

BUZZ SHEET



from the
Matoska International Parent Teacher Organization (MIPTO)
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Volunteer Viewpoint - Erika Arndt

My name is Erika Arndt and I'm the Co-Chair of the Matoska Art Enrichment Program. I got involved in the program when my daughter started Kindergarten 8 years ago. There was a sign up sheet and the super-awesome teacher made a strong pitch for the program. There was already a leader, but additional volunteers were needed to help the students during art classes. I had so much fun getting involved, watching the kids produce real art, and seeing their sense of pride when they admired their work on display. I was hooked!

I've also volunteered for Options Day, Fun Day, the Carnival, special events, field trips and class parties. I helped publish student books, helped with Family Group and Book Club, and I helped lead a Girl Scout troop out of Matoska for 5 years (they are now at Sunrise).

My favorite thing about leading a year's worth of art is seeing what the kids do with my ideas. Not every student excels at every lesson, but perhaps someone who shows no interest in drawing or painting might be very absorbed in making a mask or building a structure. It is always a joy to be in the room while the students are working, and seeing the connections they make between art, other studies, the materials, and their lives. My favorite experiences have been the Art Shows, when the kids walk through exhibits with their families and show what they have accomplished throughout the year.

I work for the Y as a preschool teacher. I graduated with a theater major, dabbled in pottery, and found my niche working with young children. My own children (Muir, age 12 and Sawyer, age 10) love art supplies and consider themselves "artistic." My husband is a tree-loving ecologist and together we like to camp, hike, canoe, and attend rock concerts. In my free time I enjoy playing with duct tape, knitting, and making homemade candy. My favorite artists are Alexander Calder (inventor of the mobile) and Bill T Jones (inspiring choreographer).

IMPORTANT DATES

NO School Dates - Feb. 20, Mar. 1-2, Mar. 19-23, Apr. 6, Apr. 9, May 28

MIPTO Meeting Dates - Feb. 14, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8, June 12. 6:30pm in Media Center

Saints North Skate Night - January 27 from 5:15pm - 7:15pm.

Family Movie Night - February 3 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

MIPTO Board News

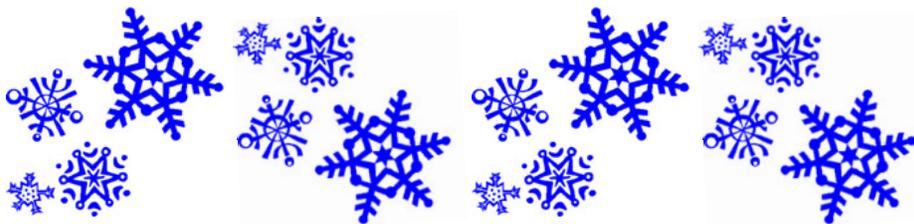
Members of the school community are more than welcome to attend any of the Matoska International Parent/Teacher Organization Meetings. All agendas, meetings, Buzz Sheets, financial and member information can be found on

<http://matoskaparents.weebly.com/index.html>.

We invite you to visit our site and attend any of our meetings and events.

Thank You!

THANK YOU to all families who participated in our 2011-2012 Annual Donation Drive. 'Donation receipts went home via backpacks the middle of January. . Anyone who participated in the Donation Drive from September to December 2011 will receive a receipt. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! You can still make a donation for the 2011-2012 school year, please see the MIPTO's website for more information www.matoskaparents@weebly.com.



Volunteer Opportunities

We have a new volunteer system. Parent volunteers can now go to **www.google.com** and login to email using the following login information:

Email: 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.

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Our second Scholastic Book Fair will be held the last week of February and during the March conferences. We need volunteers for setup and take down as well as working during the book fair. You can sign up for 1 or more shifts on the schedule. You can find the schedule by going to the new parent volunteer email account. Instructions will be included in the electronic submission of the BuzzSheet.

