

# SAUK TRAIL ELEMENTARY



## PTO Meeting:

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

## Harvest Lunch:

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> @ lunch

## Farm to School

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> @ lunch

## Thanksgiving Break

(No School):

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

## TOW Pick Up:

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ Afterschool

## Winter Tea:

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ Various

## Winter Break

(No School):

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



## CHAIR NOTES

### Lindsay & Tina

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the annual Spaghetti Dinner a big success. We served over 350 meals and collected 800 game tickets. It wouldn't have been possible without you!

### Cathy & Emily

The Book Fair would not be able to operate without the ongoing support of Mrs. O'Rourke! As we thank our shift volunteers and book fair patrons, we also thank Mrs. O'Rourke for guidance and use of the library during the week. Working together, we raised over \$1,400 for the school and put good books in the hands of our students!

# PTO Wolf Tracks



November 2015

Hello Sauk Trail Families,

What a busy month for the Sauk Trail PTO! Our committees worked hard on our fundraising efforts and hosted some wonderful events for our school community. On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank some extraordinary parents for their PTO contributions over the past handful of weeks!

*Sarah Anderson - Memberships*

*Jessica Burfield – Taste of Wisconsin Fundraiser & Website*

*Lindsay Lyons – Spaghetti Dinner*

*Emily Mayer – Scholastic Book Fair*

*Tina Miller – Spaghetti Dinner & Tri-4 Schools*

*Cathy Reuter – Bucky Books & Scholastic Book Fair*

*Candice Wagener – Newsletter & Farm to School*

*All Committee Chair Members – Teacher Conference Potato Bar*

Our next **PTO Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** in the school library from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Attending this meeting is a great way to get involved and hear about an exciting potential project (i.e., Artist in Residence) and Principal Dahlk's recent BOE Report. Two MHS students will be supervising children in the cafeteria during the meeting, so please feel free to bring your bathroom independent children along. Hope to see you there!

*Amber Sehgal  
President, Sauk Trail PTO*



## Taste of Wisconsin Holiday Sale

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Taste of Wisconsin Holiday Sale. The money raised from this sale will be used to fund the monthly Farm to School Program, which takes place during the lunch hour. In addition to supporting this program at Sauk Trail, your purchases have also supported small farms and businesses throughout Wisconsin. Way to go!

If you have not yet submitted your order... we'll give you one final chance. **Orders will be accepted until the end of the school day this upcoming Monday (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>).**

Please mark your calendar for Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be available for pick up after school on that date. More details regarding the location and hours will be available in the December newsletter.



## Box Top Challenge

Our Fall Box Top Challenge took place this October. Over the course of a single week, 4,047 Box Tops were brought into the school! At ten cents per box top, that means we raised over \$400 for Sauk Trail! Way to go!

So, which class brought in the most Box Tops? In the primary wing (K-2 grade), the winner was Mrs. Schafer's class (with an average of 21 per student). In the intermediate wing (grades 3 & 4), the winner was Mrs. Kay's class (with an average of 31 per student). Students in both classes enjoyed an extra recess for their box top clipping efforts!



## Harvest Lunch

Our annual Harvest Lunch is quickly approaching! Please plan to join us on **Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**. All family members are welcome to join the lunchroom fun!

All guest lunches are \$3.80 with Sauk Trail student lunches at the regular price of \$2.50. To keep the line moving, we encourage the use of your student's lunch express account. Prepayments can be made online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) or by simply dropping your payment in the Lunch Express lock box by the Sauk Trail front office door.

What's on the menu? Roasted Turkey; Savory Stuffing; Mashed Potatoes; Green Beans; Apple Slices; Dinner Roll; Harvest Bar or Turkey Cut-Out Cookie; and Milk.

## GO BUCKY!

After partnering with Bucky Books for the first time this fall, we have some exciting news to share. Sauk Trail sold a total of 113 books and raised \$2,150 for our school. Thank you to all our fabulous book sellers and buyers!



## Check Out These Two Fantastic Thank You Notes!

*Thank-you, Sauk Trail PTO, for funding an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to the Overture Center! The third graders heard a concert performed by "Black Violin" a four-piece band comprised of a violinist, violist, turntable/DJ artist, and a drum set player. The group defied a lot of stereotypes in terms of the use of string instruments and blending of musical styles, and in how the performers related to the audience through their performance art.*

*The students could appropriately dance in front of their chairs, sing along on the songs they knew, and yell and scream even at times in response to the music and lighting effects. I was also very proud of our kids for following the performers' lead and behaving appropriately for the concert etiquette of this performance. The music ranged from originals, to rock and hip-hop, as well as pop songs the kids knew and could sing to.*

*While there have been many memorable and inspiring concerts Sauk Trail kids have attended over the years, this concert had a uniquely strong impact on our students. They were totally pumped up after the show, and they have been following up with some creative ideas inspired by the performance.*

*Thanks again, Sauk Trail PTO, you are awesome and make a huge difference in our Sauk Trail kids' lives!*

**John Becker, Sauk Trail Music Teacher**

*Dear PTO, I would like to thank you for once again supporting Sauk Trail's "Read On" book incentive program. The program continues to be a rousing success and highly motivating for students. Read On successfully supports the at-home reading expectation of reading workshop by rewarding children for meeting their monthly reading goal. During the 2014-15 school year, 307 students self-selected a new or gently used book after meeting their monthly reading goals. Impressively, a total of 1,474 books were given away. None of this would be possible without the generous support from the PTO. While we solicit new and used books from parents, the majority of our books come from the \$1,200 that the PTO donates to Read-On.*

**Thank you! Traci Danaher, Sauk Trail Reading Specialist**

## Winter Tea



The Sauk Trail Winter Tea will be held on **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. This annual tradition is a wonderful opportunity for students to get dressed up and enjoy some cookies (healthy options available as well) with their classmates and attending family members.

More information will be sent home with your student, but we encourage you to make note of your allocated time slots now. Class times are as follows:

9:30 - 9:55am: Garcia-Peterman, Buer

10:00 - 10:25am: Kalscheuer, Cavnionis, Sonnentag

10:30 - 10:55am: Bohmsach, Bessick, Hammer

11:00 - 11:25am: Kauper, Hustad, Lindberg

12:30- 12:55pm: Bialk, Armas, Pavelec

1:00 - 1:25pm: Coyne, Kay, Esbe

1:30 - 1:55pm: Hammill, Schafer, Wiederhoeft

The Winter Tea is a big undertaking for the PTO, so we could really use your help to ensure that the event runs smoothly. Please keep your eye out for the Signup to be circulated next week. If you can spare some time to help setup (the night before) and/or serve during a given shift, we would appreciate your support!

