Dear Sabin Families,

This week has been full of events and extracurricular activities. We recognized our Mt. Readmore campaign encouraging students to read regularly and are finding ways to encourage students who have not yet discovered a love of reading by discussing favorite books and allowing students opportunities to share their favorite books and why. Last week, 4th grade welcomed families to their classrooms to share their work and learning on the energy unit of study. Ms. Tapfer’s first graders had the opportunity to volunteer at the Children’s Book Bank where they learned about their work and helped to clean, repair and prepare books to be given to Head Start preschoolers. Our fifth graders traveled to the model city of J-Biz town where they worked as accountants, store clerks, company executives and bank tellers among a host of other positions. Student engagement, hands-on learning and real world experiences are in full swing at Sabin.

Plans for the middle school transition to Harriet Tubman are moving full speed ahead. On Wednesday, February 21st, students and teachers from the four feeder schools (Sabin, Boise, Irvington and King) will gather for a student engagement session. Students and families will receive more information about this. We are looking forward to seeing how the middle school planning evolves and expecting that our students will be able to provide invaluable input in the design and planning of Harriet Tubman Middle School!
Second Step Curriculum – National School Counseling Week

Anna Jablonski, M.Ed, LSC - Counselor

Happy 2018! Counseling for classroom guidance lessons in the elementary is focusing on emotion management using Second Step curriculum. We are working on: "Stop, Name your feelings, Calm down".

February 5-9 is National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). It is a week we celebrate our work within the school environment, with individual students, dedicated staff and diverse families. One of the things I love most about my job is helping students feel empowered and overcome social and/or emotional obstacles to their learning. Please help us celebrate our children’s futures by promoting career/college readiness and wearing work, career or college gear on Friday, February 9!

Someone wise once said, “Our inner strengths, experiences and truths cannot be lost, destroyed or taken away. Every person has an inborn worth and can contribute to the human community. We all can treat one another with dignity and respect, provide opportunities to grow toward our fullest lives and help one another discover and develop our unique gifts.” It’s sometimes difficult to embrace qualities that make each and every person special. Every day we face challenges such as tough classes, peer pressure, family and friendship problems, or our own worries. These can be roadblocks to successes and celebrations. Please reach out, email, or stop by my office so I can lend an ear and give support in some way. Contact me at ajablonski@pps.net, (503) 916-6105, or stop by Room 314B.

Save the Date: IB Night

Sacha Luria – IB Coordinator

IB Night is coming up: Thursday, May 24, 2018 5 - 7 P.M.
IB Night is a time for students to share their learning in the IB program, highlight their learning and share with their families.

Student Led Conferences and Exhibition

For K-4th grade and 6-8th grade, students share their learnings in their own classrooms through student-led conferences. In 5th grade, students share their exhibition projects in a variety of different classrooms.

In student-led conferences the children work together to create stations for each area of study. At each station, you will find an activity or work product showing daily, in-class learning. Your child will act as your teacher, or guide, for the evening and will tour you around to each station. Please listen attentively to children and ask questions so everyone remains focused and reflective.
Mt. Readmore Celebration

Book-hungry climbers have been ascending Mt. Readmore in Sabin’ celebration of literacy! Mr. Johnson’s class is leading the climb with 14,757 minutes read. Mr. Gardiner’s class is coming up fast with Mrs. Braia’s class in a close third. All of our classes have many hours of reading in the first week. One more week to go - pick up a book, recommend a favorite, read with a parent or sibling, and have fun! The goal is to inspire the students to collectively read **150,000 minutes**.

It’s not too late for students to get registered on Whooosreading.org and log reading minutes to raise money for literacy programs at Sabin. We love seeing the climb to the top and encourage everyone to join in. If you need your child’s login information or other assistance, contact Lyndsay Christensen at lyndsayc@gmail.com. Enter minutes until end of day on January 31.
Oregon Battle of the Books Starts Saturday

The first two rounds of OBOB battles are this Saturday, January 27. 5th graders will be battling in the Sabin library starting at noon. We plan to be done by 2 P.M.

We still need a few more volunteers during the battles on Saturday. No experience is necessary and you can still observe your child’s battles while volunteering. Here’s a link to sign up: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4caaa728a0fd0-oregon. Thanks for your help!

Below is the battle schedule...specific times are not being assigned to the individual battles so we can hopefully move through them as teams are ready. Please be sure your child's team knows who is sitting out which battle (if there are more than four players) and who will be spokesperson. All teams will battle twice on Saturday.

Notes on future battles:

- Remaining battles will happen during the school day. Schedules will be sent each week so kids know what's coming
- The semi final battle (top 4 teams) will be Thursday, February 22 and the final battle (school winner) will be Friday, February 23 - both at 9 A.M. in the auditorium
- The regional battle is Saturday, March 10 starting first thing in the morning. Whichever team wins the school final battle will go on to represent Sabin at the regional battle

We’re looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday and hope your kiddos have been having fun with the reading and team building.

Please contact Lili Boicourt at liligordon@yahoo.com or 503-989-9090 (text okay) with questions or to volunteer. We're looking for battle moderators, scorekeepers and timekeepers on January 27 and during the February battles. Also, please contact Lili to receive email about OBOB.

MYP Dance

The next Middle School dance will be February 9! Watch for permission slips coming out next week.
Sabin Auction – Save the Date!

Put on your lab coats, grab your beakers, and book your babysitters. It’s time to give Sabin teachers and staff a hand in developing our little scientists into Nobel Prize winners. It’s time for the annual Sabin School Auction! Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 6 P.M. at the Melody Ballroom, 15 SE Alder Street.

Tickets on sale now at http://sabinauction.com!

The Sabin Auction is our school’s biggest fundraiser. Always fun and featuring many Sabinites in silly costumes, the auction raises tens of thousands of dollars to support our teachers, offer our students extra help in reading and math, and fund programs that make Sabin special, like garden education and foreign languages. Past auctions have supported such worthy causes as establishing a restorative justice program, integrating more technology into our classrooms, and updating the north playground.

Most of all, the auction is a time to celebrate our community spirit and raise money to support a worthy cause: the educational achievement of all of Sabin’s students!

2018 Sabin School Auction

MAD ABOUT SCIENCE

Saturday, April 14th
Melody Ballroom

[Image of children in lab coats and science gear]
May is Walk + Roll to School Challenge Month

The goal is to have fun getting to school walking, biking, skating, riding a scooter, or by any other active mode. Kids who are active getting to school, arrive more ready to learn. It also reduces traffic and air emissions around our school.

Sabin has traditionally had an impressive number of families walk, bike and roll; and programs like Walk + Roll to School encourage this. If you are interested in helping out with Walk + Roll to School this May, we’d love to welcome you to the team. Contact Clay at clayveka@gmail.com.
The Pastini Pastathon Is On!

Lower your hunger while raising money for a good cause.

Monday & Tuesday,
February 5-6th

50% of net proceeds goes to

Sabin Elementary School PTA

Tell everyone you know to eat at Pastini on NE Broadway.
Be sure to mention Sabin Elementary School PTA when you order lunch and dinner.
Take out food counts!

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Pastini
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