrooms virtually and seeing students smiling, sharing their joy in having a new puppy, mastering math facts, or completing and sharing a project for which they are proud. One particular bright spot in this week has been seeing our Kindergartener's surprised faces when the principal popped into their class meeting to read to them. Their laughter and curiosity is so contagious!

As we wind up the year we are planning end of the year celebrations and awaiting further direction as to when students will be allowed to return to school to obtain their belongings. My best guess is that it will be either one of the last few days of school. Please stay tuned for further details!

Rising 6th Graders:

5th graders will be receiving instructions for Forecasting for Sellwood Middle School. The Sellwood Principal, staff, and students have prepared amazing videos that provide answers to the most frequent questions all incoming 6th graders have about Middle School. A second video explains how to fill out the Forecasting Form (selection of electives). Please take a few minutes to complete the Forecasting Form with your child before the end of next week. Staff at Sellwood need this information to complete scheduling for the fall.

Furlough Fridays:

Don't forget that even though teachers will not be leading instruction on Fridays, your child can still continue to learn. All PPS online apps and your student's teachers' sites will still be available. This is a great day to catch up on anything that remains to be done!

Calendar:

Llewellyn Auction - May 16-22

Rising 6th Graders Forecasting Forms due - Thursday, May 21

The Last Day of School is now - Wednesday, June 10th

Fright Night 2.0:

Okay...so maybe Friday the 13th is not our lucky day! As you know, we had to cancel our in-person auction scheduled on March 13. The funds raised at this event are vital to the PTA and Foundation as they support programming and staff for next school year.

We need your support, now more than ever. Because of the cancellation of this event and all activities for the rest of the school year, we've lost critical funding of more than \$95,000 for next year and the ability to host any in-person fundraising events in the near future.

This is your chance to make a difference and support our school from home. We hope you will join us for Auction 2.0 – an online fundraising event! Funds from the auction will support both the PTA and the Foundation.

Money raised for the PTA will provide funds to teachers to supplement classroom supplies, field trips, art curriculum and more. All of which is not supported by the district.

Foundation funds will provide additional teaching resources in our school for the 2020 – 2021 year. These resources directly help student in the classroom by providing one-on-one or small group support in math, reading and more.

Fright Night 2.0

Bidding Opens: May 16, 2020 at 8:00 am

Bidding Ends: May 22, 2020 at 8:00 pm

<https://lewellynauction2020.ggo.bid>

Register Today and Preview the Packages by Visiting the Site

We want to thank the volunteers who spent countless hours planning, procuring and creating for the event. Your tireless work has not gone unnoticed! And to all the amazing local businesses, families and community members who donated items for our auction. Thank you! We look forward to eating, shopping and visiting you soon.

Please remember that donations to the PTA and Foundation are tax deductible as allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor.

New This Year: As an added bonus of the federal stimulus package, if you take the standard deduction, you are allowed to deduct up to \$300 per taxpayer in charitable giving in 2020. As always, please consult with your tax advisor.

Please Note: While great effort has gone into confirming that certificates in the packages are still valid, the Llewellyn PTA and Foundation do not guarantee the validity of certificates due circumstances beyond our control.

Winning bidders will be contacted after May 22, 2020 to arrange for porch pick up of the items they won in the Sellwood/Moreland neighborhood.

From PPS:

As our community deals with fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, we want to make Portland Public Schools families aware of a state benefit to help pay for food. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program, or P-EBT, is available to help families offset the cost of meals that would have been consumed at school. It is administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services.

The P-EBT benefit is available to families with a student who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals and any student enrolled in a [Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\) school](#). For those families:

- Households who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Association Program (SNAP), which offers food benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families, will have benefits automatically deposited to their existing EBT accounts. There is no additional paperwork to submit to receive P-EBT benefits.
- Households who currently qualify for free or reduced-price meals or attend a CEP school will receive an Oregon Trail Card in the mail along with instructions on how to activate or refuse benefits. There is no additional paperwork to submit to receive P-EBT benefits.

For families not currently eligible and seeking benefits:

- Households financially impacted by COVID-19 may qualify for SNAP. See the [program's website](#) to learn more.
- Families who have experienced income loss may now be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Apply online at pps.net/nutrition.

For assistance with submitting a meal application, please contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office: mealbenefits@pps.net or 503-916-3402.

For Pandemic-EBT questions, please contact the [Oregon Department of Human Services](#).

Register for Kindergarten Online!

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, please register for kindergarten! To register, go to pps.net/kinderenroll. The process takes 20-30 minutes and school staff will follow up with you later in the summer. With schools closed, online registration is the easiest option, but paper options will be available soon. **You don't need to register if** your child attends a PPS Head Start or Pre-Kindergarten program.

Online registration for all grades will open as of May 18th.

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