

SAUK TRAIL ELEMENTARY



All-School Assembly
Feb. 4th

Parent Mural Day
Feb. 6th @ 9am-1pm

Sweetheart Dance
Feb. 6th @ 6:00pm, MHS

We Care & Share Campaign
Feb. 8th – Feb. 19th

No School – Teacher Work Day
Feb. 15th

Jason's Deli Fundraiser
Feb. 18th, 5:00pm-9:00pm

All-School Assembly
March 3rd

PTO Meeting
March 8th, 6:30pm



February PBIS Theme

The Community Building (PBIS) Theme for February is "We Care & Share." To help us capture the spirit, 4th grade students will help coordinate a collection drive for Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM). If you would like to donate items, please send them in anytime between February 8th and February 19th. For more details, please reference materials sent home with your student this week.

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PTO Wolf Tracks



February 2016

Hello Sauk Trail Families,

The PTO has always strived to *connect* families with our school community. This newsletter is just one way in which we attempt to do that. Initially, the newsletter was purely a source for PTO specific information. However, we are excited to expand on our content to include (when possible) non-PTO related school and district information. We hope our efforts to include these blurbs will help 'enhance' your experience as a valuable member of the Sauk Trail community and the great school district we are a part of!

Amber Sehgal
President, Sauk Trail PTO



Eat Out, Support Sauk Trail

The PTO is hosting a community fundraiser at Jason's Deli on **Thursday, February 18th**. We invite you to join us for dinner between **5pm and 9pm** that night. After you purchase your meal, simply drop your receipt in the GroupRaise.com donation box (at the restaurant) and 15% of your meal will be donated back to our PTO.

Sauk Trail staff members are fantastic at what they do at the school. If you would like to see how well they are at serving food and refilling beverages, join us between 5:30pm and 6:30pm as several staff will be on hand to serve you during that hour!

Never been to Jason's Deli? There is something for everyone there! Whether you choose a hot pasta, stuffed baked potato, soup, salad bar, hot or cold sandwich, gluten-free or vegetarian option, you'll be glad to know that it will not contain any artificial trans-fats or high fructose corn syrup. Jason's Deli is committed to providing a nutrient-filled, delicious meal.



Parents – Here is Your Chance to Leave A Mark!

Over the next several weeks, students will be working to create our new mural in the front stairwell. The 'sky' section of the mural is not easily accessible to students, so we are asking for adult help on this section. If you are interested in contributing to this permanent piece of artwork, please consider joining us **THIS Saturday, February 6th**! Volunteers are needed between 9am and 1pm. If you are able to dedicate an hour, please pop over to show your support and leave your mark!

Please note that this event is for adults only. No supervision for children will be provided.



Salsa Night Thank You Notes

Salsa Night was a huge success thanks to the efforts of several parent volunteers and staff! We would like to recognize the following people for their contributions:

Mr. Becker, for organizing the musicians
Mrs. Shelly, for serving 208 meals
Mary Ortiz, for dance instructions
Sauk Trail Staff, for decorating & serving
Buffy Braun, for garlands & pinata's
Mr. Todd and Mrs. Sanderson, for lighting
Multiple Sauk Trail Parents, for making flowers
Diana Green & Cecilie Ballarad, vocals



PTO Newsletter Help Wanted

The PTO is looking for a parent volunteer to write a special edition of the PTO newsletter. The task will include collecting anecdotal data and pulling together fun-to-read articles about (shhh, it's a secret!). The project must be completed in April, but can be started anytime. The whole project can also be done via email, so daytime availability is not required. If you are interested in learning more about this special project, please email the PTO!

Color-A-Thon Needs You



The PTO will be hosting a Color-A-Thon on **May 13th**. As we begin the planning phase, we have identified some specific needs for help. Please email the PTO, should you be able to assist with the following:

- Have a **sound system** that you would be willing to set up for the event.
- Have **photography skills** and would be available to take pictures during the event.

Please keep your eye out for more information about this exciting fundraiser in the weeks to follow. It is a gigantic undertaking and many parent volunteers will be needed to pull it off!



Gloves Needed

Several Sauk Trail students are in need of gloves. If you have extra pairs lying around, please consider donating them to the school. We are in special need of waterproof mittens/gloves, but any and all donations will be put to use and highly appreciated.

If you are able to donate at this time, you can either send them in with your student, or drop them off in the office.

Spelling Bee



Congratulations to Dima Llanos and Alexa Garber, the winners of the Sauk Trail Spelling Bee! Both students went on to compete in the MCPASD Spelling Bee, where they competed against other 4th – 8th grade top spellers from the district. We are very proud of their accomplishment.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Sonnentag was unintentionally left out of the Animal Mural blurb printed in the last newsletter. She, too, was on staff when the mural was painted all those years ago.



Have your kids been more 'dramatic' recently? Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the nation's largest

touring children's theatre, was in town last week. They pulled in with a set, lights, costumes and everything else it takes to put on a play... except for a cast! After a two-hour Monday evening audition, approximately 60 district students (8 from Sauk Trail) were cast in the MCT production of Rumpelstiltskin. The cast rehearsed all week and then went live for two performances at Middleton PAC this past Saturday.

What did the MCT team do while the students were at school? They went too! Sauk Trail was one of the lucky district schools to receive a visit from the team. During an all-school assembly, the team exposed students to the art of story-telling. It was a fun afternoon for all.

Everything was made possible by the Friends of the Performing Arts Center (FPAC). For more information about this group of volunteers, please visit their website at www.friendspac.org.

MCPASD Education Foundation



The MCPASD Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that strives to provide inspiring experiences for District students and staff. Since its inception in 2011, this group of community volunteers has raised nearly \$200,000 for the endowment fund (held by their partner, the Madison Community Foundation).

In 2013, the Foundation began reviewing grant applications from staff throughout the district. To date, Sauk Trail has been awarded seven Inspiration Grants, totaling over \$4,200. We thank the following ten Sauk Trail staff for their grant-writing efforts and for bringing these fantastic opportunities to directly to Sauk Trail students.

- Mr. Becker (Making Jazz Music Child's Play)
- Mrs. Bessick (Map-Flag Mission & Literacy Scrapbooking)
- Ms. Buer (Monarch Garden)
- Ms. Dahlk (Battle of the Books)
- Mrs. Greene (Monarch Garden)
- Mrs. Gustafson (Environment in Art)
- Ms. Lindberg (3rd Grade Book Club)
- Mrs. O'Rourke (3rd Grade Book Club)
- Ms. Spence (Map-Flag Mission)
- Mrs. Weiderhoeft (Literacy Scrapbooking)

Check It Out – You can watch Sauk Trail's new promotional video at www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us/sauktrail

