



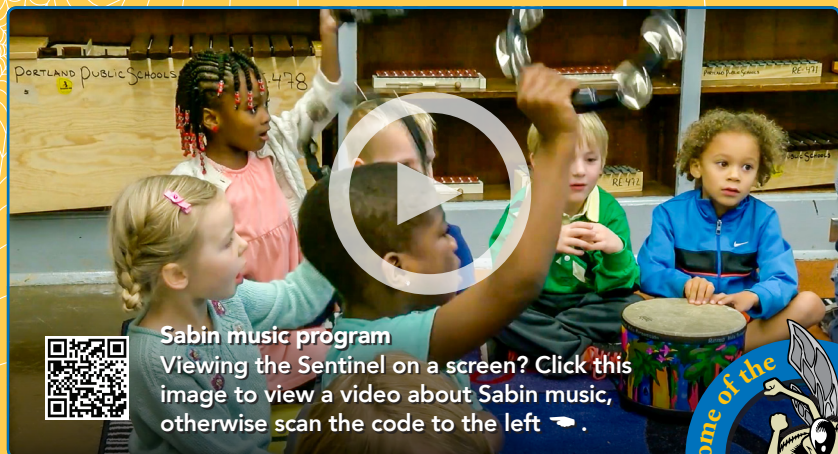
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Sabin music program
Viewing the Sentinel on a screen? Click this image to view a video about Sabin music, otherwise scan the code to the left.



Principal's corner

Dear Sabin,



I hope this newsletter finds you in a great place! Isn't fall one of the best times to curl up with a good book? For the month of October, the learner profile is Open-Minded. For me, being open-minded means that we respect each other's differences in being, thinking, feeling, communicating, and

acting. When our minds are open, we are able to consider and appreciate our differences in culture, ideas and beliefs. We work to listen and understand differences and are willing to grow from what we are able to learn.

I am happy to announce that our Restorative Justice (RJ) consultant coaches Amber Boydston and Joslyn Janapol with the Restorative Action Alliance (RAA) have begun supporting classrooms at Sabin from Kindergarten through 8th grade. We were able to secure the support from the RAA with financial support from our PTA. RAA came as a result of the vision of members of our parent Equity Team who wanted to address discipline challenges at Sabin.

Our teachers and support staff are now learning about a restorative dialogue and processes as a response to challenging behavior. Restorative Justice is not a new idea but it does present a change to how we deal with conflicts in school. Schools have too often operated with a focus on consequences when students violated school rules. Punishments are typically decided with an emphasis on placing blame and identifying consequences. Instead, RJ is an effort to focus on how relationships are affected or hurt while making accountability meaningful. Those responsible and those impacted make agreements. With a restorative justice approach, repair and healing are emphasized over any form of punishment.

We are very fortunate to have a teaching community who embrace the restorative justice philosophy with implementation of community circles in their classrooms as a first step. Our consultant coaches have begun introducing RJ to families through our equity team and PTA. This year, you will have opportunities to participate in an RJ facilitated session and to learn as our students and staff are learning. We are looking forward to how RJ will help us to continue to build a vibrant learning community at Sabin.

Restorative Justice alone will not solve all of our problems but I believe it will set us on a positive course toward how we demonstrate respect for each other and problem solve as students, as an instructional team and as a community.

Reiko Williams
Sabin Principal



Counselor's corner

We are continuing with our highlighted IB Trait Open-Minded and Attitude Tolerance this month. Students are engaging in dialogue and learning about what it means to be open minded and show tolerance toward others. Students are challenged to consider other people's ideas, opinions, feelings and to actively listen and validate what others have to say. Students are also practicing appreciating their own way of life as well as other cultures when being open-minded. This is a great topic to discuss with your child at home! And could extend to: How can we as a family show more open-mindedness and be more tolerant, patient and accepting?

We celebrated Unity Day and brought awareness to our togetherness as a Sabin family. It was pleasure to extend some joy through song in support of everyone's unique strengths, character and differences in a collaborative community.

The lyrics: **I'm so glad I'm here. We're so glad you're here. I'm so glad we're here.**

Halloween is almost here, a very exciting day. The days following Halloween can pose additional challenges with higher sugar consumption, possible later bedtimes, and all the excitement. Please let your child get the rest they need after an exciting day of Halloween.

Erika and Anna

PTA School of Excellence: Sabin families, we want to hear from you!

This week, your student should have brought home a letter from Ms. Williams and the PTA with a Family Survey for you to complete (either the paper survey or the online version) as part of the PTA School of Excellence program.

What is this program? Through the National PTA School of Excellence program, PTAs partner with their school's administrators to examine how families feel the school measures up to the research-based indicators of the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships in the following six areas: **1)** Welcoming all families into the school community; **2)** Communicating effectively; **3)** Supporting student success; **4)** Speaking up for every child; **5)** Sharing power; **6)** Collaborating with community.

Based on your responses, the National PTA will provide us recommendations that respond to our specific results from the survey data. School communities then work together to address barriers and create new ways to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of students through family-school partnerships that leverage community resources to strengthen family engagement in supporting student and school success.

Please submit your survey responses online at tinyurl.com/SabinFamilySurvey or return your completed paper survey to the Family Survey box in the office by November 9. If you have any questions or want to help with this program, please contact Sabin PTA Co-President Michelle Ganow-Jones at SabinPTApresident@gmail.com.



IB corner



This month our IB Learner Profile focus is on being Open-Minded. Students are learning all about how people can see something from many different perspectives. There is more than one way to see something or learn about something.

