

the BULLDOG BULLETIN



May/June 2011

From the Principal's desk

As the 2010-11 school year winds down, I would like to thank you for your support throughout this school year. There were many changes everyone faced this year and I appreciate your flexibility and assistance.

Field Day 2011

Our annual Field Day will take place (weather permitting) on Friday, May 27th. Students will participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities. Parents are welcome and needed to run such a large event.

Thank Your Teacher

The week of May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week across the United States. Please take a moment to thank your child's teachers for all they do to help your child.

Memorial Day

There will be no school for students on Monday, May 30th due to the Memorial Day holiday. Enjoy the long weekend.

Spring Concerts

Our orchestra will perform their spring concert the evening of May 18th at 7 p.m. Our band will perform their final concert on May 19th at 7 p.m. Both concerts will be in the Siebert gym.

Elementary Track Meet

The annual elementary track meet will be held on May 31st at the Midland Community Stadium. This event is for fourth and fifth grade students. Our Siebert students will compete against all other elementary schools in Midland. More information will be sent home with your students in the near future.

DARE Graduation

Siebert's 5th Grade DARE Graduation will take place on May 10th at 2 p.m. in the gym.

Student Leadership Team

Thank you to Mrs. Lauer and Mrs. Church for guiding the Siebert Student Leadership Team this year. The students learned a great deal about community service and leadership.

Student Placement for 2011-2012

This spring teachers at each grade level (K-4) will meet to determine student assignments for the following school year. Students are placed using criteria such as learning styles, teaching styles, ability, age, and gender. Classes are established with consideration of student learning needs, numbers, and other considerations. We strive to create balanced class compositions. Teacher requests will not be accepted.

Kindergarten Parents 2011-2012

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2011 please contact us if you have not done so already. We would love to talk with you about kindergarten at Siebert. Incoming kindergarten parents may make an appointment to meet privately with Mrs. Johnson on May 12th or 16th from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. or on May 27th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. These meetings are not required.

Safety Patrol

Thank you to Mrs. Marks for advising our Siebert Safety Patrol. Many thanks to all the members of Safety Patrol for keeping us safe.

**News from Student Leadership
At Siebert Elementary**

Dear Students, Staff and Parents,

Our year is winding down quickly and I would like to thank all of you for a very successful year at Siebert. Our Leadership Team has worked very hard this year.

Here are some of our accomplishments:

- We worked with our community and chose two projects to work on. We had a Food Drive in November to help the Midland Food Pantry and a Penny War in March for the Midland Humane Society.
- We also worked with the PTO this year to help make posters for events that the school sponsored.
- We wrote letters to teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week and rewarded them with treats.
- We sponsored Spirit Days throughout the year to show our Bulldog Spirit.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work. By working together, the leadership team had a terrific year!

Sincerely,
Lisa Lauer
Student Leadership Advisor



Don't forget we have two Spirit Days left.

- May 20th is Career Day.** Please dress up to represent a career.
- June 3rd is Duct Tape Day.** Duct Tape Day is designed to show off projects you can make with Duct Tape. Students make their creations at home and bring them in to display.

Upcoming Dates

5/18/11	Orchestra Concert 7 p.m. @ Gym
5/19/11	Band Concert 7 p.m. @ Gym Principal's Office Hours 5-8 p.m.
5/20/11	Science Fair 6-8 p.m. @ Gym
5/23/11	MPS Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ Administration
5/26/11	Principal Advisory Committee 8 a.m. @ Office
5/27/11	Field Day Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meetings @ Office, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
5/30/11	Memorial Day Holiday
6/1/11	City Track Meet
6/2/11	City Track Meet Rain Date
6/3/11	High School Graduation

Siebert Calendar

The Siebert Calendar may be found online at <http://www.sbe.mps.k12.mi.us/calendar.php>

Siebert Elementary, June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 No School	31	1 Track Meet	2	3 Class of 2011 Graduation	4
5	6	7 Siebert 5th graders' field trip	8 Last Day of school	9	10 Teachers' Record Day	11



THANK YOU ...



