

# SAUK TRAIL ELEMENTARY



## TOW Pick Up:

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:45-5:30PM

## Winter Tea:

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ as follows:

**9:30 - 9:55am:**

Buer

**10:00 - 10:25am:**

Cavonis, Kalscheuer, Sonnentag

**10:30 - 10:55am:**

Bessick, Bohmsach, Hammer

**11:00 - 11:25am:**

Hustad, Kauper, Lindberg

**12:30 - 12:55pm:**

Armas, Bialk, Pavelec

**1:00 - 1:25pm:**

Coyne, Esbe, Kay

**1:30 - 1:55pm:**

Garcia-Peterman, Hammill,

Schafer & Wiederhoeft

## Winter Break (No school):

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

## PTO Meeting:

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM



## SALSA NIGHT SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>

Exciting news just received... Mr. Becker (Music Teacher) recently secured a school district Global Initiative Grant to bring in professional musicians to play live music for our students. Why stop there? The PTO has decided to collaborate with Mr. Becker to host a Family Salsa Night! More details will follow after winter break. Warm up your dancing shoes!

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# PTO Wolf Tracks



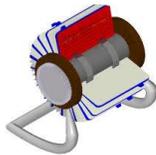
December 2015

Hello Sauk Trail Families,

The PTO is on a constant mission to *enhance the experience* for staff, students and families at Sauk Trail. The Wolf Tracks Newsletter was started to ensure that parents are receiving information regarding PTO activities and events. However, in the months ahead, we will be working harder to include more 'fun facts' about school-day activities and the Sauk Trail culture. These articles may not be about PTO activities but, in line with our mission, we hope the newsletter will *enhance* your parental connection to our wonderful school community! And, just maybe, we can help inspire some good dinner conversation for your family!

Amber Sehgal

President, Sauk Trail PTO



## Sauk Trail Student Directory

In an effort to make the best possible use of PTO dollars and be environmentally conscious, we are encouraging families to obtain a PDF copy of the 2015-2016 Sauk Trail Student Directory from Infinite Campus.

Next week, we will be sending out an email via Campus Messenger containing a link to access the Student Directory. **Please keep an eye out for this important email!** Once you receive the link, you will be able to view, download and/or print the Student Directory as desired.

If you would like a paper copy of the Student Directory, you will need to return a request form no later than **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Forms went home with students this week, but additional copies are available on the PTO website for your convenience. If you do not submit a request form, we cannot guarantee that a copy will be available for your family.



## Artist in Residence

The PTO is thrilled to be sponsoring an Artist in Residence project right here at Sauk Trail! A local artist, also associated with the Willy Street Arts Center and Dane County Arts, was recently hired and will be meeting with students in the weeks ahead. While visiting classrooms, our artist will be talking to students about what diversity means to them. Their responses will serve as inspiration for a multi-dimensional art piece that will soon add additional depth to the school stairwell. Plus, our students will all have a hands-on opportunity in helping create the piece. High school students from Clark Street will also be on hand to collaborate on the project.

What the piece will look like is still unknown, but it promises to be a touchable work of art that will soon add beauty and character to our school. The PTO will provide the majority of the funding for this project, with some supplemental support from school grants.

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Are you an online shopper? If so, Amazon Smile is an easy way to shop and give back to our school! Simply create an Amazon Smile account and designate Sauk Trail PTO the next time you log on. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total to the Sauk Trail PTO. Happy Shopping!

Turn Markers



Into Energy!

Sauk Trail is participating in Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy! All around Sauk Trail, we will be collecting markers that would otherwise be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

You can support our efforts by sending in any used markers you have around the house, even non-Crayola brands. Working together with this program, we can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year. Remember, don't throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it!

### We Play Fairly



Have you heard your kids use this phrase and wonder what it's all about? During the month of November, Sauk Trail focused on Playing Fairly in emphasis of appropriate playground behavior. The recess teachers handed out Sauk Trail bucks to students they saw playing fairly on the playground. At the end of the month, a student/teacher obstacle course was held to celebrate their achievements in playing fairly. Way to go, Sauk Trail!

### Hats Off to Second Grade



Second-grade students at Sauk Trail recently had a visit from the Middleton Hat Ladies. Each child chose brightly colored fleece fabrics for their hat and closely watched while their hat lady stitched the pieces together. After two mornings of sewing, every second-grader in the school had new colorful hats!

The Middleton Hat Ladies have been coming to our school for the past three years to work with our second grade classes. As always, we thank them for sharing their time, supplies and talents with us!

### Winter Sing Assembly



On December 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1:10-1:35 p.m., the all-school assembly will be the annual "Winter Sing." Mr. Becker will lead this "sing-a-long" event, with a focus on fun winter-inspired and Sauk Trail school songs. It is NOT a formal concert, just a fun all-school assembly with kids sitting on the gym floor with their classrooms. As with all of our assemblies, you are welcome to attend. However, the purpose of this assembly is to bring students together and celebrate as a school.

### Sauk Trail Culture



You may have noticed a bold bulletin board display with a map and flags, just outside the lunchroom. The focus of this project is to provide a visual that will demonstrate the uniqueness and diversity of Sauk Trail. The goal is to bring a vivid awareness to ourselves and others of our diverse culture and help us reflect and discuss what makes us unique. An anticipated outcome is the growth in understanding and acceptance of our backgrounds, cultures and heritage.

Earlier this school year, families were asked what two cultures their family identified with the most. After compiling the data, flags were found to represent each of the identified cultures. The flags were then connected to their associated countries on the map. It really is a neat way to see all of the cultures that are represented at Sauk Trail!

Our diversity is just one of the many things that make Sauk Trail such a special place! Next time you walk past the board (maybe during Winter Tea), take a moment to look at the map! How many flags can you count?

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Winter Tea Cups



In art class, our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been working hard to create Mini Tea Cups out of clay. The students have molded, fired, painted and glazed these amazing little cups with their talented hands. The cups will be on display at the upcoming Winter Tea, so we hope you take a moment to stop and admire their work!

Don't have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader this year? Take a stroll down the lower-level hallway as you await your Winter Tea date. Mrs. Gustafson will have art from all the other students on display for your viewing pleasure!



### Taste of Wisconsin Holiday Sale

Thank you to all who participated in the Taste of Wisconsin Holiday Fundraiser. We raised enough money to continue to help fund the Farm to School Program at Sauk Trail! If you placed an order, please mark your calendar for **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Items will be available for pick-up from 2:45-5:30 p.m. near the gym.

### Hot Potato, Hot Potato

What do our wonderful Sauk Trail Staff eat before a full night of parent-teacher conferences? Well, this fall the PTO Committee Chair Members hosted a Potato Bar for staff. Thanks to all the PTO chairs for contributing toppings to make the meal a success!