As part of our learner profile focus, our students in 4th through 6th grade were invited to attend a talk given by Isatou Ceesay about how she started one of the first recycling programs in Gambia. Isatou and the author Miranda Paul read the book and shared more details about their experiences in Gambia.

We were very fortunate to have Isatou here in Portland, who was visiting from Gambia, Africa. She and Miranda shared about how she had to be open-minded to see that dirty plastic bags could be turned into something new and beautiful - like purses - through recycling.

Here is a picture of her talking with some of our 4th through 6th grade students.

Talking questions: How are you open-minded in your daily life? What is one way you could be more open-minded?

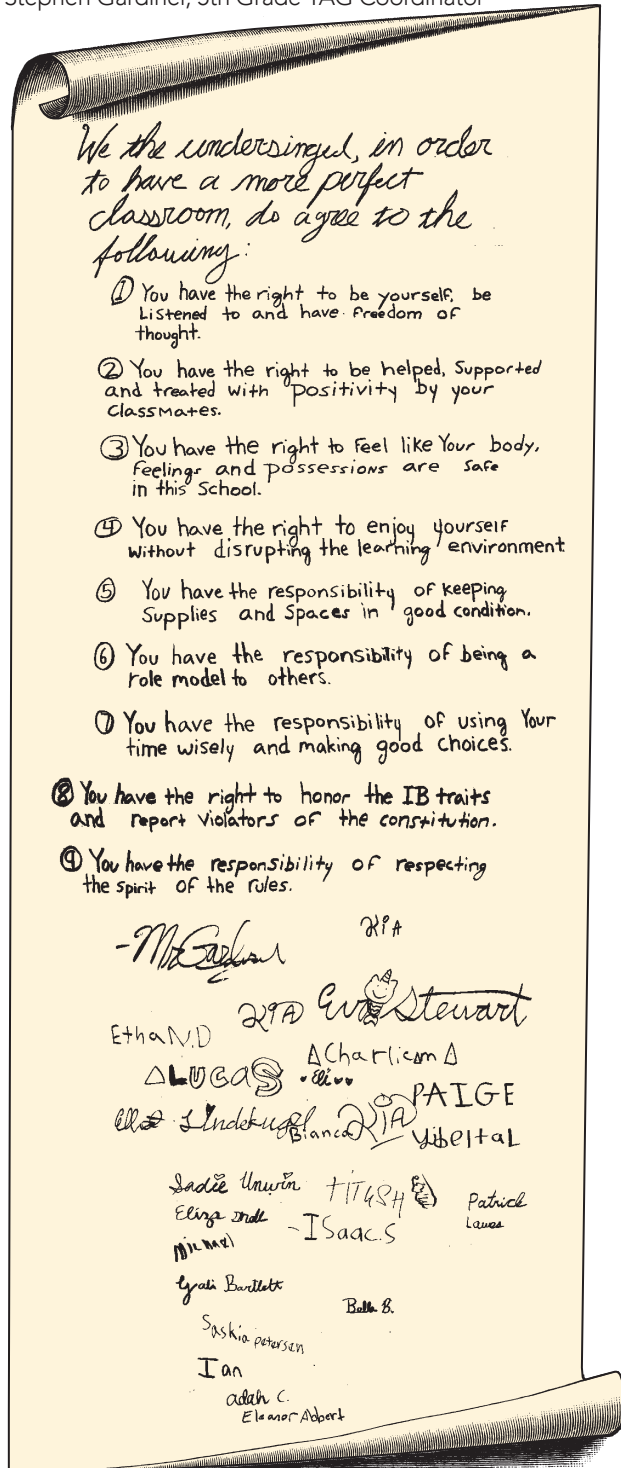
Sabin Vision

This year, we will engage in a process of developing a shared vision for Sabin with input from students, staff and community members. This process will hopefully allow us to come together around a shared set of principles around which our work will be focused.

Our 5th grade class constitution

Our class constitution was based on our learning about the US Constitution. While on student took the lead on writing it, every student participated in brainstorming the big ideas and fine-tuning it. A two-thirds majority was required to ratify each amendment.

Stephen Gardiner, 5th Grade TAG Coordinator



Run for Sabin School

Is your family hitting the ground running with the 1st annual Run for Sabin School on **Friday, October 28**? Our hope is for our community to come together to raise \$25,000 to support the success of all Sabin students. Help your students get pledges on the Sponsor Pledge Sheet and/or online at Sabin.Walkstarter.org. (You can also see how much money we've raised to date and how many students have created pages.) Plus, we need a whole team of volunteers to organize this mini marathon. Sign up to help out at tinyurl.com/VolunteerRFSS.

Grades	Run Times
K - 1st	8:40-9:10 am (This is this 10 minutes earlier than we'd originally planned.)
2nd - 3rd	9:40-10:10 am
4th - 5th	10:30-11:00 am
MYP + Adults	1-1:30 pm

Remember that **donations are due Wednesday, November 16**. Thanks in advance for helping to make this event a success and in turn supporting the success of all Sabin students.

On your mark, get set, GO!
Sarah Shine and Deborah Pleva

Upcoming Events

- K2 Celebration Assembly:** Tuesday, October 25, 8:45 am
- Site Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 25, 3:45 pm
- TAG Meeting:** Wednesday, October 26, 6 pm
- Run for Sabin School:** Friday, October 28
- Sabin PTA SCRIP due:** Friday, October 28