

# BUZZ SHEET

from the  
Matoska International Parent Teacher Organization (MIPTO)  
Today's Edition: December 1, 2011

## Patrols Keep Matoska Students Safe

As the Friday AM patrols were bundling up to do their cross-walk duties we were able to see what being a patrol is all about. The temperature Friday morning was 5 degrees and Anika, Joey, Paige F. and Sam A. still had to do their cross-walk duties.

There are 34 patrols, all in the fifth grade, who share the different patrol duties. "Cross-walk" is just one of the duties along with being a kindergarten patrol—someone who helps get them ready at the end of the day. "Indoor patrol" help with indoor recess when it is too cold to be outside. "Pig duty", yes, pig duty, helps to make sure the students clean off their lunch trays into the correct garbage cans.

Some advice the patrols gave us was for all of you who drop off kids in the morning – please slow down for the cross-walk patrols.

Thank you 5th grade patrols for keeping our students safe!



## Hat Day - 12/15

Did you find a hat that would be fun to wear and share with your friends? Ms. Susie and the Student Council are hosting a HAT DAY on Thursday, December 15, so you can! Come to school with a great hat. Just make sure the hat is not bigger than your backpack.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**NO School Dates** - Dec 23—Jan 2  
School is back in session on Tuesday, January 3.

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

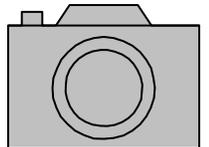
Check the lost and found for your unlabeled items.

**Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity over the winter break.**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:KatyVernon@gmail.com).



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Y-Ties and recent fundraisers! Your support and commitment ensures that all students can participate in class and school-wide events.



# 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](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.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Late December registration packets will be mailed home for kindergarten students for year 2012-2013.

Kindergarten Registration Night, January 19th, 5:30-7:00.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Dine out at Culvers on Tuesday, January 10th from 5:00pm until 7:00pm and support 5th grade camp! Our 5th graders will be serving food to customers at Culvers in Vadnais Heights (Hwy 96 and Centerville Rd). Ten percent of all sales during those two hours will go to Matoska International for the 5th grade camp. Hope to see you there!

**GO KIDS DAY** offers you cost-saving coupons while you shop locally. Visit [GOKIDSDAY.COM](http://GOKIDSDAY.COM) to print coupons to local businesses and ten percent of ad sales go to all of the White Bear Lake area schools. Coupons change every month, so make sure you check them often!

## MATOSKA INTERNATIONAL PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE

Any donations received by Thursday, December 22nd via school mail will be recorded as a 2011 donation.

You can find our donation form at the MIPTO's website, [www.matoskaparents.weelby.com](http://www.matoskaparents.weelby.com).

Also on the website is a link to our GiveMN page. Any donations made through GiveMN must be done so by Saturday, December 31st to be recorded as a 2011 donation.  
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](http://www.whitebear.k12.mn.us)
- Closings will be posted on local news channels

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to volunteer at Matoska International. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Gayle Chapman, at **651-653-2852** for more information.

# Winter Break

# Extended Day

Winter break is just around the corner. For a little over a week, students will take a break from school. For parents who are working over the break, Extended Day options are available.

Visit <http://www.whitebearextendedday.org> for more information or call 651-653-2855.