



Sabin School PTA Newsletter

September 2019

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The mission of the PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We support school staff and teachers by engaging in fundraising and organizing community events to help meet the needs of all Sabin students, as well as to foster our school community.

The PTA is a great way to get involved with the school. This year our focus is teacher support and community building. We host monthly meetings and everyone is encouraged to join and attend. The first meeting of the year is September 18th. The meeting will include a welcome and update from Principal Williams, as well as a discussion of the year's school events.

Look for monthly newsletters this year with updates about events and other things, and please contact us for more information!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., September 18th: We will host the first **PTA General Meeting** of the year from 6 – 7pm. Join us in the school auditorium to connect with school administrators, get to know other parents, hear about events for the year, and share feedback.

Thurs., September 19th: Volunteers needed at the **PTA Clothing Center**. Twice a year, Sabin parents staff this program to help kids in need find quality used clothing. The beginning of the school year is their most important time and we are scheduled for 9:30-1:30. The site is the Marshall (Madison HS) Campus; 3905 SE 91st Ave, check in at the main office when you arrive and they will direct you. Please help for all or any part of the day if you can!

Tues., September 24th: **Pizzicato**, located at 4217 NE Fremont Street, offers us their restaurant for a delicious fundraiser—they donate 20% of all sales to the school PTA. Community members can dine-in, call in a to-go order, or pre-order pizza and salad. Pre orders are delivered to school half-baked to finish at your home. Watch for ordering information.



Wed., September 25th: **Back to School Night!** Join us from 5 -7 pm for a gathering of kids, parents, teachers, and administration to share a meal, music, and get reacquainted with Sabin. Dinner and music 5 – 6; see your classroom and meet teachers 6 -7. Music provided by World Beat Collective! Help is needed for the event; [visit the Sign Up Genius to volunteer](#).



OTHER PTA INFORMATION

Visit us on our updated 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

There are many parent groups and committees to join at Sabin. Besides the PTA, others include:

Sabin Equity Group

The Sabin Family Equity group is committed to bringing equitable practices to all aspects of the Sabin community, and making Sabin a school that is inclusive of all students and families. For more information contact Meghan Whitaker at:

megsmaddox@gmail.com. The group is actively seeking new leadership, so be in touch if interested.

Foundation

The Sabin School Foundation raises money through a Spring Art Show & Auction to fund additional staff positions at Sabin School including teachers, specialists, and educational assistants. The Foundation is run by parent volunteers and is an affiliate of The Fund for Portland Public Schools. Contact: sabinfoundation@gmail.com or <https://www.pps.net/domain/2558>.

Site Council

The Sabin Site Council is comprised of parents, teachers, and staff working together to develop plans to improve the school's instructional program, track progress toward implementing a comprehensive achievement plan, and to improve staff professional growth to best serve our student population. Contact Maria Cordero at ms.mariacordero@gmail.com or www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/sabin/232.htm

***Be Informed.
Be Invested.
Be Involved!***

SABIN FOUNDATION UPDATE

Sign up for monthly donations:

The Sabin School Foundation is run by parent volunteers to raise money to directly fund school staffing. Over the summer, Portland Public Schools (PPS) transferred management of all PPS foundation accounts from All Hands Raised to The Fund for Portland Public Schools. Any families who were monthly contributors will need to sign up again through the new organization. This is also a great opportunity for all our families to consider becoming monthly donors. If every family donated \$5 per month (the cost of a latte), we'd raise over \$24,000. All donations to the foundation are tax-deductible. To make a one-time donation or sign up for monthly giving:

1. Go to the [Fund for PPS website](#)
2. Click on "Donate today" button
3. Fill in required information — name, email, address, etc.
4. Select 1-time gift or recurring donation button; enter amount
5. Be sure to select Sabin School from the drop-down menu next to "Purpose"

2019 Art Show Update:

During the 2018-19 school year, the Sabin Foundation raised **\$127,000**, most of which was raised through the 2019 Sabin Art Show. Thank you to all the families who donated money, time, and talent to make last year a success. This money goes directly toward staffing at Sabin School and helps all our children succeed.

2020 Art Show and Foundation Fundraising:

Mark your calendars for **Friday, April 17, 2020**, for next year's art show! We are starting to organize early this year and will have more details in the coming weeks about opportunities to help out. If you have ideas or want to help out, please email sabinfoundation@gmail.com.

Sabin School 2019-20 PTA Board

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



How can you help this year?

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Fred Meyer Community Rewards.** Through this program, we can earn money for Sabin PTA while we 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). Every time use your Rewards Card, Sabin earns a donation! And you still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates!
- ✓ **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 voice matters.
- ✓ **Volunteer an hour or two (or more) at a school-wide event** like Back to School Night, our annual Science Fair, or Global Experiences Night. Watch for sign-ups in the monthly PTA Newsletter (distributed electronically and always posted on the board in main school hallway), or contact: sabinptapresident@gmail.com.
- ✓ **Consider leading a school committee** (like the Emergency Preparedness Committee or Yearbook Committee, which are looking for new leaders).
- ✓ **Participate in SCRIP.** New this year, SCRIP is available only online, as the local SCRIP Center closed. This program is super easy... basically you are shopping for gift cards from stores where you already shop, and Sabin gets to keep a portion (at no cost to you)! [Visit our website](#) for more information.



Sabin PTA, Foundation, and Other Fundraising and Community Events for 2019-20

September

*Pizzicato fundraiser: September 24th
Back to School Night: September 25th*

October

*Box Tops due to Sabin: October 15th
Equity Group Pie Sale: October 15th
Run for Sabin School: October 25th*

November

Pastini fundraiser: November 4th and 5th

December

Season of Caring: December 2nd-15th

January

Mt Readmore: January 23rd-February 12th

February

Box Tops due to Sabin: February 15th

March

*Pizzicato fundraiser: March 17th
Science Fair: (date TBD)*

April

Sabin Foundation Art Show and Auction: April 17th

May

*Hotlips: (date TDB)
Global Experiences Night/IB Night: May 28th*

June

End of Year Celebration: June 4th