

SAUK TRAIL ELEMENTARY



School Assembly:
We Show Respect
April 7th

1st Grade Parent Night:
April 11th @ 5:30pm

No School:
April 14th

Up Close & Musical:
April 19th

Farm to School:
April 28th @ lunch

No School:
May 29th

Hot Dog Lunch:
June 2nd



Last Day of School:
June 9th

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PTO Wolf Tracks



April 2017

Hello Sauk Trail Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break! It's hard to believe we're in the home stretch for the 2016-2017 school year! The PTO is still working hard, though, so keep your eyes open for information on some wonderful events and services coming in the weeks ahead. We have a Box Tops collection contest starting up shortly and two wonderful volunteers working hard to bring you School Supply Kits for next year, too. Time will go fast now, but don't forget to stop and smell the flowers as they bloom!

Amber Sehgal
President, Sauk Trail PTO



NEW LEAD CUSTODIAN

Last month, the news traveled fast... Mr. Todd was leaving Sauk Trail and heading to Glacier Creek! What would we all do without Mr. Todd? Well, we all know that it won't be easy for anyone to fill his shoes, but we

are excited to welcome Mr. Ian as our new Lead Custodian! We think he's just the guy we need to keep us in motion!

Mr. Ian worked as a Lead custodian out in California for 12 years before moving to the area with his wife and two children. So, he certainly has the experience working in the school environment! He also worked as the Lead Night Custodian at Kromrey Middle School prior to joining staff here at Sauk Trail, so we'll give him a big thumbs up for that too! We are excited to have him here, so when you see him around the building, please make sure to welcome him into our fantastic school community!



PTO BOARD ELECTIONS

The PTO Board is an active and motivated group of volunteers who dedicate a little extra time and energy to support our students, faculty and staff and help make Sauk Trail the best it can be. Board positions are two-year terms, unless someone is appointed to fill an unplanned vacancy.

We are actively looking for any interested parents with great ideas, enthusiasm and time to commit to our board. All board positions are open for the 2017/18 school year, so we encourage you to consider running for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary!

The board elections will be held during our last PTO meeting on Tuesday, May 9th. Please contact the PTO with any questions, to learn more about this opportunity or how to become a part of the fun!



APRIL PBIS THEME

With spring upon us, it is a great time to review what friendly fun looks like on the playground. Our PBIS theme for April is *We Play Fairly*. During the assembly on Friday, April 7, students and teachers will be playing a game of King 'Em Or String 'Em. With skits about various situations we may see on the playground, students will either be kinged (receive a crown) for demonstrating good playground choices, or be silly stringed if they are not being fair. To help support this theme, recess teachers will be handing out Sauk Trail Bucks on the playground throughout the entire month of April, to students who are playing fairly. The Bucks are put into a classroom envelope from which there are weekly winners, as well as a chance to participate with their teacher in an obstacle course competition on May 5th.



SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS

Leave this school year and already be set with school supplies for next year! We will again be providing the option for parents to purchase school supply kits through the PTO for the 2017/2018 school year. Kits will include all of the needed supplies for the upcoming year and will be available at registration day this summer. Look for additional information and order forms coming soon.



FARM TO SCHOOL

Friday, April 28th is our last Farm to School taste test. The kids will have an opportunity to try locally grown pea shoots during the lunch hour. We would like to thank Candice Wagener for coordinating this program, as well as the volunteers that have helped serve this year, including: Darci Moon, Tami Shaw, Jennifer Resner, Katie Loomis Rogers, Martha VanBendegom and Benjamin Roberts.

Do you enjoy cooking with healthy ingredients? If so, check out our Farm to School page for some great recipes using our Farm to School ingredients: <http://sauktrailpto.org/pta-info/farm-to-school/>.



4th GRADE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

If you are a parent of a current 4th grader, we invite you to help plan the end-of-year 4th Grade Celebration. Our initial meeting will be held **Wednesday, April 12th**. We will meet in the school library from 6:30-7:30pm to brainstorm ideas and assign tasks. If you are interested in participating, but are unable to make this meeting, please email the PTO and let us know.

SPRING BOX TOP CHALLENGE IS COMING!



Remember to be looking for Box Tops and clipping them out! We start tallying for our Spring Box Top Classroom Challenge the first week in May, so this is a good time to start sending your tops in. Each classroom has their own collection container so make sure your kids know to get them in there.

Music Notes from Mr. Becker



Happy Springtime! We had a wonderful jazz school assembly/concert on March 8. There were many from our Sauk Trail school community that "sat in" as jazz singers or improvisers on instruments with the guest professional musicians. The bass player, Laurie Lang Croasdale, worked with me with each classroom prior to the performance. Thanks to the Madison Jazz Society, and a District Global Initiative Grant for funding this project.

Our end-of-the-year musical play will be an original Sauk Trail musical, "The Magical Land of Oz." We'll be featuring musical styles that we've had artists-in-residence with this year, including jazz, hip hop, and classical music. Each grade level is performing their own adapted version. Here are the times and dates. All shows are at 1:30 pm in the cafeteria:

- 4th Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd**
- 3rd Grade: Wednesday, May 24th**
- 2nd Grade: Friday, May 26th**
- 1st Grade: Tuesday, May 30th**
- Kindergarten: Wednesday, May 31st**

Thanks for the privilege of working with your child in music class!



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On April 14th, the students will not be in the building, but the staff will. The staff will be working hard to plan and prepare for the final weeks of school! And, of course, they will need to eat a good meal to ensure they have a productive day. So, we reached out to the new restaurant in town and asked for their support!

We would like to thank Zoup! for helping the PTO cater a tasty meal for the staff. They were very generous to provide the meal at a very affordable cost, showing their dedication to educators and their community. If you haven't been there yet, stop by and show them your support!