

SES PTSA Messenger
March 19, 2010

Week of March 22-26 NO SCHOOL (Spring Break) No Messenger--Very limited access to list serve

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Calendar of Events:

Friday, March 19 at 11:30
SES Early Release

March 22-26
SPRING BREAK

Friday, April 9- Sunday April 11
Westwind Family Weekend

Friday, April 16-18
Useful Goods Exchange
K-8 Family Sock Hop at 6pm

Monday, April 19 at 3:30pm
Site Council

Tuesday, April 20 at 8:30am
Walk from Park to School

Wednesday, April 21 at 10:45
Late Arrival

Saturday, April 24 evening
SES All Adult Prom

Notes from the PTSA:

SES PTSA Plant Sale Begins soon!

Has the recent stretch of nice weather got you thinking about your garden? The PTSA is here to help! Please watch your student's mailbox (or backpack) for the New Leaf Greenhouse Plant Sale flyers that will be sent home next week. There is a wide variety of starter plants for your flower or vegetable garden for sale, and the proceeds support the SES PTSA. Orders are due to the front office by Friday April 2nd, and the plants will be delivered the afternoon of Wednesday April 28th - just in time for the great spring weather!
In addition, the PTSA will continue to sell Territorial Seeds.

Questions about the Plant sale may be directed to barnett.claire@gmail.com and questions about the seed sale may be directed to ccarrell@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your continued support.

Westwind Weekend will soon be here!

There are about 30 spots left so act quickly!

<http://sesptsa.com/documents/westwind10reg.pdf>
<http://sesptsa.com/documents/WESTWINDHEALTH2010.pdf>

Westwind Family Camp is coming soon! For those of you unfamiliar with this longstanding EMS/SES tradition, you are in for a treat if you choose to attend. The PTSA coordinates a cooperative family campout at Camp Westwind on the Oregon coast. All campers pitch in with cooking, cleaning, and creating cherished memories. See the camp website for more details at www.westwind.org. We are set to camp the weekend of Friday, April 9th to Sunday, April 11th. Friday the 9th is a full school day. As Westwind is located on an isolated peninsula, access to the camp is provided via a ferry across the Salmon River. The arrival crossing is at 10 am on Friday morning.

Plan on leaving Portland by 7:30-8 am as the drive takes 2-2.5 hours. If you are absolutely unable to arrive by then, there are other options. You can cross the river by canoe or walk in. The canoe option is contingent upon fellow campers bringing a canoe and arranging to meet you or bringing your own canoe. You can also walk about two miles into the camp via an unpaved road which can take from 30-60 minutes. We will depart on Sunday at 12 pm. Registration forms are attached and hard copies are available in the SES office. If you will be bringing another child with your family, you will need to fill out and turn in the Health Form. Please return completed forms and payment to the Westwind registration box in the SES office.

In order to balance K-5 and 6-8/alumni participation, we have set aside a portion of spaces for both student populations (and their families). The first 150 campers, within the allotted spaces for each of the two groups, to register and pay will have their spots reserved. You will receive a registration confirmation or notice that you are on the waiting list by Tuesday, March 16th. The cost is \$50 per person (only co-sleeping infants are free) which covers lodging and food. Please contact Cindy Ewers at hamiwers@comcast.net or 971-570-1616 with any questions

School Happenings...

SES Math Website

**Is your student needing extra practice or help in Math?
Are you interested in some Math Web Sites and Interesting Games?**

I have collected a bunch of Websites that you can use at home to help your son/daughter with math skills.

Go to: <http://guest.portaportal.com/sesmathportal>

You will find:

Math Games; Practice Sheets; Help with multiplication facts, fractions, decimals.

The PPS Math Curriculum website

Homework Help Sites

And more!! Check it out!

(I will be adding more to it as time goes on. If you know of more sites that would be interesting to include, please email me: jrichter@pps.k12.or.us)

John Richter, Math Teacher

LIBRARY UPDATE: A new wall is being built in the library (between the library and Logan's room) over Spring Break! Please pardon our temporary closure and dust during the book moving and construction - we should be fully up and running again by the week of April 5th. I'm really looking forward to welcoming students back to the library! -Kathryn, the librarian

Community Happenings...

Brandon has created a link for summer camps on the website. These camps must be approved by school administration before being added. There is no endorsement by SES PTSA implied in this listing. <http://sesptsa.com/camps/camps.php>

Volunteer Site

I came across this article that lists resources for family volunteering - there are even spots open for Spring Break! Can you pass this on to the SES listserv wherever we can post this to our SES community? It is a great resource for volunteering.

<http://handsongreaterportland.blogspot.com/2010/03/lack-of-family-volunteering-motivates.html>

Thank you! Annette Shaff-Palmer

Spring Into Camp Fire

Camp Fire is excited to share how we are blossoming into Spring! Starting April 5th, we will begin a whole new set of clubs. Also, in an effort to meet the needs of more of the SES community, we have overhauled the schedule to provide more opportunities for joy and learning! For 9 weeks from 3:00-4:30, we will offer 9 clubs as varied as puppets to frisbee and mythology to wild papyrus for SES students in grades k-5. Also, for our 3-5 grade students, we have Mr. Scrigglebottom's Lounge that is open for enjoyment and brain teasers from 3:00-4:30. On top of these great programs, we have 3 Trail to WoHeLo opportunities for both students and parents interested in enriching activities from 5:00-6:00. Curious yet? Lots of ways to find out more! Check out the Spring Camp Fire brochure. Look at the SES After School bulletin board to the right of the main entrance. Chat with any Camp Fire staff. Contact Amber Peoples, Site Manager, at 503-209-6869 or apeoples@portlandcampfire.org

“Just Desserts” for Franklin

Enjoy an evening of art, desserts and entertainment from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, at the Bossanova Ballroom, 722 E. Burnside, sponsored by Tran's Auto Services, Muse Art and Design, Jim Caplener of Realty Trust, and some very generous Franklin parents! The silent auction, sponsored by the Franklin High School PTA, will benefit Franklin's visual, industrial and performing arts and the PTA. Tickets, which include an array of goodies, are only \$15 prior to April 1 and \$20 after April 1 and at the door. You may order tickets and view the online auction catalog by going to the “Just Desserts” web site at <http://franklin.schoolauction.net/justdesserts> or contact tcarp@hevanet.com. For more information, contact Tammy Carpenter, at tcarp@hevanet.com or 503-232-5152.

Sunnyside Comics Club is meeting again! Students of all grades are welcome to participate, we meet in Logan's classroom on Friday afternoons from 3pm until 4pm. The club is free but we do ask that each student donate \$10 toward snack and materials. We work on individual and group projects, talk about our favorite comic artists and books and share ideas about art and comics with one another. Students are welcome to drop in though we do ask that you stay for the entire hour and that parents pick-up kids inside the classroom or library promptly at 4pm since this is a volunteer group coordinated by parents. If you've got further questions please email Shawn@twobeeindustires.com