

# Sabin School PTA Newsletter



December 2019

## *SABIN SUPERSTARS*

As we approach the end of 2019, we want to thank all of you for your contributions of time, effort, and resources to help foster a robust Sabin community! So far this year, the PTA, with your help has:

- Helped coordinate and staff Community Care Day (the clean-up day prior to the start of the school year)
- Hosted a kindergarten parent coffee connect
- Provided teachers with resources for supplies
- Purchased a new laminator for the school
- Joined with SEI to bring Elin, our awesome garden educator to Sabin
- Helped sponsor and put on Back to School Night
- Garnered donations for two Rainy Day Recess Carts
- Hosted a successful Run for Sabin School, which raised money to support Reading Results and other academic interventions
- Hosted an apple tasting for students, with RubINETTE
- Secured a new furniture donation for office (delivery in progress)
- Supported PPS Clothing Closet
- Coordinated a potluck for teachers during parent-teacher conferences
- Trained volunteers on mandatory reporting (new PPS requirement)
- Worked with volunteers to find opportunities at Sabin
- Helped support our fall garden and harvest party

And we have so much more planned in the months ahead, including developing a recycling program for the school and organizing and running Mt. Readmore. For now, though, please know that your contributions are appreciated by students, staff, and the entire Sabin community.

**THANK YOU!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon., December 9:** Volunteers needed at the **PPS Clothing Center**. Twice a year, Sabin parents staff this program to help kids in need find quality used clothing. Sabin volunteers are scheduled for 9:30-1:30 p.m. Dec. 9. The site is the Marshall (Madison HS) Campus; 3905 SE 91<sup>st</sup> Ave, check in at the main office. Please help any part of the day!

**Tues., December 10: A Children's Place Bookstore is hosting a fundraising event.** The store will be open 10 a.m.-7p.m. (they're staying open an extra hour for us!) A percentage of sales will come back to Sabin Library. Thanks for your support!

**Wed., December 18: Next PTA General Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Join us to hear from Mr. Diltz, Sabin's fantastic Teacher-Librarian and Math Specialist, about plans for the library and to discuss technology at the school. The meeting is in the auditorium; childcare and pizza provided for kids. An **art show planning meeting** will follow the PTA meeting at 6:30 in the same location. See you there!

**Chinook Book sale!** Hard copies of the books, which come with an app, are \$25 (cash or check to Sabin PTA). They make great holiday gifts, and 50% of the cost goes to Sabin! Contact [sabinptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabinptapresident@gmail.com) to purchase.



**Season of Sharing:** All month! The Sabin community extends an offer of help to our families who might have limited resources at this holiday season. See last page of newsletter for details.

## **NEW INITIATIVES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Teacher's Lounge Updates:**

Sabin's art teacher, Ms. Bennett, is brainstorming ideas to update the Teachers' Lounge. If you're interested in working on this project, or have interior decorator experience that you can share, please be in touch! [sabinptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabinptapresident@gmail.com)

### **Library Updates:**

Sabin's library team, led by Mr. Diltz, is committed to redesigning the library space to better serve students. Students will be actively involved, and your input is needed. Mr. Diltz will be visiting the December PTA meeting to discuss and brainstorm ideas and a vision for resources and use of the space. Contact: [mdiltz@pps.net](mailto:mdiltz@pps.net) to assist!

### **Recycling Program and Green Team to Meet in**

**January:** Please be in touch if you would like to join this planning meeting.

### **Mt. Readmore is coming up in January:**

Mt. Readmore dates this year are January 23-February 12. Consider helping staff the event and contact [SabinPTApresident@gmail.com](mailto:SabinPTApresident@gmail.com) for other ways to help.

### **And don't forget these easy ways to support Sabin:**

#### **Amazon:**

This program is a super simple way to support Sabin through purchases made on Amazon. Visit [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_sml) and select SABIN PTA. The Sabin PTA will receive 0.5% from most purchases, which is used for school events and teacher support.

**Fred Meyer Community Rewards:** Through this program, you can earn money for Sabin PTA while you shop, with no additional cost to you. Simply link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Sabin (Search for Sabin PTA by name or non-profit number: 85955). Every time use your Rewards Card, Sabin earns a donation! And you still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates!

## **FOUNDATION NEWS**

### **Sabin Foundation Fundraising:**

#### **Double your donation through December 27!**

Double your year-end giving impact! Thanks to two generous donors, donations made to the Sabin Foundation through Friday, December 27, 2019, will be matched up to \$5,000!

Both one-time and monthly donations count toward this match, and all funds raised by the Foundation will go toward funding staffing for the 2020-21 school year. Donations to the Sabin Foundation are tax-deductible and benefit all students at Sabin School.

**How do you donate?** It's easy. Go to [fundforpps.org](https://fundforpps.org), click Donate, fill out your information, select "Sabin Pk-8," select the amount to give, and click the box to designate whether you're making a one-time or recurring donations.

We encourage families to consider recurring donations that help support the Foundation throughout the year. Another great way to double your impact is to check to see if your employer has matching gift programs. The Fund for Portland Public Schools ([fundforpps.org](https://fundforpps.org)) makes it easy, with a database of participating employers and required forms/tax ID for completing the match.

### **2020 Sabin Art Show Call for Volunteers**

The second annual Sabin Art Show takes place this year on Friday, April 17, and organizers are gearing up to start planning in January 2020. We hope to form a planning committee by the end of the year, and we hope you will join us!

***Please join organizers on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. following the PTA meeting to bring ideas, share thoughts, and help us make this a successful Sabin Art Show event!***



## SEASON OF SHARING

The Sabin community extends an offer of help to our families who might have limited resources at this holiday season.

The Season of Sharing Committee is asking families to help by donating money to support the Sabin School Community with this effort. Any amount is appreciated! They will provide an outfit & gift item to children along with a gift card for the family to use for household items and/or food. Each year this program supports approximately 20-25 Sabin families whose children attend our school. Please consider making a tax deductible donation this year!

All donations can be brought to the SUN box in the main office or directly to the SUN office (200) anytime, but the sooner the better. **Please be sure to note that the donation is for Season of Sharing.** If you would like to make an online donation, you may do so thru Square or Paypal. The account email to pay is: [SabinTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:SabinTreasurer@gmail.com)

Forms for donations and also forms for a family in need of additional assistance this holiday season can be found in the front office or at the SUN Office, or by clicking on [bit.ly/2Lh8Esl](https://bit.ly/2Lh8Esl)

## PTA INFORMATION

Visit our website to see the latest news, school calendar, and specifics about school events and programs. We look forward to working together to ensure a successful school year for our kids. [www.sabinpta.com](http://www.sabinpta.com)

### Sabin School 2019-20 PTA

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*\*open positions available, contact us if interested!*