

# BUZZ SHEET



from the  
Matoska International Parent Teacher Organization (MIPTO)  
Today's Edition: February 9, 2012

## Family Movie Night

The family movie night was a success! With over 200 people in attendance, children and their families watched the silly antics of Tow Mater, Lightning McQueen and the other cars of Radiator Springs as they traveled the world in the quest of the fastest car in the world. The importance of friendship and family were underlying themes in this fast-paced movie.



But what is a movie night without popcorn? Our local White Bear and Oakdale movie theaters generously donated *large* bags of popcorn and WBL high school cheerleaders, along with our parent volunteers, helped bag and distribute yummy popcorn to all of our families.

Matoska International PTO also collected canned goods for our White Bear Food Shelf. They were very appreciative and thanked our families for the donation of nearly 108 pounds of food.

Family Movie Nights are always fun and we look forward to next year's movie night. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event successful!

## Matoska's Love to Read-a-Thon

Matoska's Love to Read-a-Thon is starting the February 17th and will run until March 2nd. We will also have a Book Character Day, so get your costumes ready.

Prizes will be given to the top readers with the highest amount of minutes. Grades will be broken up into grade groups: K-1, 2-3, 4-5. The top two from each group will get prizes.

Mr. John is coming up with a surprise if we reach our **school goal** of 200,000 minutes total read. So get the pledges and read a lot!!!

Need a new book or two? The book fair is also around the corner. Make your wish list and add books to your personal and school library.

### 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

**Art Show Planning Meeting** - Feb. 28 at 4:00pm in the Media Center.

**Yearbook Orders Due** - March 30

**Art Show** - Friday, April 13

## 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.

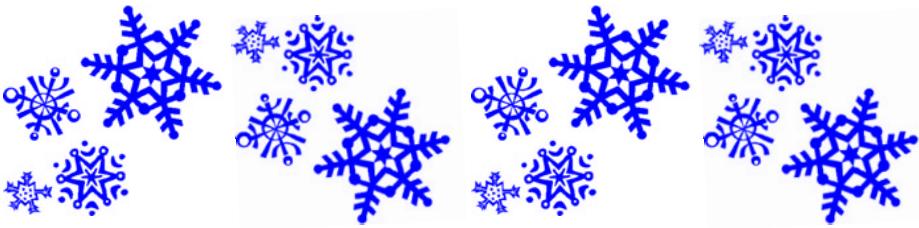
## Hansel and Gretel

Ms. Kelly Pylkas-Bock reports that Hansel and Gretel performance practices are going great! The students are excited with the play being just a few weeks away.

If you want to go see a performance and support our Matoska International students, you can buy tickets online at:

[http://www.ashlandproductions.com/  
shows.cfm?prod=118](http://www.ashlandproductions.com/shows.cfm?prod=118)

Showtimes are: March 2 and 4 at 7:00pm  
March 3 at 2:00pm



# 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  
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.

## Calling All Art Leaders!

It's that exciting time of year! **The Matoska Art Show will be held on Friday April 13.** We will hold our annual Art Show **Planning Meeting on Tuesday, February 28 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Media Center. Please try to attend this important meeting. We will discuss art show instructions, share ideas for art show sale/auction items, and answer any questions about set-up and the art show. Child care will be available. Please contact Gayle Chapman if you need child care. Thank you for all you do for our Art Enrichment program! See you on February 28th! Betsy Diekema, Erika Arndt, and Jeanne Mack

## 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 view and sign up for 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 Buzz Sheet.

## 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](http://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.