



Hansel and Gretel Performance

Matoska International student actors had three AMAZING performances last week! We partnered with Ashland Production and over 50 students participated in our first ever play production. Directed by Ms. Kayla, students danced, sung, and acted their hearts out in Hansel and Gretel. Our very own Ms. Kelly Pylkas-Bock served as the program director and helped coordinate all the actors and their families around the play practices and tech rehearsals. With all three shows sold out, parents, friends, and family members sang, laughed and cheered for their actors.

The actors were also very excited to be performing. This was a wonderful opportunity to all of our students, some who had never been on stage before. To quote Ms. Pylkas-Bock, "I feel so privileged to have been able to be a part of this with the kids. I am always amazed at the talents our students have!"

Stay tuned for the next edition of the Buzz Sheet for more pictures and comments from our actors and families. If you didn't get a chance to see the play, DVD order forms are available in the main office.

Matoska's Love to Read-a-Thon Update

We have exceptional readers! Although as a school we were short on our reading goal, our students did read 52,000 minutes.

Our individual top readers were :

K-1 group:

Leilani Richnofsky 1398 (first place)
Rylan Goetz 1041

2-3 grade group:

Shea Raeburn 1418 (first place)
Hayden Weddell 1355

4-5 grade

Ope Olusi 2962 (first place)
Ali Hesseltine 2520

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2 READ

Giftcards to Barnes and Noble, and Half Price Books were handed out to these winners.

IMPORTANT DATES

NO School Dates - Mar. 19-23, Apr. 6, Apr. 9, May 28

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

Easter Lilies - Orders Due March 7/
Flowers available for pickup on April 3

Skate Night - March 30, 5:15p - 7:15p

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.

Matoska Rocks Box Tops!

Check here next edition for updates to our Box Tops Challenge!



SKATE NIGHT

The end of this month is our last Saints North Skate Night. Come out on March 30 and skate or play laser tag with your friends.



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.

It's that exciting time of year! **The Matoska Art Show will be held on Friday, April 13.**

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to call area businesses that have been sent donation request letters. Donations will be used for our Spring Carnival in the raffle and/or silent auction to raise money for our PTO.

You would receive a list of 30 businesses to call to verify if they have 1) received our letter and 2) would be willing or able to make a donation. We would provide their phone numbers. The calls would need to be made during business hours and you would have up to three weeks to complete calls from your list. Calls will begin mid March. Any help would be appreciated. If you have questions, please contact our committee members.

Carnival Donation's Committee

Roger Donoghue & Theresa Roach

Theresa's ph#651-415-9965, email: brownbear100@aol.com

Roger's # 651-407-5184 email: rdonoghue72@gmail.com

PERSONAL PROPERTY

You are encouraged 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 multiple bags of items are given to the Goodwill because no one claims them. The 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.**

We've experienced a very unusual winter in Minnesota. We are steadily making our way to spring time weather, but we still need to be prepared for any weather by making sure you have appropriate outerwear. 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 does fall, 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

Yearbook Orders

The deadline for turning in Yearbook orders is March 30th! There are a variety of options and price ranges for the yearbooks from soft to hard cover, personalized or non-personalized. If you did not receive a Yearbook Order Form, please check with your child's teacher or the main office for extra order forms.



March 15, 2012

Dear Matoska Families,

Happy Spring! We on the Matoska Spring Carnival Planning Committee hope that you are as excited about the warmer weather as we are. In only seven weeks, we will be hosting the annual Spring Carnival, and with all the events in the works it is sure to be a great time—we hope you can make it!

The two goals of the Carnival are to help build a sense of community and provide financing for the many fantastic programs that MIPTO organizes for us here at Matoska. The raffle and silent auction play a major role in supplying that financing, and they each depend upon the generous donations we receive from local businesses and members of the Matoska school community.

We have mailed out letters to area businesses and have again started receiving some wonderful gifts. As in the past, we would also like to ask that if you have an item or service that might make a great prize to consider donating it to this year's Carnival. Examples are tickets to an event (if you are a season ticket holder), use of a cabin or time share, a boat ride, a service, etc.

The Carnival will be held on May 4th, from 5:30 – 8:30pm, and winners will be announced then.

We have been so fortunate in past years with the donations we have received, and we thank you for considering a donation this year. If you have anything you can donate please contact Gayle Chapman in the Matoska Volunteer Office to help facilitate that donation. Or, if you prefer, feel free to write it in the space provided below and send the slip in to school with your child, to Gayle's attention.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the school!

Sincerely,

Roger Donoghue, parent volunteer

Matoska Spring Carnival Planning Committee

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2012 Matoska International Spring Carnival Donation

Yes, I would like to donate the following item to this year's Spring Carnival:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____