



BUZZ SHEET

from the
Matoska International Parent Teacher Organization (MIPTO)
Today's Edition: April 4, 2013

Statewide Testing

The last quarter/semester of the school year is one that families and teachers look forward to. The end of the school year marks a time of growth, accomplishments, year-end festivities, and the upcoming summer break. However, before we cross the finish line, there are state-mandated tests that linger right around spring break. Students, teachers and staff, and families, prepare for the MCAs and for our older students, the GRADs. Students have been engaged in learning and mastering concepts that will be on the tests and family members help facilitate what happens in the school with the learning and application that happens at home. I believe that Matoska does an excellent job of preparing our children not only to be great thinkers, but extraordinary achievers.

With such high stakes tests, all schools are concerned about AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), etc. Encourage your child to talk about how the test was for them and celebrate what they felt good about. When you do get your child's scores, remind them that the score does not determine who they are as a person, but helps gauge where their academic strengths are and where they may need to focus academically in the upcoming year.



Helpful tips: Make sure your child has adequate sleep and is well-rested; eats a healthy breakfast; and is on-time for school.

Band of Pirates spotted singing and dancing



IMPORTANT DATES

No School - Monday, April 8

MIPTO Meeting Dates - Apr. 9, May 14, June 11. 6:30pm in Media Center

Leonardo's Pizzeria - 4pm to close-
Apr. 9 (new date), May 7, June 4

Art Show - Friday April 12 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Carnival Planning Meetings in Media Center - April 9, April 23, April 30 at 6:30pm



Students reach GOAL; Principal gets PAINTED



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!

We are in need of volunteers to call area businesses that we have sent a donation request letter out to. The donations are going to be used for our Spring Carnival either in the raffle or silent auction to raise money for our MIPTO.

You would get a list of about 30 businesses to call to verify if they have received our letter and if they would be willing or able to make a donation. We would provide their phone #'s. The calls would need to be made during business hours and you would have up to 3 weeks to get the calls done starting Mid March. Any help would be appreciated. Please contact Theresa Roach if you are willing to help.

Roger Donoghue & Theresa Roach
Carnival Donation's Committee

Theresa ph#[651-415-9965](tel:651-415-9965), email: brownbear100@aol.com

Rogers ph# [651-407-5184](tel:651-407-5184) email: rdonoghue72@gmail.com

ART SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have 3 spots open yet for the Art Show on April 12th. The shift time is 6:30 to 8:00, the jobs are greeter or cashier. Contact Gayle Chapman if you can help.

END OF YEAR EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed for the following events upcoming events.

- Art Show - April 12th
- Carnival – May 3rd
- Matoska Options Day – May 31st



The Matoska Technology plan has a goal to bring 5-6 Chromebooks into each upper grade classroom and 5-6 tablets into each primary grade classroom, as well as additional training for teachers. Matoska International will implement this technology plan over the next four years. Between now and May 1, MIPTO will match dollar for dollar every donation made to the PTO to support the technology plan (up to \$5000.00). Look for the Digital Drive at the Art Show.

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Important Numbers:

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

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

Welcome Spring! The snow is melting and we can see the grass. Be careful because with all the snow melt, there are still some slick spots. Make sure to dress appropriately for whatever weather conditions come your way. Do not forget to label your outer wear and use chapstick if your lips get chapped in the colder weather.

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.isd624.org
- Closings will be posted on local news channels

