BUZZ SHEET

from the
Matoska International Parent Teacher Organization (MIPTO)
Today's Edition: October 30, 2013

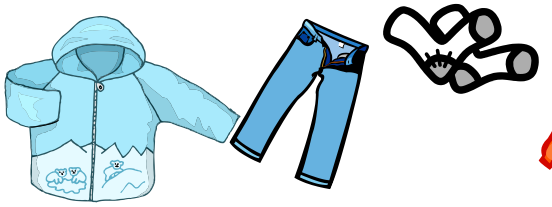
Welcome Cami Raeburn
New Volunteer Coordinator

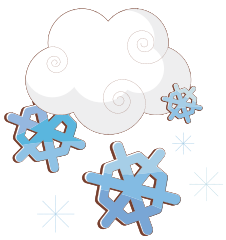
Matoska International welcomes Cami Raeburn and family back to White Bear Lake. Cami has taken the position of Volunteer Coordinator and can found in the main office with Ms. Kay and Mr. Leininger.

Stop by and say hello.

One of Cami's firsts is to coordinate a clothing drive for the nurse.

The school nurse needs a lot of clothes for boys and girls. Specifically, sizes 5—12; pants/sweats, shirts/sweatshirts, underwear and socks. Any donations can be dropped off at the main office.





Brrr…It is getting cold outside! Don't forget your weather-appropriate clothes, including gloves, scarves, and hats. Chapstick is also good to have around for those extra cold and windy days. Don't forget to label your belongings and check the lost and found!

IMPORTANT DATES

NO School Dates - Monday, Nov. 4

Daylight Savings Ends - Nov. 2
Fall Back One Hour

MIPTO Meeting Dates - Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 7, Feb. 11, Mar. 18, Apr. 8, May 13, June 10. 6:15pm in Media Center.

Leonardo's Pizzeria - The first Tuesdays of the Month, November 5
3150 Century Ave N, Mahtomedi, MN 55115 - (651) 777-1200

Family Dance on Friday, Nov. 8 from 6:30-8:30pm. DJ'd by our own Mr. Butters, the first hour is geared towards the younger grades and the second hour will be geared towards the older grades. Families are encouraged to attend one hour or the other but are welcome to attend any time.

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

MIPTO is collecting non-perishable foods for the local food shelf. Please consider bringing an item or two to donate.

2013 Capital Projects Levy information

On November 5, area residents will be voting on the District's Capital Projects Levy. The 10-year authority approved by voters in 2003 expired with the Payable 2013 tax levy.

The levy funds library books and materials; textbooks and instructional materials; science equipment; technology to support students and teachers; and repair and replacement of large musical instruments.

This is an important vote for the WBL school district with the levy on the ballot. More info can be found at http://www.whitebear.k12.mn.us/news/index.asp?DocID=604

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Looking for ways to volunteer at Matoska International? Supporting your child's education both in the school and at home are some of the ways to enhance your child's education. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Cami Raeburn at **651-653-2852** for more information.

Target's Take Charge of Education gives a percentage back to our school for anyone using their Target Visa card and who chooses Matoska International as their school. To select our school sign up on-line at www.target.com or call 800-316-6142.

On November 14, every donation you make gives your favorite nonprofits and schools the chance to win even more money. Hundreds of organizations will offer the opportunity to double your dollars with matching grants throughout the 24 hours. And, today through November 13, you can schedule your donation. Simply go to your nonprofit or school's page and look for the checkbox that says "Make this donation count for Give to the Max Day." The donation will be deducted from your credit or debit card at 12 a.m. on November 14.

http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Matoska-International-Parent-Teacher-Organization

START SAVING BOX TOPS!
Box Tops collection will begin in November. Stay tuned for upcoming start and end dates.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
"Peek of the Week" newsletters offer valuable information regarding the great activities your teacher and child are doing in class. Contact your child's teacher if you need an extra copy.

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Important Numbers:

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

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

Minnesota is quickly jumping from FALL to WINTER. Make sure to dress appropriately for whatever weather conditions come your way. Do you know where the safest place is in your home if there is a tornado or other emergency? 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.whitebear.k12.mn.us
- Closings will be posted on local news channels

STUDENTS IN ACTION!
Matoska International students and teachers sometimes host their own fundraising and donation projects. Make sure to look in each teacher's *Peeks* to see what they are doing in their classroom to support their local and global communities.

How do you fill your bucket?