

Wolf Tracks



Sauk Trail PTA Newsletter

April 2015

April/May Calendar

- 4/15: Farm to School Taste Test – TBD
4/17: No School
5/2: Waunakee Kids' Triathlon—sign up today!
5/4 to 5/8: Teacher Appreciation
5/11 to 5/13: Book Fair
5/12: PTA Meeting – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



PTA Executive Board Members Needed!

Four positions of the Sauk Trail PTA Executive Board are open for the 2015-2016 school year. The PTA Board is an active and motivated group of volunteers who dedicate time and energy to support our students, faculty and staff and help make Sauk Trail the best it can be. Officer positions are a two-year term. We are actively looking for any interested parents with great ideas, enthusiasm and time to commit. The following positions are available:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The board elections will be held during our last PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 12th. Please contact Jen Ruedebusch at jen.ruedebusch@outlook.com with any questions, to learn more about this opportunity or how to become a part of the fun!

Community Flyers

Have you noticed that Friday Folders no longer contain flyers for various community events? The district is now posting brochures and flyers for non-school-sponsored events on their website. If you are interested in learning more about community opportunities, programs and events, please access the information at: <http://www.mcpsd.k12.wi.us/community/community-announcements/community.com>.



Understanding the Budget Deficit's Impact

During the March PTA meeting, Principal Dahlk provided information on the budget deficit discussed during the March 9th MCPSD Board of Education meeting. The 2015-2016 current budget deficit is projected at over \$1,000,000. You can view full notes from the Board meeting at: <https://app.eduportal.com/share/5ca2dc9a6f0d9d6b>, budget information begins on page 15.



If you have opinions or concerns over the current budget moving through Congress, you can contact local legislators using the information below:
Representative Dianne Hesselbein
608-266-5340, Rep.Hesselbein@legis.wisconsin.gov
Senator Jon Erpenbach
608-266-6670, Sen.Erpenbach@legis.wisconsin.gov

This information is posted with direct links on our website:
<http://sauktrailpta.org/informationonbudgetdeficit/>

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Save the Date – Spring BOGO Book Fair!

The Sauk Trail Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday, May 11th through Wednesday, May 13th from 8:00am – 3:30pm daily. It's Buy One, Get One Free, so you can stock up for your spring and summer reading. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Teacher Appreciation

As families, we may think of parent/teacher conferences as a “long day” for us, but the teachers really, truly put in a long day as they are at school from early morning until well into dinnertime. One of the ways the Sauk Trail PTA supports staff is by providing them meals on parent/teacher conference nights to help them power through! Here is an example of what each teacher received during conferences:



On that note, please keep your eyes and ears open for information coming home soon in regards to Teacher Appreciation Week, which happens May 4th to 8th. Look for an e-mail from Sign-Up Genius to provide an item for the annual Teacher Luncheon.

If anyone has any great ideas or sponsorship connections, or just wants to help out, please contact Shelly Kadow at shellykadow@yahoo.com.



Get Involved!

If you are the parent or guardian of a Sauk Trail Student, we encourage you to get involved with the PTA! Every hand helps and all of your ideas count!



Box Tops for Education Contest

The Box Tops collection drive and contest is happening throughout the month of April. Our last collection drive brought in \$727 in Box Tops for Sauk Trail! Every Box Top counts, so start collecting today. The top three classrooms collecting the most Box Tops will win an extra recess with the new Imagination Playground equipment. If we can meet our school wide goal of 6000 Box Tops, everyone will get to wear their pajamas to school for a day. Contest ends April 30th.

What are Box Tops?

They are symbols on the packaging of many products that can be cut out and turned into dollars for our school. These symbols appear on many products you use every day, from cereal to frozen foods, paper products, dairy products, snacks, juice, boxed meals, side dishes, food storage and office supplies. You may be surprised by all the places you can find Box Tops—look carefully. Box Tops also expire, so if you are hanging onto old Box Tops, please check the date prior to turning them in. For more information, go to: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Labels for Education Collection Drive

Although they are not a part of the Box Tops contest, we are still collecting Labels for Education continuously. The points on these labels can be turned into a new iPad for Sauk Trail, so please send them in along with your Box Tops.

Labels for Education are located with the bar code on many products. These labels can be cut out and turned into school supplies or equipment for Sauk Trail. Labels for Education can be found on many products, including soup, office supplies, popcorn, cookies and nuts, salsa, cereal, juice and chicken stock. When cutting out Labels for Education be sure to include the number of points and the entire bar code to be sure the label will be valid. For more information please see <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

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