



Sabin School PTA Community Newsletter

Dear Sabin Families,

This newsletter has so many important resources -- we hope you get a chance to read all the info inside!

Distance learning comes with its challenges and rewards every day, and we all feel the rollercoaster of emotions. At our most recent PTA meeting, we were grateful to hear teachers concerns and also receive their wisdom for families: *Take a break when you need to. It's okay to walk away and try again later. Showing up matters, but your family's emotional needs come first. Do what you can. Try your best. And celebrate small victories.* Thank you teachers for your perseverance and creativity, and admin and staff for all your hard work!

This month we bring a special focus to **Season of Sharing**, a longstanding tradition of giving at Sabin. If you are able to contribute, in any amount, to support fellow Sabin families who need it this winter, please see the donation info enclosed. And if you are in need of resources, we've got you covered too!

This newsletter also includes info about **Communities for Safe Kids, OBOB, Mt. Readmore,** and other things we can look forward to in our community..

Finally, remember to visit **Chipotle** on Dec. 9 to benefit our school community! We wish you a good December and upcoming holiday season.

Together,

Sabin PTA

P.S. Take a look at the opportunities and virtual events in this newsletter and please email sabinptapresident@gmail.com to learn more. Your involvement and generosity will help make the Sabin community stronger not just this year, but for years to come. Thank you!



Sabin PTA Community and Fundraising Events 2020-21 at a Glance:

December

- **Online Book Fair:**
Through Dec. 2
- **Sabin Foundation Season of Caring:** *Dec. 1-18*
- **Library book bag pick-up**
Tues/Thurs 12- p.m. on south ramp (except during break)
- **Chipotle Fundraiser:** *Dec. 9*
- **PTA Meeting:** *Dec. 16*

January

- **Mt Readmore Kickoff Night:**
Jan. 21
- **Mt Readmore Reading Program and Fundraiser:**
Jan. 22 - Feb. 12
- **OBOB:** *Oregon Battle of the Books begins! (3rd-5th graders)*

March/April

- **Science Fair:** *March 18*

May

- **Global Experiences Night/ IB Night:** *May 27*

June

- **End of Year Celebration:**
June 10

DECEMBER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Pick up Sabin library books to read over winter break!

Dec. 1 & 3, 8 & 10, 15 & 17, noon-3 p.m.

Drop by the south playground door (by the bike racks) and pick up a premade book bag for your student's grade level. Our wonderful library assistant Ms. Peterson can't wait to see you! Please wear a mask.

Chipotle Fundraiser

Wed. Dec. 9, 4-8 p.m.

YUM! Visit the Chipotle at 704 NE Weidler St in Portland on 12/9 between 4 - 8pm and **33% of proceeds** will go to the Sabin PTA! All you have to do is mention the Sabin fundraiser. If you're picking up online, use promo code PX4HYZG before checkout on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app.

Alvin Ailey Dance Company

Wed. Dec. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

Watch this FREE virtual show for all students, staff and families, from Alvin Ailey Dance Company.

Zoom Meeting ID: 82564987987

Password: 392506

Questions? clathan@pps.net or sabinptapresident@gmail.com

December PTA Meeting (zoom)

Wed. Dec. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us to connect with and hear updates from school teachers and staff, get to know other Sabin families, hear about school events for the year, and share ideas and feedback.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82703855597?pwd=UkJyQzY5LzNYSWpKR1d1NGNFMDZ2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 827 0385 5597

Passcode: 464660

REMINDER: No School December 21-January 1

Happy Holidays!

Season of Sharing: Join us in the spirit of giving



December 1-18

help support families with:

- groceries - food -
- medication - health costs -
- housing costs - basic needs -

Season of Sharing is here! This is a longstanding tradition at Sabin and has always been a great opportunity to support our school community during the holidays. It reflects a partnership between Sabin SUN and the Sabin PTA join to help out some of our Sabin families that may have limited resources at this time of year. And this is a unique year for Season of Sharing with folks struggling through the pandemic.