ALL 4th Graders and Families

For your efforts during the

4th Grade Siebert Grounds Clean-up



From the PTO President

We have officially elected the executive board for 2011-2012 School Year. Officers are:

President: Julie Becker-Myers
Vice President: Mandy Archbold
Secretary: Michelle Belding
Treasurer: Katrin Thorson

These four people have been strong supporters of the PTO and the school this year and will provide excellent leadership for the coming school year.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers at the Book Fair and PALA challenge Family Fun night. These two events were well attended and we appreciate all of the help everyone provided. The School Picnic was also a success, even though the rain drove us into the gym for a little while. Thank you everyone for donating your time and effort – we really appreciate it!

The school area looks very neat and tidy. Thank you to all of the parents and students of the 4th Grade that helped spruce up Siebert. For families that do not know – it has been an annual tradition at Siebert that the 4th grade class cleans up the grounds as a way to contribute to the school for funding the field trip to Lansing. We may be looking at this differently next year.

A summary of the PTO and Siebert family accomplishments for the 2010-2011 school year is below. We supported a diverse group of programs and ideas, promoted exercise, improved technology, and supported the security of our children all while trying to make the transition of three schools into one as easy as possible. What an exciting year!

Donations to Siebert Elementary:

- 1.Track Jerseys
- 2.18 Document Cameras
- 3.10 Computer Monitors
- 4.Playground balls
- 5.2 FOB key readers
- 6.2 CD Players
- 7.Scholastic Weekly Readers for a class

Programs supported:

- 1.Accelerated Reader
- 2.Siebert Striders
- 3.Science Fair
- 4.Count-Me-In
- 5.Block Parent
- 6.Picture Parent
- 7.Coordinated Room Parent Program

Family Fun Nights:

1. Family Movie Night
2. Family Fitness – PALA Challenge
3. Family Picnic
4. MCC Dive-In Movie
5. Ice Cream Social

Teacher Appreciation:

1. Visa Gift Cards for next year Classroom Teachers
2. Staff Appreciation Week
3. Barnes and Noble gift cards for each class

Hospitality:

1. First Day of School Program
2. Holiday Walk
3. Kindergarten Open House

Fund Raisers:

1. Walkathon
2. Spring Carnival
3. Box-Tops Program

For Kids:

1. Funded Field Trips
2. Yearbook
3. Walkathon Prizes

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making all of these things happen! Although this is quite a list – we are looking for more ways to support the students, staff and building at Siebert. Please contact the PTO if you have any idea (big or small) that you think would benefit the school.

Have a great Summer!

Paul Witt

A sincere thank you to everyone that contributed photos for the yearbook this year!

BOX TOPS

We would like to say thank you to all the classes who made collecting labels this year such an overwhelming success. During the competition we collected over 21,000 labels to help earn money for the school.

We would also like to congratulate the winners of our contest :

Kindergarten - Burks - AM
1st Grade - Church
2nd Grade - Lange
3rd Grade - Schmidt
4th Grade - Taylor
5th Grade - Bakke/Marks.

Each of the winning classes were awarded ice cream that they enjoyed during lunch on Friday, April 15th. Once again we would like to thank you for all your help and effort and again Congratulations to our winners.

Note from the label coordinator:

Keep in mind we collect Boxtops, Campbell's Soup Labels and Tyson A++ labels here at Siebert. Labels can be turned in anytime to your classroom teachers.

Just as a reminder if everyone could please trim the box tops/labels to the appropriate dotted lines before turning them in it would be much appreciated.

Thank you!

The Siebert Striders Walking/Running Club has begun again! We still need parent volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00-12:30 (grades 3,4, part of 5), and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:20-12:50 (grades 1, 2, part of 5) to help mark student's cards as they complete each lap around the field. Please contact Stephani Kolevar at kskolevar@gmail.com or 486-1133 if you are able to volunteer, or just show up! This program will run until the end of May (weather permitting). Thanks for your consideration.

