BUZZ SHEET

from the
Matoska International Parent Teacher Organization (MIPTO)
Today's Edition: May 17, 2012

Half-day Kindergarteners Experience Concordia Language Village

On Tuesday, April 24th, the half-day kindergarten classes headed to the Concordia Language Village in Marine on the St. Croix, Minnesota. The Concordia Language Villages are the premiere language and cultural immersion program in the United States with an emphasis in preparing young people for responsible citizenship in our global community. Matoska International's connection with the Concordia Language Villages is through a partnership with the East Metro Integration District (EMID). The White Bear Lake Area Schools are a member of the EMID district, promoting integration amongst our schools and communities. The trip to the Concordia Language Village was an opportunity for the kindergarteners to enhance their knowledge of the Spanish language as well as to experience cultures around the world that speak Spanish. While at the Concordia Language Village, the kindergartens were reconnected with Diego, their Spanish language residency instructor whom they had worked with earlier in the year in class. The children also learned several games with emphasis in the Spanish language and culture such as "rojo y verde" (red light green light), "pato, pato, gonzo" (duck, duck goose) and Spanish "futbol". Along with a "yummy" snack of tortillas and a great lunch, the kindergarteners had a great time.

Special thanks to Kristine Fischbach and John Leininger for their additions to this article.

IMPORTANT DATES

NO School Dates - May 28

MIPTO Meeting Dates - June 12. 6:30pm in Media Center

May 16-18 - 5th Grade at Camp
May 16 - Grade4 Field Trip
May 23 - Grades 4/5 Track & Field Day
May 31 - Patrol Field Trip
May 31 - Grade 1 Field Trip
May 31 - Portfolio Night
May 31 - BOX TOP Challenge Ends
June 1 - All-School Fun Day

TEST DATES

May 7 - May 18 - MAP Reading for 1st - 5th
May 21 - 31 - MAP Math for 1st - 5th

The BOX TOP CHALLENGE starts now and goes until Thursday, May 31. Win a pizza party for your class AND help fundraise for Matoska!

Earn a Pizza Part for the classrooms with the most BOX TOPS in three grade groups:
K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, and 4th & 5th.

CARNIVAL!

Friday May 4 couldn't come soon enough! There were games, dunk tank, raffles, martial arts demonstration, and a whole lot more! Check out the last page for a list of contributors, volunteers and some funny pictures.

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 interactive sign-up sheets for various opportunities. Users can also send email to the same address for all volunteers to view.

MEDIA CENTER CLEAN UP
20 volunteers are needed to clean and organize the MEDIA CENTER bookshelves on Thursday, May 24 from 6pm—8pm. Dinner will be served and provided by Donatelli's.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Dahl at dahlsx4@q.com or 651-653-1429

PUBLISHERS NEED CEREAL BOXES
Cereal boxes are needed to make book covers for the books the students write.

Please save and send in your empty cereal boxes.

"PLANTING THANKS"
Thank you to Lynn & Mike Amon for allowing the plants to be delivered to their yard and the following people for helping sort the plants, Merry Gray, Colleen Hoden, Heide Geir, Naly Vang and Jena Albrecht.

GLASS JARS NEEDED
Sheila Thalhuber is in need of small vases, votives, baby food jars or small bottles for the craft she will be doing "Tissue Paper Covered Vases/Candle Holders" at Fun Day.

You can send them to Gayle Chapman in the office.

NEED ORANGE SHIRTS RETURNED
Please return the orange volunteer shirt from carnival night. You can send them in your child's backpack.

ADDITIONAL HELPERS FOR FUN DAY NEEDED
Our goal this year is to have 30 classes for Fun Day on June 1st and we need 5 more classes! Lead a class for a fun time with small groups of children. If you need an idea Gayle Chapman can help with that. Give her a call if you have questions.

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Important Numbers:

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

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

Let's hope that the cold winter is behind us and beautiful spring days are what we can look forward to. Now that the sun isn't hiding behind the clouds, make sure to wear protective *sun* clothing and sunscreen. Bugs are ready to come out too, so check for creepy-crawlers before you come inside. It's okay to wear hats to school, but make sure to put them away while we are learning inside.

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

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.

CARNIVAL 2012!

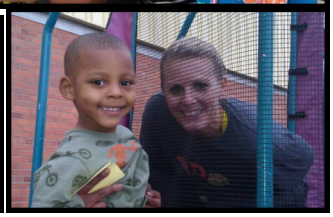
Any school event is hard to put together without the help of our wonderful Matoska volunteers. Although we would love to thank each and everyone of you, there are so many that the Buzz Sheet would be pages long.

We do want to thank our Carnival Volunteer Board:

Lonnie Stai and Joe Kowalski, *Co-Chairs*
Beth Rogers and Amy Carney, *Baskets*
Kristen Willcoxon, *Raffle*
Kendra Tlusty and Heidi Gunderson, *Silent Auction*
Theresa Roach and Roger Donoghue, *Donations*
Doug Petty , *Food*
Ann Menier and Dianne Rustler, *Games*
Gayle Chapman, *Volunteers*
John Rogers, *miscellaneous*

In addition to our Carnival Board, we couldn't have done it without our Carnival Volunteers who helped with setup, take-down and clean-up, games, henna, food, raffle, etc.