We are asking families to help by donating money to support Sabin families with limited resources not only for holiday gifts, but also groceries/food, medication or health costs, housing costs, and other basic needs (small bills, etc.). ANY amount is appreciated! Each year we give to approximately 20-25 Sabin families whose children attend our school. This year, we would like to reach out further and bring more relief to families that have been affected by Covid. Donations collected will go directly to families in need in the form of money and Gift Cards. Questions? Contact Rachel Prust: rprust@pps.net.



[Donate here online via PayPal!](#)

Or send a check made out and mailed to:

Sabin PTA
4013 NE 18th Ave.
Portland, OR 97212

Support for Your Family

Is your family in need of support through Season of Sharing? We ask that you email Rachel Prust at rprust@pps.net or Lori Martin at lmartin@pps.net or fill out the form here: form.jotform.com/Prust/2020-season-of-sharing



Mt. Readmore is coming!



Mt. Readmore, Sabin’s celebration of literacy, is coming! The virtual basecamp kickoff event will be held on January 21st with readings and storytelling by Sabin librarians, staff, and others; a chance for students to share their favorite book; and... who knows?...maybe some dance music!

Beginning on January 22, Sabin students read, read, read, and can begin to log their minutes on the fun Whooo’s Reading website, where they can see their classmates’ progress and book interests along with their own. Students can also find sponsors for their reading. It’s still online, but the short days and cool nights are a great time for kids to share what their friends and classmates are reading, and see the Sabin school community in action.

During the 3-week event we’ll have a **dress-as-your-favorite book character event**, a **share (and cook) your favorite food or recipe from a story**, and a **talk by local authors**.

On February 12, the event winds down. Students will discover which class climbed highest on Mt. Readmore’s slopes and there will be prizes for the top classes. The “ascent” of Mt. Readmore helps raise money to support literacy, the Sabin library, culturally relevant reading choices, and reading resources in classrooms. More information including login credentials will be distributed in early January.

For questions contact:
sabintapresident@gmail.com



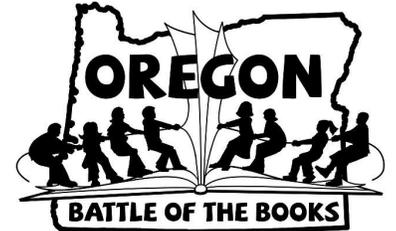
3rd-5th Graders: It's time to Sign up for OBOB!

[Oregon Battle of the Books](#) (OBOB) is here! All 3rd-5th grade students are encouraged to participate in this free, statewide, voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program supported and organized by Sabin family volunteers, the school library staff, and school administration. The program is modified this year due to the pandemic, but the school-level battles are sure to still be fun and encourage reading in the months ahead.

Applications are due December 4 (late accommodations may be possible!). The online permission slip and application form is [HERE](#) (or scan the QR code). You don't need a team to sign up!



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Questions?

Please contact:

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503-989-9090 or

Sarah Bunton sbunton1@gmail.com



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Communities for Safe Kids

You might see these friends visiting your student's virtual classroom in December as part of **Communities for Safe Kids!** Communities for Safe Kids is a program that provides educational workshops on violence prevention to elementary school students, school staff, and student caregivers. Through developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed education around personal safety, they provide communities with support, knowledge, and tools to help children grow in a safe, respectful, and healthy environment. For more information you may visit impactnw.org/programs/youthfamily/communities-for-safe-kids/

Questions? Contact our school counselor, Ms. Moller, at emoller1@pps.net

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

GROUPS:

- Student Support Team
- Golden Ticket Team
- Tech Team
- School and Community Service Team
- Assemblies and Events Team
- Recess Team
- Equity Team



Every Wednesday 1:30-3pm (virtual)

Sabin Student Leadership is looking for adult volunteers to help monitor, supervise and answer questions during 4th & 5th grade student leadership group virtual meetings. Please email Ms. Lathan (clathan@pps.net) or Ms. Moller (emoller1@pps.net) if you are interested in helping!



BOOK PICK UP

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
12:00-3:00PM**

South playground
Ramp entrance next to
the bike rack



Struggling? You're not alone.

We all need extra emotional support this season. [Click here](#) (or scan the QR code) to find a list of resources and places you can reach out, including resources for coping with anxiety during the pandemic. We are in this together!

"Mountains fall and seas divide before the one who in their stride takes a hard road day by day."



