

Wolf Tracks



Sauk Trail PTA Newsletter:

Special Edition

Happy Holidays! We hope families and staff will enjoy this special edition of *Wolf Tracks*, which highlights our hard-working teachers and staff at Sauk Trail! We hope everyone has a safe, healthy and memorable Winter Break and we'll see you back in school on January 5th.



By the Numbers:

Of the staff and teachers surveyed for this special edition of *Wolf Tracks*:

- 52% knew they wanted to be teachers when they grew up!
 - 42% wanted to help people (or pets) in some other way by becoming a doctor, physical/occupational therapist, veterinarian, zookeeper, dog trainer, barber or cosmetologist.
 - 2 teachers dreamed of becoming an architect and landscape architect when they grew up!
 - One teacher wanted to be an artist when she grew up (and it's not who you probably think!)
- 🐾 68% are Badger fans, 64% are Packers fans, and 18% are Brewers fans
- 🐾 2 root for the Iowa Hawkeyes and Detroit Lions
- 🐾 1 roots for the Michigan Wolverines, Detroit Redwings and Lions
- 🐾 1 roots for the Dallas Cowboys
- 🐾 1 roots for all the Chicago teams (Cubs, Bears, Bulls and Blackhawks) *minus* the White Sox!
- 🐾 6 teachers root for their kids' teams!
- 88% have kids and 15% are grandparents

The most popular pets? The winner is...

Dogs (9), Cats (8), Birds (2), followed by a fish, gecko, snake and tortoise (who many of you met on Science Night—thanks, Mrs. Kauper!)

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69% grew up in Wisconsin, 39% right here in the Madison area. Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Roach all hail from Middleton—Mrs. Roach even went to Sauk Trail!

Other places teachers grew up: Arizona, California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, and Europe.

All together, the 26 teachers who were polled have been at Sauk Trail for 314 years! A special nod to our “10 Years and Up” Club: Mrs. Bohmsach, Mrs. Sonnentag, Mrs. Hammer, Mrs. Hammill, Mrs. Kauper, Mrs. Lindberg, Mrs. Hustad, Mrs. Armas, Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. O'Rourke, Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Adamavich, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Roach.

Now a little more about some of the teachers...

First Grade

Mrs. Bohmsach loves coming to school for smiles and hugs from the kids. Her unforgettable Sauk Trail moment was when she broke her Achilles tendon playing teacher dodgeball and ended up teaching on crutches for several months. She loves fruits and veggies and Tootsie Rolls. In her spare time she likes to knit, cross stitch, read, walk and ride her bike. She still wants to learn how to clog.

Mrs. Sonnentag's favorite part of teaching is “noticing when the light bulb comes on.” She will never forget playing Little Red Riding Hood **five** times in Sauk Trail's “We Make Good Choices” assembly. She loves popcorn and caramel corn and spends her time at home knitting gifts for others, reading all types of books and watching PBS specials.

Mrs. Hammer knew she wanted to be a teacher since she was 10. She loves seeing kids think and hearing

what they say (“If parents only knew!”). She remembers a year when there was so much snow, she took her class down to the soccer field to play and they buried her in the snow so only her head, hands and feet showed! Then they came back to school and had hot chocolate and cookies.

She loves to eat Honey Crisp apples and pie in any flavor. Her dad was in the Air Force, so she lived all around the world as a kid (Arizona, Nevada, California and England).

Mrs. Bessick’s favorite part about teaching is watching the kids learn and grow. She loves anything chocolate. Outside of school she likes to play with her son, Owen, go boating, listen to music, read and garden. Her favorite book is The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein.

Second Grade

Mrs. Hammill loves working with kids because of “their smiles and enthusiasm and their desire to learn.” Her top Sauk Trail moment is when Steve D’Onofrio (aka Mr. D) received the Milliken Award.

Her favorite treats are fruit and chocolate. She likes to spend time with her family and play tennis with friends on her down time. Her favorite book is To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. She still wants to learn how to play chess.

Mrs. Wiederhoeft loves kids’ excitement in the littlest things, “this is the best day ever...” Her favorite assembly was last year’s final “Teacher Flash Mob” because of how pumped the kids were. She enjoys watermelon, berries and ice cream from Babcock Hall. She likes to spend time with her family at the zoo, the park and the library. Her all-time favorite authors are Mo Willems and Kevin Henkes.

Third Grade

Mrs. Pavelec loves working with kids because of their smiles, joy and laughter on a daily basis. Her fondest memory was receiving a scrapbook on the last day of school last year with so many memories from her kids. She still wants to learn DIY home improvement. In her spare time, she likes gardening, golfing and spending time with her family. She loves snacking on cheese, and her favorite special treats include: cookies, cheesecake and ice cream.

Mrs. Kauper thinks the best part about working with kids is “being a part of their learning journey and helping them grow as learners.” She also fondly remembers Mr. D receiving the Milliken Award. She almost became a vet, because she grew up on a farm and loves animals.

You’ll most likely find her outdoors in her spare time, whether she’s hiking, biking, swimming, gardening or boating. She still wants to learn how to play the piano. Her favorite treats are almonds, cheesecake and dark chocolate.

Mrs. Lindberg loves teaching because of the kids’ spontaneity, laughter and innocence. She finds joy in “watching a child ‘get it!’”

She enjoys snacking on red peppers and her favorite food indulgence is a fancy meal out. In her spare time, she enjoys walking, gardening, travel, playing Scrabble and having fun with friends and family.

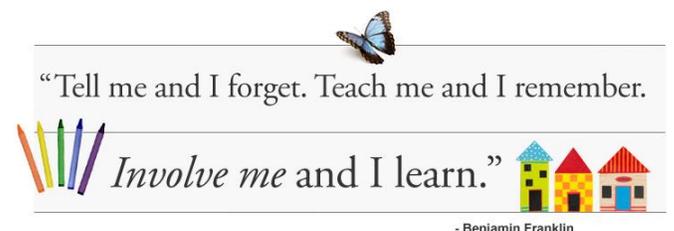
Mrs. Hustad says the kids at school keep her young and on her toes. She chose to teach at Sauk Trail after being a Title I Teacher in three schools. She wanted to be an artist when she was a kid.

Her favorite snack is sugar snap peas and she indulges in dark chocolate sea salt caramels. She loves to do art, decorate and take coffee breaks. She would love to learn how to play the piano.

Mrs. Armas thinks it is great to shape the future in her work with kids.

Outside of school, she sings with her college alumni choir—she has had performances/tours in Carnegie Hall, Italy, Austria and the UK. Her all-time favorite author is Dr. Seuss.

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