



# The Sabin Sentinel

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Students and staff observed the International Day of Peace with a display of school spirit!



**PLEASE  
JOIN US - FIRST  
PTA MEETING OF THE  
YEAR - OCTOBER 4!**

**On the agenda:** An update on Sabin's Restorative Justice initiative, a presentation on Measure 97 and more. Childcare and dessert will be provided.

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## Principal's corner

Dear Sabin,

Everything is in the air! Oh the sweet smell of rain and the sounds of branches blowing in the wind. Thank you for all you have done to help to make the first month of school one to remember.

What a busy week! We celebrated our Back to School Night on the first day of fall with a barbecue and lots of fun. Families then had an opportunity to go to classrooms to talk with their teachers. While Back to School Night is an opportunity to talk with your child's teacher, please know that you can call or email your teacher at any time. On Wednesday this week, the whole school joined together to recognize International Day of Peace and to take a peace pledge. Once a month, we will take the pledge and remember our role in keeping Sabin peaceful.

Remember, student success is a partnership between home and school. Partnership requires communication, trust and mutual respect. We have children for a little more than six hours every day but you, as their parent or important adult in their life, are their first and most important teacher. Let's work together to be great partners working together to ensure their personal and school success.

Reiko Williams  
Sabin Principal



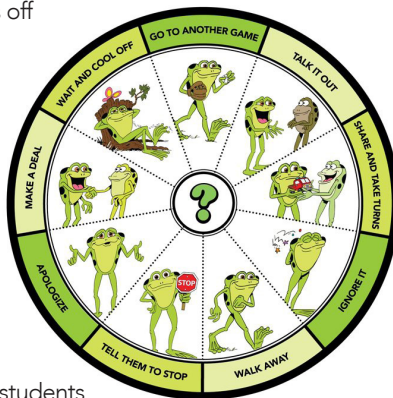
## Sabin families: We need you!

Our students can benefit from volunteer support in many ways: in the classroom or library, during recess, before school and with reading and math support. Tell us about your volunteer interest: [tinyurl.com/sabinvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/sabinvolunteer)

**Questions?** Contact Volunteer Co-Coordinators: [sabinvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:sabinvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com)

## Counselor's corner

Our school year is off to a great start with Middle School and Elementary! Counseling with the Kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms is on a roll! We have been introducing and reviewing Kelso's Conflict Resolution/ Problem Solving Strategies. Returning students are delighted to share what they remember learning from last year about positive ways to solve problems and their personal experiences with Kelso's wheel. The kindergarteners are very intrigued by Kelso's and the stories that teach the strategies. They are eager to learn!



We have a painted Kelso's wheel on the south playground and Kelso's choices engraved in stones on the north playground. Please take a look!

We have also spent some counseling time building awareness about our IB learner profile of the month. Sabin students are POSITIVE risk-takers! They have an awareness of what risks look like, different kinds of risks, and an understanding that risks are personal experiences for individuals and encompass many different feelings. We need to continue to encourage and support our kids to take risks

and ask questions, contribute to discussions as learning opportunities, try new foods, try new games at recess, build friendships and try to work out small problems with peers. When we try, try and try again—it is to be celebrated, even with some mistakes or bumps along the way, growth is reflected through courage to try with best effort!

We look forward to seeing your child at school! Also, we would like to offer a reminder that attendance is key to success in school. Consistent attendance supports your child in all realms; academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and mentally. It is very true that getting your child to school can be challenging. Please know we understand there are complex challenges and would like to offer support through our office.

Thank you for your continued support. We are thrilled to be seeing your children learn each day!

Erika and Anna

## Upcoming Events

### K-2 Assembly:

Tuesday,  
September 27th, 8:45 am

### Picture Day:

Friday, September 30th

### 3-5th Grade Assembly

Tuesday, October 4th

### Picture Day

September 30th

### PTA General Meeting

Tuesday,  
October 4, 6:30 pm

### Principal's Coffee

Wednesday,  
October 5th, 8:45 am



## Students reflect on the issue of lead in our schools

### Lead in PPS water

by Brooke Elliot

PPS schools did a lead check of all the water in the schools. They started a few weeks before school was let out last year. Near the end of the last school year people learned that there was lead in the water. Throughout the summer Sabin used bottled water. With all the kids going to Sabin the cost added up and a lot of plastic was being used. Since the beginning of the year they had small paper cones. You can find two or three water dispensers in each hall with recycling bins next to them.



If kids wash their hands they will not get lead to get lead in your system you need to digest it inhale it. Lead does not go through the skin. There is lead in the water because the water pipes or soldering from the pipes breaks down and lets the lead into the water running through them, then that lead tainted water comes out of the water fountain. Lead can poison you in many ways and even make your IQ (intelligence) fall.

Please try to bring reusable water bottle when you go to Sabin because it will help not waste trees or waste plastic.

### Lead in PPS schools

By Sinai L. Jones and Destiny Smith

Lead is in our PPS school pipes which have caused PPS to have to shut down all water fountains. While this was happening we know a lot of parents were not happy because of the superintendent didn't let parents know about lead in the school districts water supply immediately. The public health officials agreed that no amount of lead exposure is good or safe. Even the smallest amount of the lead can have big effects. Health officials also said also said that small amounts of lead can still cause serious and irreversible damage and hurt to still developing brains and nervous systems of your kids.



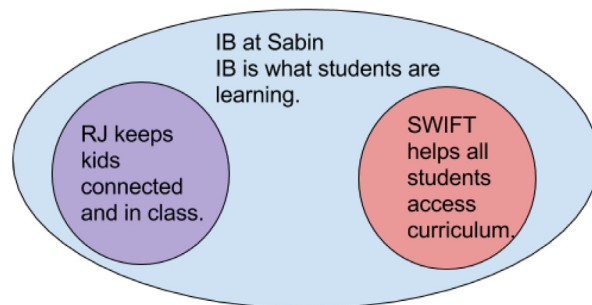
## IB corner

**H**ave you ever wondered how Restorative Justice and SWIFT connects to IB? Here is a graphic to help you out! The International Baccalaureate is the curriculum or the academic things we want students to learn. IB also includes how we want students to be in the world. We want students to make the world a better place. We want students to be caring and reflective.

Restorative Justice helps students create relationships and stay in the classroom. Restorative Justice is about building community and preventing behaviors from escalating. It is also about restoring relationships if a problem has occurred. Community circles are a daily component of RJ. These circles helps students connect and stay in the classroom. It also builds on the IB learner profile attributes of being **Caring, Open-Minded, a Communicator and Reflective.**

“SWIFT is a national K-8 technical assistance center that builds school capacity to provide **academic** and **behavioral** support to improve outcomes for **all students** through equity-based inclusion”

SWIFT is about supporting all students - TAG, Sped, ELL in accessing our curriculum - or at Sabin accessing IB.



All together IB is what we want students to learn. Restorative Justice helps all students feel connected to school and stay in the classroom. SWIFT ensures that we are including and supporting all students, no matter their strengths or challenges.





## Risktakers

### Nathan

I think my friend Eli is a risk taker. He always tries new things and is never afraid to do it. When we skate he tries drop in on a six foot and tries to find new lines.

He is also really good at standing up for people. He also always tries new games and does hard trick shots with his football.

### Sofia

What is a Risk-Taker? A Risk-Taker is someone who is courageous, bold, and can try, fail, and try again. Some people are Risk-Takers and don't even know it. Do you try new foods? That's being a Risk-Taker. Someone who was a huge Risk-Taker was Eleanor Roosevelt. This is her story.

Born as Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, both her parents descended from wealthy families. However, her father had a drinking issue, her mother was cold and distant, and then she got two little brothers. By the time she was ten she had lost both parents and one brother.

Later in life her husband became president and her children were born. She took the risk of flying with Amelia Earheart. She also rode a bobsled. From when her husband became president to her death Eleanor was an enormous Risk-Taker. If she knew of her risks in the future I wonder if this would change her childhood?

### Addison

I know someone named Emma. I think Emma is a Risk-Taker. She is a dancer. She does Jazz, Tap, and Hip Hop. She dances a lot. She is a Risk-Taker.

I believe she is a Risk-Taker because she dances in front of a lot of people. In a couple of days she is going to dance at a Beavers game. She is also going to dance at Disneyland.

She is a big Risk-Taker. She is also a good friend.

### Charles

I think my Dad is a Risk-Taker because he has to lift big and huge boxes and if you don't have a lot of strength then they might fall. If it falls on your foot it would hurt. But, he took the job and he is amazing at it. He has been doing that for years. He has never dropped a box.

My brother Turner is a Risk-Taker. At Beaumont he had to do a pie eating contest. The pie was huge. He Risked that and won the challenge. He came home and told us all about it. I laughed because I said "you basically ate my face".

Lastly my baby brother is a Risk-Taker. He is two. He would jump off a cliff. I could see him doing that also one time he tried a nutmeg in soccer. That is when you kick the ball between someone's legs.

I am a Risk-Taker because I never stop trying.

## Sabin Peace Garden

The Sabin Peace Garden is officially complete! Inspired by the MYP Class of 2016, designed and created by parent volunteers and funded by the Jubitz Family Foundation, the Garden includes three willow huts, large boulders with Kelso's Choice Circle and a Free Little Library. Feel free to borrow these books and return them to the library when you are finished. If you'd like to donate a book to the library, please Deborah Pleva or our librarian Michael Diltz know! Many thanks for all of the parents, staff members, donors and contractors that created this beautiful space on our campus!



## Run for Sabin School - Friday, Oct. 28

**O**n your marks... Get set... Go! The Run for Sabin School will be a bit different this year. Funds raised will support educational excellence at Sabin, specifically programs to help all students succeed. As in past years, students collect pledges for the number of .25-mile laps they can run in 30 minutes. The goal is to raise \$25,000 through this event. More details to come! If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sarah Shine at [sarah.shine@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.shine@gmail.com).