MEETINGS & BOARD MEMBERS

PTA General Meeting Dates 2020-21

Please join us for our monthly PTA meetings! All families are welcome. Meetings will be held via Zoom until school facilities can safely re-open. (Note times are staggered to accommodate different schedules.)

Dec. 16	5:30-6:30 pm
Jan. 20	6-7 pm
Feb. 17	6:30-7:30 pm
Mar. 17	7-8 pm
Apr. 21	6-7 pm
May 19	6:30-7:30 pm
Jun. 16	6-7 pm

For more information, visit sabinpta.com or email us at sabinptapresident@gmail.com. Here are other ways to stay in touch with the Sabin Community, and PTA activities:

Sabin School 2020-21 PTA Board

Vice President, Community Outreach and Volunteerism – Will Layng
 Co-Vice President, Communications and Events – Jenny DuVander
 Co-Vice President, Communications and Events – Kris Travis
 Secretary – Amanda Elliston
 Co-Treasurer – Josh Jones
 Co-Treasurer – Debbie Blastic
 Chair, Room Parents – Celeste Hamilton Dennis
 Co-Chair, Fundraising – Lyndsay Christensen
 Co-Chair, Fundraising – Sarah Bokich
 Chair, Website, Social Media, and IT – Kristen Jessie Uyanik
 Chair, Equity and Inclusion Outreach – Eoin Bastable
 President-Elect (Co-President) – (OPEN)
 Ex Officio Member – Sarah Bunton



facebook.com/groups/241004198933/

instagram.com/sabin_school_community/

bit.ly/377aUMQ

WAYS TO SUPPORT SABIN RIGHT NOW!

AmazonSmile

This program is a super simple way to support Sabin through purchases made on Amazon.com. Visit [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) and select SABIN PTA. The Sabin PTA will receive 0.5% from most purchases, which we then use for school events and teacher support. We earn an average of about \$100 per quarter from this program!

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

To earn money for Sabin each time you shop, simply link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Sabin at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Search for Sabin PTA by name or non-profit number (85955). We earn an average of about \$225 per quarter from these rewards!

Join the PTA

And/or parent and school groups like the Sabin Foundation, Equity Group, or Site Council to keep informed and to share your ideas and comments with other parents, teachers, and school administrators. Your ideas matter!

Help Lead a School Committee

(Like the Emergency Preparedness Committee, Fundraising and Yearbook Committees, which are looking for new leaders or co-leaders). Email sabinptapresident@gmail.com for more information.

Participate in SCRIPNOW

SCRIPNOW is available online this year. This program is super easy...basically, you are shopping for digital gift cards from stores where you already shop, and Sabin gets to keep a portion (at no cost to you)! Ready to get started? Enroll in Shop with Scrip and enter this code: C555D29438512 (please encourage friends and family to join too!). Here is a full list of e-card participating retailers. Questions? Contact sabinptapresident@gmail.com.

Recycle Cans and Bottles for Sabin

Sabin has a BottleDrop Account! To get a bag, fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/3l4yFeJ>. You'll get a blue bag dropped at your door, which you fill with cans and bottles and drop off at a redemption center. The money goes to Sabin!

BoxTops for Education App

Scan your store receipt, and the app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online! Download the app at the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), find Sabin Elementary, and start earning for Sabin everytime you shop.

PTA membership is open to everyone, and we value your voice!

To join the Sabin PTA, complete and return the form here with a check made out and mailed to: Sabin PTA, 4013 NE 18th Ave., Portland, OR 97212. You can also register and submit payment online at oregonpta.org/membership. Scholarships are available for membership, no questions asked, just let us know and we'll get you signed up.

Member name _____

Address _____

Phone number(s) _____

E-mail address _____

- \$0** We understand that families face circumstances that may make any amount difficult. We can cover these registrations.
- \$10** Covers one membership at the amount we pay to the Oregon PTA plus \$0.50 to the Sabin PTA.
- \$20** Covers one membership, with additional funds to support a membership for a family who cannot pay.
- \$30** Covers one membership, plus \$20 to support PTA programs and events.
- \$_____ (Please write in amount)



SABIN SCHOOL PRESENTS

"AILEY FORWARD"

a FREE virtual show for all students, staff and families, from Alvin Ailey Dance Company



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