



# BUZZ SHEET

from the  
Matoska International Parent Teacher Organization (MIPTO)  
Today's Edition: January 10, 2013

## Family Movie Nights

Last Friday was the first of two family movie nights. With the popularity of this MIPTO-sponsored event, movie night was split between two groups of grade levels. The modernized *The Muppets* with Jason Segel and Amy Adams introduced a new generation of children to the lovable Kermit the Frog, the feisty Miss Piggy and the rest of the gang like Animal, Beaker, the Swedish Chef, Fozzie Bear, Gonzo, and...well you get the point.

Students seemed to enjoy themselves chatting with their friends, singling along with songs like Camilla and the Chicken's rendition of Cee-Lo Green's "Forget You" and the infamous car scene with "Manamanana" on the radio.

We look forward to this week's presentation of *Phineas and Ferb's Across the 2nd Dimension* with our Kindergarten through 2nd graders. Like last week's movie night, we expect quite a few students from the other grade levels. So wear your pajamas (parent can too), bring your snuggies, blankets and pillows and enjoy a night with us. MIPTO will provide popcorn and a great movie. See you Friday at 6:30pm!

\*\*For the safety of everyone, any student not accompanied by an adult will not be permitted to participate in this event.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**No School** - January 18 and 21.

**MIPTO Meeting Dates** - Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14, June 11.  
6:30pm in Media Center.

**Leonardo's Pizzeria** - First Tuesday of the Month from 4pm to close— Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, June 4.

**Family Movie Night** - Friday, January 11 for Grades K-2.

**Family Skate Night** - Friday, January 25 from 5:15pm - 7:15pm.

### VOLUNTEER FORMS NEEDED!

Families - recently your child received a GREEN volunteer opportunity form and we ask that you return it as soon as possible. Many of the events Matoska hosts are made possible by volunteers and family members. Please consider volunteering for evening events like the Saints North Skate Night, Art Show and Carnival. Or, if you have time during the day, consider volunteering in your child's classroom or media center. Remember, together we build our community and schools and this directly affects the education and growth of our children.



### FUN-RAISING SKATE NIGHT JANUARY 25

5:15pm—7:15pm

Have you been missing the roller rink? Come join us at Saints North for a couple of hours of fun on four wheels! Location: 1818 Gervais Court Maplewood, MN 55109



# Volunteer Opportunities

We have a new volunteer system. Parent volunteers can now go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and login to email using the following login information:

Email: [MatoskaParentVolunteers@isd624.org](mailto:MatoskaParentVolunteers@isd624.org)

Password: mpvol2012

With the new email you can view volunteer requests and an interactive sign-up sheets for various opportunities. Users can also send email to the same address for all volunteers to view.

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## PIRATES! THE MUSICAL—TICKETS ON SALE

*Join this salty crew of colorful scallywags as they hoist the Jolly Roger and set sail for a mighty adventure on the seven seas!*

Show times are Friday, March 15 at 7pm, Saturday, March 16 at 2pm and Sunday, March 17 at 7pm and tickets are \$10.00 each.

Purchase tickets online at <http://www.ashlandproductions.org/shows.cfm?prod=148>

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## SAINTS NORTH PARENT NEEDED!

MIPTO needs a parent who would be willing to help out on the roller skating nights. Responsibilities include collecting monies from the fundraising event and working with Saints North.

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## STORYTELLING!

Do you have a story to tell? Are you going on a field trip and want to share what you learned? Submit articles and pictures to [MATOSKAPARENTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MATOSKAPARENTS@GMAIL.COM) to have your information shared with other Matoska Families.

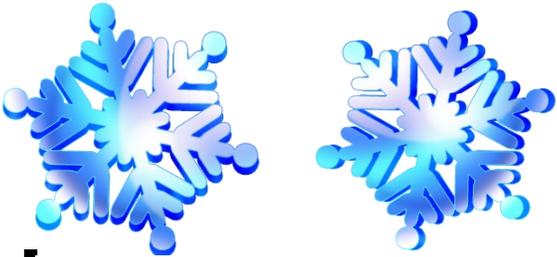
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## CONGRATULATIONS CLASSROOM WINNERS!

The winning classrooms for the Box Top Challenge are Ms. Winkler, Ms. Coorough and Ms. Wagoner. The students will be treated to a Rice Krispy Party! Matoska students raised \$1360.60 from this contest!

The winning classroom from Leonardo's Pizzeria was a close race but in the end, Ms. Reckinger's class pulled ahead. The students won a Pizza Party!

Congratulations to all of our students and their families for participating in all of our fundraising efforts. You make the difference!!



## INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

### Important Numbers:

Attendance Line: **651-653-2848.**

Transportation Changes? Contact Carolyn Kay in the main office at **651-653-2847.**

Brrr...it is cold outside! Make sure to dress appropriately for whatever weather conditions come your way. Do not forget to label your outer wear and use chapstick if your lips get chapped in the colder weather.

In case of any emergency, know who to contact and where your "safe" place is. Practice with your family (and pets).

Should a school closing be necessary, families are notified in the following four ways:

- An instant alert phone message and e-mail will be sent to all parents
- There will be a message on the WBL school closing hotline- **651-407-7540**
- A message will be posted on [www.isd624.org](http://www.isd624.org)
- Closings will be posted on local news channels

# Donations Wanted

The Health Office is always in need of undergarments of all kids' sizes as well as socks, sweat pants and shirts for those tiny mishaps. Please consider donating any CLEAN clothing for students at Matoska. Donations can be dropped off at the Health Office. We all thank you for your donations!



# Host Family/Families Needed for Visiting Chinese Teacher



We have had a terrific experience with our current Chinese exchange teacher, Stephanie Zhuang, and look forward to welcoming our second semester teacher in early February and needs a family to host. The teacher will return to China in late June or early July.

Since 2010, our partnership with the Hangzhou Foreign Languages School has grown and has generated annual exchanges of staff between our schools. Participating in a host family arrangement can be a truly rewarding experience for both parties if you are open and willing to learn from each other.

Families can choose to host for periods of time from as little as one month to up to five months. Host families are expected to:

- Provide a bedroom/living space (with no expectations for monetary reimbursement).
- Be willing to share your family mealtimes.
- Be open to learn about a new culture/foreign language.

Each visiting teacher is carefully screened by their School/University and White Bear Lake Area School District staff before coming to our schools to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. Likewise, we will need to complete background checks on adult members of households that host teachers to ensure the safety of the teachers while guests in White Bear Lake Area School District. There is not a cost to the family for the background checks. It is important that needs are met for both the teachers and the students and their families to make this a successful program. If you are interested in hosting a Chinese teacher this semester or any time in the future please call Tim Wald at [651-773-6205](tel:651-773-6205) or email him at [tim.wald@isd624.org](mailto:tim.wald@isd624.org).

