

Wolf Tracks



Sauk Trail PTA Newsletter

October 2014

A Note from our President:

A big thank you to everyone that came to our first PTA meeting last week. It was great to see familiar faces and to meet some new members. Aside from discussing the year ahead, we also enjoyed an informative presentation from Officer Wilson about the Internet & our children. Thank you for all the great input that was shared at the meeting. This year is shaping up to be a fantastic one!

Be sure to check out all the wonderful information in this newsletter from our great committees.

-Jen Ruedebusch

Sauk Trail PTA Board Members

Jen Ruedebusch, President

Amber Sehgal, Vice President

Alex Kasper, Treasurer

Brad Bishop, Secretary

**Help
Wanted**

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Immediate need for individual(s) to maintain the PTA Website. Knowledge of WordPress and/or a desire to learn it (quickly) is required. Weekly posting and site maintenance involved, approximately 3 hours per month.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE: Individuals needed to organize all aspects of the Winter Carnival (obtain games, volunteers and prizes; advertise; setup/cleanup), which is held the same night as the school auction (Feb 6th). Approximately 20 hours. Independent task, daytime availability is not required.



Scholastic Book Fair

Don't forget about the Scholastic Book Fair!

Monday- Friday (10/20-10/24)

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *and* during the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday evening.

October Calendar

10/1 to 10/29: Box Top\$ Classroom Challenge

10/10: Big Blast Fundraiser Party

10/14: Picture Retakes

10/15: Homecoming Parade – 5:30 p.m.

10/20 to 10/24: Scholastic Book Fair

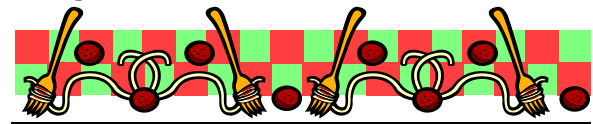
10/24: Spaghetti Dinner – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

10/29: Halloween Assembly – 8:00 a.m.

10/30 & 10/31: No School (Staff Development)



Spaghetti Dinner



We hope you've already got this Sauk Trail family favorite marked on your calendar! This annual event is a great opportunity to meet your kids' classmates and families while enjoying a delicious meal together and playing some fun games.

All Sauk Trail students and their families are invited, but students need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Menu includes: Rotini with your choice of marinara or meat sauce, salad with dressing choice, dinner roll and selection of cookies

Save time in line and buy meal tickets ahead of time—we strongly encourage families to do this! You will not receive a paper ticket, but will be put on a Meal Ticket List, which will allow for quick entry at the event. Order your tickets by October 8th.

For more information or to volunteer at this event, please contact Lindsay Lyons (linzlyons@yahoo.com) or Tina Miller (disneytina79@gmail.com).

Next PTA Meeting is on Tuesday, November 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 at Sauk Trail—Hope to see you there!



WANNA show School Community support?
 WANNA get some exercise?
 WANNA promote our Great Sauk Trail?
 WANNA GO TO HOMECOMING?
 ...well at least the parade?

We are looking for energetic Sauk Trail students and adults to walk in the high school homecoming parade on OCTOBER 15th! Participants will wear our school shirts/colors to show our school spirit! We will line up at 5pm, with more specific details to follow!

At the end of the route there will be bounce houses and food for sale! Stick around and help cheer for the Cardinals!

Contact us for details: Jen Read jenread@tds.net
 OR Jen Ruedebusch jen.ruedebusch@outlook.com



Glove Drive

Nobody likes the cold tingly feeling that gloveless fingers have during the cold winter months! As you pull out your winter gear to get ready for the snow, please consider donating any gently used gloves (no mittens and/or knit gloves) that you no longer need. Sauk Trail would like to replenish its supply of warm gloves, so our Sauk Trail student can keep their fingers warm while out on the playground! (Note: If you come across other unwanted winter gear, please consider donating the items to M.O.M.).

Gloves maybe sent into school with your students anytime between October 20th and November 7th. However, we encourage families to bring their donations to the Spaghetti Dinner on October 24th. Every pair of donated gloves will earn you a free game ticket and a chance to earn a fun prize!

Sauk Trail Spirit Wear

Items ordered are expected to arrive during the next two weeks and will be delivered directly to your student's classroom. If you selected "pick-up" when ordering, you will receive a call that your items are ready at the school office. Go Sauk Trail Wolves!



Box Top\$ Classroom Challenge



Let's hear it for a Fall Box Top\$ fundraiser! Send in your Box Top\$ for Education during the month of October—the top three classrooms to collect the highest average number of Box Top\$ will earn a special surprise. Each Box Top collected is worth 10 cents and can be used for additional resources for Sauk Trail. For a list Box Top\$-eligible products, go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/participating-products>



DID YOU KNOW???

We currently have 21,125 items in the library collection. This includes books, audio books, AV materials, posters, and magazines. Last school year we had 27,701 items circulate through Sauk Trail's library.

The top 5 titles with the most circulation so far this year are as follows:

1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney
2. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney
3. *Lego Ninjago: Character Encyclopedia* by Claire Sipi
4. *Minecraft: Essential Handbook* by Stephanie Milton
5. *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* by Mo Willems

Internet Safety with Kids

We had the privilege of hearing from Officer Tom Wilson, the Middleton P.D. Liaison at Kromrey Middle School, at our September PTA meeting.

Wilson stressed that it is never too early to talk to your kids about how using the computer and other mobile devices safely. Some key points:

- Be aware of and monitor your child's screen time
- Have a rule that computers or devices need to be used in common rooms (i.e. dining room or family room instead of bedroom).
- Have open discussions with your kids about sharing appropriate information and photos through social media.

More helpful information will be posted on the PTA Website soon. Watch for it at: <http://sauktrailpta.org>.

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