



Sabin School PTA Newsletter

October 2019

FALL ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Thanks for a great turnout for Back to School Night this year! We had more families than ever before out to enjoy the fantastic music and festivities!

Join us at our next PTA meeting on the 16th where Principal Williams will be sharing school news and updates. We'll also have a PPS Board Member available to answer questions about the upcoming November vote on renewing the Teacher Levy. Finally, there will be some time for Q&A around other school-related topics and questions.

The meeting is 7-8pm, October 16th, in the auditorium. Childcare and pizza are available for kiddos in the school library.

There are still lots of ways to get involved in the school this year. If you have time, contact: sabinptapresident@gmail.com and we will work with you to find an opportunity of interest!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., October 15th: Box Tops are due to Sabin. This simple fundraising raises 10 cents per box top for the school. Clip box tops from products that have the Box Tops for Education logo, bring them to school and drop them in the blue Box Top Box near the elevator on the 2nd floor, in the PTA mailbox, or, (new this year!) download the app on your phone and follow the instructions there to submit them even faster. The first round is due to Sabin the 15th, but the program runs all year!

Tues., October 15th: Equity Group fundraiser: Pies distributed!

Wed., October 16th: Apple tasting for grades 2, 3, and 4. RubINETTE Produce Market is partnering with Sabin School and Sabin PTA to offer an apple tasting for students. Kids can try 6 varieties of apples, record favorites, talk about flavors and textures, and then go back to class with sheets of the "data" from their voting, which can be used in lessons. Can you help staff this fun event? Visit the Sign-Up to secure your spot! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4CA9A628ABFF2-apple>

Also Wed., October 16th: PTA General Meeting, 7-8pm. Meeting in school auditorium; childcare and pizza available for kids. Principal Williams will be there, as well as a PPS Board Member rep to answer questions about the upcoming teacher levy vote.

Fri., October 25th: Run for Sabin School! This run is our most important fundraiser for school activities, classroom support and empowering the Sabin learning community. Students collect pledges for the number of laps they can run in 30 minutes, and then zip around the school grounds to the sounds of music, encouraging teachers, and cheering parents. As we've done in years past, proceeds are designated towards Reading Results—an important academic intervention and preferred funding pathway—as well as support for teachers, academic interventions, and community events at the school. The goal this year is \$30,000. Visit the Sign-up Genius for ways to help with the event! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAAA729ABFE3-runfor>

For more info, contact Alice Orleman at aliceorleman@mac.com or Star Moran at Moran.star@gmail.com. It's a fun time for all!

NEW INITIATIVES

Rainy Day Recess Cart:

This Drive, going on for the months of October and November, is to gather games and puzzles to put together a Rainy Day Recess Cart for kids when they have recess inside. Do you have games you've outgrown, puzzles, you've already done, or an extra set of cards lying around? Consider donating them to Sabin kids! Drop items in the office, or contact sabinptapresident@gmail.com for coordination. Thanks for your donation!

Call for Ideas and Speakers for Spring Discussion Series:

Feedback from the 2018-19 year included interest in a speaker series for the Sabin community around issues impacting our school and community. A discussion series could provide a space for parents, caregivers, and personnel to connect and grow around continuing to work towards creating a welcome, inclusive, and informed Sabin school community. The Sabin PTA, Equity Group, and Principal's office have been brainstorming ideas for a co-sponsored series for spring; we'd like to hear your ideas, too!

- *Do you have speakers or topics you recommend for consideration for this spring series?*
- *Are you interested in collaborating on this discussion series planning committee?*

If yes, be in touch: sabinptapresident@gmail.com, or sabinequitygroup@gmail.com.

Recycling Program:

We're working along with the Green Committee to start a recycling program at Sabin. If you are interested in joining the organizing committee, please contact: sabinptapresident@gmail.com.

Please be in touch with any questions!

NEWS AND NOTES

Teacher's Levy: This November, Portland voters will be asked once again to renew the Teacher Levy. The Levy renews the current rate that has funded an average of 825 teaching positions a year in Portland Public Schools. It is crucial for our students and our schools that the Levy passes. A spokesperson from the PPS Board will be at the October PTA meeting on the 16th to answer questions about this bill.

Student Success Act: The Student Success Act was signed into law in May 2019. Watch for upcoming listening and discussion sessions to determine how that money is allocated among Portland Public Schools. Parent/guardian feedback is vital in this process.

Equity group Updates: Pies will be available to pick-up Tuesday 10/15 under the covered area from 3-4pm. Volunteers needed to help sort pies that day! Please reach out if you can help- sabinequitygroup@gmail.com.

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.

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