*Thank you ...
teachers, staff and administrators
for your commitment to provide
the best education and opportunities
for our students.*



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News from the Accelerated Reader Hive

Congratulations to the following students who earned
125 AR points in April,
and are featured on the "Bee Wall of Fame"

5th Grade

*Joseph Kilbride, Jillian Lew, Liam Grady,
Nolan Greene, Thomas O'Neil*

4th Grade

Anikka Thorson, Isabel Velasquez, Megan Pnacek

3rd Grade

Lindsay Thompson, Samantha Ludwick

Way to Go!!

More AR BUZZ!

The end of the year is near...

Important AR Dates:

- May 19th - AR Testing ENDS at 3:45
- May 24th - Last AR store
- May 31st - Pizza Party for students with 125 points and above

The TOP AR READER will get to choose between an iPod or being the "Honorary Bat Kid" for the Great Lakes Loons on July 22 at 7:05 pm, compliments of:

Kim Walden, Farm Bureau Insurance

April PTO Meeting Minutes

SIEBERT PTO MINUTES: April 12, 2011

Present: Ingrid Hayes, Katrin Thorson, Julie Becker-Myers, Mandy Archbold, Michelle Belding, Paul Witt, Susan Johnson, Aimee Matthews, Laura Durisin, Ronia Lawson, Jane Dean, Miriam Bloom, Karen Kozerski, Ansley Dauenhauer, Stephani Kolevar, Marcia Flentie, Lisa Lauer, Shannon Forshee and Denise Hansen

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Principal Report: Susan Johnson

- 2 people were out weeding the courtyard/cleaning up tonight, thank you
- Are the weekly e-mail reminders helpful?
- School calendar for next year is up on MPS website

Treasurer Report – Katrin Thorson

- \$24,341.17 in the account
- Miriam made a motion to approve \$77.41 for the 3rd grade field trip to see the butterflies exhibit, Karen seconded the motion, all approved.

Committee Reports

Teacher Representative – Laura Durisin

- Thank you from Mrs. Lange on the March Reading Month

Membership/Hospitality

- Teacher Appreciation Week
Will be doing something simple each day

Bulldog Bulletin

- Need by April 23

Accelerated Reader – Ronia Lawson

- Purchased additional slots (37)

Room Parent – Karen Kozerski

- Room parents need to use up the balance of their room party fund money for the upcoming end of the year party and or classroom gift

Historian/Publicity – Jane Dean

- article on the carnival was in MDN April 4
- working a couple more articles to place in the MDN

Yearbook – Miriam Bloom

- Looks great and was in earlier than expected

Picture Parent – Ingrid Hayes

- No update

Box Top – Julie Becker-Meyers

- Winners from the boxtop contest will have the ice cream party on Friday
- Will be receiving 2nd check for everything that was submitted before March

School Improvement – Karen Kozerski

- MEAP results have been released
- Will need to finalize a plan for next years curriculum, which will focus on writing

Block Parent

- Now 18% of the children are walking
- Working on block parents for bus stops

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- The window sign that designated who the block parents are will need to be turned in for the year. They will be receiving a letter as to when this will need to be done.

Walk-a-Thon – Stephani Kolevar

- Goal is to have it on a Friday during lunch hour

Carnival – Aimee Matthews

- Meeting afterward for feedback on the upcoming year

New Business

- Paul made a motion for the approval of an unanimous vote for the following board positions: Julie Becker-Meyers President, Mandy Archbold for V.P. and Michelle Belding Secretary. Ingrid seconded the motion, all approved.
- Treasurer position still open
- Looking for someone to be willing to work on the bulletin board for next year
- Siebert Striders is starting back up
 - Will need volunteers to help with the counting/tracking
- Siebert Field Day May 27
- City Track Meet May 31, with rain date June 1
- Dive in Movie
 - Not a good turn out
 - Looking into having it in January for the next school year
- Beth Boyer donated 200 balls to the school, thank you.
- