

SAUK TRAIL ELEMENTARY



School Assembly:
We Show Respect
November 8th

PTO Meeting:
Nov. 8th, 6:30-7:45 pm

Farm to School:
Nov. 11th @ lunch

Square 1 Orders Due:
November 7th

Harvest Lunch:
November 18th

Thanksgiving Break:
Nov. 23rd – Nov. 25th

Winter Tea:
December 9th



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Is the Sauk Trail eNews landing in your inbox on Wednesdays? It's another great way to stay up-to-date on what's happening at school. If you are not currently receiving Sauk Trail e-News, signing up is easy! You can access the link on the PTO website, under the "school info" tab.

PTO Wolf Tracks



November 2016

Hello Sauk Trail Families,

Take a break from the political squabble and be a part of our upcoming PTO Meeting on Tuesday, November 8th from 6:30 to 7:45. Our primary agenda item includes planning for the Winter Carnival and Auction, but other PTO and school updates will also be shared. This is a chance to be a part of the behind-the-scenes of Sauk Trail, so please consider attending!

*Amber Sehgal
President, Sauk Trail PTO*



Personalized product orders due by Monday Nov 7th!

You should have already received your child's artwork, stickers, and order form for the Square 1 art fundraiser. Now is the time to place your order, either online or by returning the order form to school by this upcoming Monday. Square 1 has a very high quality products which make great keepsakes for your kids and gifts for family members! Orders will be dropped off by early December to your child's classroom, just in time for the Holidays!

The PTO would like to thank Mrs. Gustafson for working with our students to create their wonderful designs. We appreciate her vision and amazing dedication to this PTO endeavor!



OUR VERY OWN TOP-NOTCH TEACHER

Sauk Trail's Kari Buer was awarded WISC-TV's "Top Notch Teacher" recently. In case you missed it, the video can be found on the PTO Facebook page and is a heart warming closeup of our fabulous teacher. Ms. B has been teaching kindergarten at Sauk Trail for six years and continues to be a warm, welcoming presence for new faces to Sauk Trail. Congratulations on this awesome award—you've earned it!

STAFF CONFERENCE MEALS

Parent/Teacher Conferences make for long days for our staff! We thought we'd help by providing them with simple dinners on Oct. 25 and Nov. 2. Staff enjoyed Chili and corn bread the first evening and potato soup and sandwiches the second night. Thanks to Brad Morton for 'cooking for an army' and the other PTO Chairs that donated sides dishes, deserts and drinks for these meals.



WINTER TEA - SAVE THE DATE

The Winter Tea is a wonderful tradition at Sauk Trail, where the gym is transformed and students dress to impress! We hope you'll save the date of December 9th to join us for some cookies and punch at this magical event.

Each classroom is assigned a 25 minute time slot, so watch for more specific information to come home soon. Volunteer options will also be available via Signup Genius in the weeks to follow.



WE SHOW RESPECT! November PBIS Theme

R-E-S-P-E-C-T...tell you what it means to me!
The PBIS theme for November is "We Show Respect." During the all-school assembly on November 8th, we will be watching a video featuring Sauk Trail students talking about what respect is all about and how they show it. Also, each classroom has created a class motto, which will be shared at the assembly.

HARVEST LUNCH



Sauk Trail's annual Harvest Lunch is right around the corner (Nov. 18th) and all family members are invited to attend! Guest lunches are \$3.80 and student lunches are the standard \$2.50. To keep the line moving, we encourage charging all meals to your student's Lunch Express account prior to event.

Do you have a little extra time to help Ms. Stephany and Ms. Evie (our kitchen staff) during the event? If you can dedicate 30 minutes to serving before/after your student's allocated meal time, please consider signing up for a shift at:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B44A9AE283-harvest



FARM TO SCHOOL

Thanks to the PTO for bringing local produce into the lunchroom once a month for students to sample!

In October, we tasted Greening and ??? apple varieties, which were gobbled up quickly. This month, we will be tasting kohlrabi on Friday, November 11th during lunch.

BOX TOP UPDATE



The 2016-17 Box Top Challenge has begun! After the October kick-off collection, we were able to submit 2,062 Box Tops. This will equate to \$206 dollars for our school. We have a long way to go to meet our annual goal, so please keep clipping! Although the contest went rev up again until Spring, you can submit tops to your classroom collection box anytime. Keep clipping, it's an easy way to make useful money for our school!



ASBURY 5K

We want to give a quick shout-out to Asbury for organizing an awesome 5K to benefit our school. With the support of Asbury, our community, staff and school families, Sauk Trail raised over \$2,000 at this event!

MUSIC NOTES from MR. BECKER



There have been some exciting things happening this fall in music class.

Kindergarten through third grades are experiencing the Madison Symphony's "Up Close and Musical" residency. We have recently had two visits by the orchestra's string quartet, and will have two more visits in spring. The culminating event in May is attending a concert with the full orchestra at the Overture Center (thanks, PTO for funding the May concert tickets!).

Fourth grade is learning about the orchestra from a curriculum developed by Carnegie Hall in collaboration with the Madison Symphony.

Another exciting thing coming up this fall is all of our students learning dance with professional hip hop dance instructors in connection with our original hip hop music and spoken word project. This is being funded through a grant from our district's Education Foundation. Thanks for the opportunity to work with your creative and musical children!

PTO EVENT SUCCESS!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Book Fair a success. We had more than 350 people attend the Friday night festivities!



Serving as Committee Chairs for the last time, our fabulous duo (Tina Miller and Lindsay Lyons) served up another spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria, followed by several

games in the gym. Families had a great time playing their homemade games including Plinko, Bean Bag Toss and the Sauk Trail Fishing Pond. We thank these wonderful parents for organizing this event for the past four years. A big thank you also goes out to *Culvers* and *I'm Board* for their great prize donations.



Thank you to Cathy Reuter for organizing another successful bookfair. It was great to see the students so excited to explore the fair and all the families picking out books together during the week and after their Spaghetti Dinner.

Thank you to all of the families that shopped at the book fair. Our proceeds allowed the PTO purchase additional books for the library and to allocate money to support the school's Read-On Program. More importantly, your purchases encourage your child's love of reading! Look for our next Buy-One-Get-One Book Fair this Spring!

