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Dear Sabin Families,

We have been in school for nearly 100 days this calendar year which means we are more than halfway through the 2017-18 school year! Next week on February 13, we will welcome prospective Kindergarten parents to our school for Kindergarten Connect, a first look at Kindergarten at Sabin. What an exciting time for children and their families, many who will see their first child off to school in the fall.

We are fortunate to have painters beautifying the interior of our building with a fresh coat of paint! They have been working late into the evening while the building is empty meticulously painting classrooms, hallways and staircases. You will notice the progress as they are now painting the third floor of our school. What a difference a fresh coat of paint can make!

With nearly 600 students and only three custodians, it is no easy task to clean our school day after day and week after week. In addition to a beautiful new canvas, we have begun the Sabin Stewards program in which our students take responsibility for keeping Sabin clean and free of debris. Our hope is that the Sabin Steward program will increase our awareness of trash, recycling and promote pride in the appearance of Sabin and appreciation of our nearly 100-year-old school building. Students will pick up trash, wipe down their desks, and pick up debris on our school grounds (supervised by staff and using gloves).





Principal's Corner (Continued)

This is a role shared by each of our classrooms. Two classrooms are Sabin stewards each week. Sabin Stewards are assisted by Mr. Ronnie, our head custodian, with necessary supplies. Our students learn that keeping our school clean reflects the IB learner profile attribute of responsibility and that we have a shared role in keeping our school clean! What a testament to our appreciation of Sabin School and the custodial staff who take great pride in preparing classrooms for our children! If you pass by a paper cup lying on the floor or discarded paper, join us in placing it in a trashcan or recycling bin. Thank you for your support!

IB Corner – How the World Works

First grade has just started an exciting new unit on How the World Works. In this unit, students inquire into how people use light and sound.

Cashton made sound by using a stick and banging in on a metal bar. "When you bang on it it vibrates the metal and makes sounds."

Heidi said, "I made sound by crumpling up dried leaves."

Students in Ms. Mease's class found a lot of ways of making sounds using the nature playground. They also asked lots of questions about sound. Later, students in first grade will go on a sound walk in the neighborhood to hear sounds around them in the world.



Sabin Students Summit Mt. Readmore!

WOW, Sabin Climbers! We've reached new heights in reading together. You read 176,827 minutes surpassing our goal of 150,000 minutes. Mr. Johnson's 5th graders led the pack logging 28,243 minutes. They will be treated to a frozen yogurt party from Eb & Bean to recognize their effort to lead the way up to the chilly summit. And congratulations to the three grades that logged the most minutes!

- 1st Place - 5th Grade
- 2nd Place - 4th Grade
- 3rd Place - 2nd Grade

We hope you enjoyed the Basecamp Family Reading Night, the storytelling from the wonderful Dr. Johnny Lake, the dress up as your favorite book character day, and the partnership with Albina Library. We also had two classes take field trips to and volunteer at the Children's Book Bank. Plus, we raised \$8,300 to cover the costs of the events and to purchase more books for the school. We know some families had technical difficulties logging on to the WhoosReading website. In recognition, the website reduced their service fee.

The Sabin PTA extends a heartfelt thanks to all of the teachers, staff, community partners, and parent volunteers that helped get us to the top and inspire our students to READ MORE!



Lost and Found

Please be sure and check the lost and found which is on the 1st floor outside of Ms. Kate Anderson's classroom just east of the cafeteria. We have volunteers who clean the Lost and Found; however, lost items pile up quickly. Please check the Lost and Found area. We will be purging items that haven't been picked up once monthly at the end of the month. Items that have not been claimed will go to a good cause – the PTA Clothing Closet at Grant High School.



A Reminder about Lunch Balances

We are very excited that we have more students eating school lunch than in previous years, which also means our lunch balance totals are increasing. Please be sure to check your lunch balance. The balances can increase quickly as breakfast is \$1.50 for elementary and middle school students and \$2.80 and \$3.05 for middle school students.

These balances can accrue very quickly. You can write a check or you can add funds to School Café online. If you need help in either case, feel free to call or stop by the main office or check in with Kabrina Parker, our cafeteria lead in the kitchen. If for any reason you need assistance, we can provide assistance so please don't hesitate to reach out! We received a generous donation to help with outstanding lunch balances; however, we want to be sure we are reserving the lunch fund for families who might need it. So please check your balances and call if you need help!





Sabin Family Fire Fund

One of our Sabin families, Xavier (3rd Grade), Amauri (8th Grade), Norman (3rd Grade Sabin Basketball coach), and Zakiya, was hit hard by an electrical fire in their home last week. The fire caused extensive damage to their kitchen and bedrooms and they have been forced to move out. We are starting a fund to help them get through this difficult time. The Ross family will use these funds to help them get back on their feet in the short term and replace clothing and furniture that were lost in the fire in the long term. If you are able to contribute, please use the following PayPal account to donate:
<https://www.paypal.me/JenniferRotman>

Connect to Kindergarten - Calling All Volunteers

We need Sabin representatives to field questions from incoming Kindergarten families.

February 13 at 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Contact Cara Farr if you are able to help new Kindergarten families get the information they need.

farroufamily@gmail.com



Box Tops for Education



It's time to turn in those Box Tops you've been saving. Deadline is February 16. The Box Top Collection Box is near the elevator on the second floor near the auditorium. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. Clip box tops from products that have the Box Tops for Education logo and bring to school at any time during the year and drop them in the "Box Top box" near the elevator on the 2nd floor. Box Tops are sent in twice a year – November and March.



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Future Harriet Tubman families: Please join us for a school tour

Tuesday, February 20, 6-8 pm
Harriet Tubman School | 2231 N Flint Avenue

We would like to welcome you to a guided tour of Harriet Tubman Middle School followed by school updates from principal Natasha Butler.

Light refreshments will be available. Childcare and Spanish interpretation provided.

Let us know if you will be able to attend:
cameronvt@pps.net | 503-916-3387

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