Family Movie Night

Friday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:30pm

Wear your PJ's, bring a blanket and pillow and get ready to enjoy delicious popcorn and watch a G-rated movie. Students voted for CARS 2!! So come join Lightning McQueen, Mater, Sally and more as they race around the world. We hope to see you there!! For the safety of everyone, any student not accompanied by an adult will not be permitted to participate in this event. The MIPTO is collecting non-perishable foods for the local food shelf. Please bring an item or two to donate - Thanks!

PERSONAL PROPERTY

I encourage parents to label **all** of your child's personal property. This includes lunch boxes, coats, jackets, hats, boots, mittens, tennis shoes, water bottles, etc. Every year we give multiple bags of items to the Goodwill because no one claims them. Our lost and found is located across from the gym in the closets. We also want to remind parents to be sure your children are properly dressed for the colder weather and being outside at recess. Hats, winter coats, mittens or gloves all make for a better outdoor recess.

Electronics and cell phones are expensive items and often get lost or taken. Please **DO NOT** bring iPODS, cell phones, video games, or other electronics to school.

Items Needed!

The Health Office needs donations of **BOYS and GIRLS** pants, sweatpants and underwear, sizes 5—8. Thank you!

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Important Numbers:

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

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

Colder weather is here! Time to pull out the warm jackets, gloves, scarves and hats. Make sure your child's name is on their outerwear. The lost and found by the cafeteria is filling up, so check there for any unclaimed items. When the snow falls, you will probably need indoor sneakers too.

If you get chapped lips, make sure to bring some chapstick.

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.whitebear.k12.mn.us
- Closings will be posted on local news channels

Call for Photos

Ms. Vanderwood is in charge of the yearbook this year and is requesting photos. Parents/families/students can send them by email (KatyVernon@gmail.com) IF they are small files (low resolution). Otherwise photos can be burned to a CD. Photos on a CD will be returned if requested. We need all grades so the more the merrier. If there are questions please call Ms. Vanderwood at (651) 653-4050 or email at KatyVernon@gmail.com.



FREE
Event

Smart Parenting, Smarter Kids

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Resource Fair: 6:30–7 p.m.

Speaker: 7–8:30 p.m.

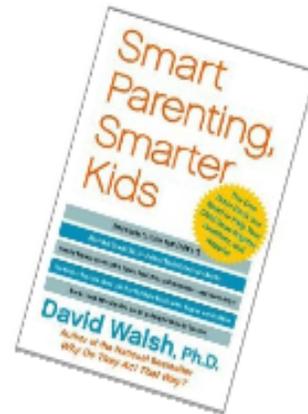
Tartan High School
828 Greenway Ave
Oakdale, MN 55128

*Target audience: Parents and
anyone who works with
children.*

- How can I raise my child's IQ?
- What foods are brain foods?
- Why is sweating important for brain growth?
- How is technology re-wiring kids' brains?
- How can US kids catch up with kids in other countries on those international tests?



Dr. Dave Walsh will answer these questions and many others in a workshop based on his newest book, *Smart Parenting, Smarter Kids: the One Brain Book You Need to Help your Child Grow Brighter, Healthier and Happier*. Internationally renowned psychologist, best selling author, and in-demand speaker, Dr. Dave will translate the latest findings from brain science into practical strategies that parents, teachers and anyone concerned about kids can put to use immediately.



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GO KIDS DAY

Dear Parents, please check out our latest fundraiser with GO KIDS DAY!

GO KIDS DAY.com gives 10% back to local causes and schools!

GO KIDS DAY has already given over \$4,500 to White Bear Lake area schools!

Shop Local ~ Give Local!

For every \$100 spent locally, \$68 stays in the community vs. only \$43 with big box stores and \$0 with on-line stopping.

Please help raise money for our school & get FREE coupons for local at businesses

Shop at the stores with the GO KIDS DAY logo in their store windows!

GO KIDS DAY Website:

<http://www.gokidsday.com/go/whitebearlake-mn>

GO KIDS DAY Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/GoKidsDayWhiteBearLakeMN>

Get your FREE GO KIDS DAY deals for local White Bear Lake businesses at www.gokidsday.com/go/whitebearlake-mn!

The logo features the word "GO" in a stylized font where the "O" is a solid orange circle, followed by "KIDS DAY" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font.