Abram Whitebird
Addison P. NHS
Alicia Farrell
Amelia Vendel
Amit Samtani
Amy Carney
Amy Christensen
Amy Contreras
Amy Maijala
Anna Carroll - Alumni
Anna Dietzman NHS
Anne Miller
Becky Richnofsky
Ben Nottleson
Beth Rogers
Bhas Jasthi
Bonny Peterson
Bradyn Hawkins
Carter Weddell
Cathy Crea
Cherie Mortinsen
Chris Hanson
Chris Mortinsen
Chris Weddell
Christine Morrison
Daniel Allen
Darren Dobier
Devon Parkin
Donna Hughes
Doug Chapman
Doug Hawkins
Duane Petersen
Glen Russler
Greta Whitebird
Gretchen Mattson
Heather Womack
Heidi Gunderson
Hope Hitzke NJHS
Jake Werlien NHS
Jeannie Coonce
Jennifer Black-Fischer
Jennifer Gagner
Jennifer Weddell
Jenny Jensen
Jessca Lillie
Jessica Chapman
Jessica Collier
Jessica Hosmer
Jill Christianson
John Rogers
Josie Watkins - Alumni
Julie Gibson
Karey Dufresne
Kathy Berlin
Katie Wilke - Alumni
Keith Modart
Kelly DeSmit
Kendall Rutherford
Kendra Tlusty
Kieran McCloy
Kristen Willcoxon
Kristina Tlusty NJHS
Linda Maleitzke
Lisa Beecroft
Lisa Guetzkow
Loghan Anderson NHS
Lona Petersen
Lydia & Noah Maleitzke
Matt Menier
Michelle Warner
Michelle York NHS
Miles McParland NHS
Molly Franta
Nicole Schaffer
Oie Dobier
Paige Stephenson
Pam Winkler
Peter Willcoxon
Sandy Smith
Sandy Whitby
Shannon Lundy
Sonya Zuker
Stan Whitebird
Sue Allen
Tapan Jasthi
Tessa Tvedt
Trevor Mortinsen
Meghan McGarthwaite
Zachary Hubinger NHS



CARNIVAL 2012!

A HUGE Thanks to everyone for helping make the Spring Carnival 2012 a Great Success! Very special thanks goes to the following people and groups for their contributions:

- Thank you to the parent's for your contributions to the baskets & volunteering at the Carnival.
- A big thank you to our generous teachers and staff for your time and Donations. It is greatly appreciated and always a big hit.
- Thank you to the MIPTO
- Thank you to all of the Carnival Committee Volunteers

Thank You to the following businesses and families for their donations and contributions. We could not do it without their support.

4 Seasons Restaurant
Abbott Paint & Carpet
Acapulco Restaurant
Acqua Restaurant
Advanced Dermatology Care
Advanced Therapy—Jennifer Jensen
Afton Alps Ski Area
Angela & Stacy
Arby's—Maplewood
Arby's White Bear
Bachman's
Baker's Square
Bella Tan
Blue Heron Restaurant
Carolyn Kaye
Century College Cosmetology Dept
Christine Morrison—'Jazzy Faces'
Cost Cutters
Costco
Country Inn & Suites-Roseville
Cub Foods—Maplewood
Cub Foods—White Bear
Culvers
David & Anne Miller
Days Inn—Maplewood
Days Inn—Roseville
Dominos
Donatelli's
Eco Backen
Evan's Music
Flips Gymnastics
Glenn & Dianne Rusler
Grand Casino Hinckley
Great Clips
Greg Jameson
Guldens
Guys & Dolls—Owner, Angie
Hair By Stewarts
Healing Waters Inc
Hisdahls
History Theatre
Jakes City Grille
Jameson's Irish Pub
Jennifer Sullivan
Jethro's
JJ'S Bierstube
Joyce Hansen
Key's Café
Kings City Restaurant
Kowalski's Market
Kristin Duoos
Lake Area Dance
Lake Country Booksellers
Lakeshore Player's Theatre
Leben's Floral & Garden Center
Lee's WTA Taekwondo
Leonardo's Pizza
Life Cora Yoga—Allison Drusch
Lori DeBrunn- Piano Teacher
LRS Construction—Lonnie Stai
Mad Jack's
Manitou Station
Massage Envy
Matoska Lunch Staff- Julie Roth
Minnesota Lynx
Minnesota Stars
Minnesota Swarm
Minnesota Twins
Minnesota Vikings
Minnesota Zoo
Mode Salon
Mr. Butters
Mr. Pai
Mrs. Felton
Mrs. Eastburn(Randall)
Mrs. Farinella
Mrs. Fishbach
Mrs. Mack
Mrs. Stonehouse
Mrs. Whitby
Mrs. Winkler
Ms. Coorough
Ms. Jeske-Walfoort
Ms. Larson
Ms. Maple
Ms. Reckinger
Ms. Rutherford
Ms. Wagoner
Noodles & Company
Oneka Ridge Golf Course
Osaka
Outback Steakhouse
Padleford Packet Boat Co
Pagoda
Papa Johns
Papa Murphy's—Vadnais Hgts
Papa Murphy's—White Bear
Parrot Video
Pine Tree Apple Orchard
Pino's Pizza
Ron & Heidi Gunderson
Saints North Family Roller Center
Society
St. Paul Chamber Orchestra
St. Paul Saints
Sunrise Salon & Tanning
T.G.I. Fridays
Target
The Mane Tease
The Picture Place
The St. Paul Hotel
U of M Les Bolstad Course
Washington Square Grill
White Bear Center for the Arts
White Bear Country Inn
White Bear Floral
White Bear Lake Historical
White Bear Lake Police Dept
White Bear Township Theatre
Wild Mountain
Wildwood Pizza
Wooddale FunZone
YMCA, Northeast Family
Zantigo's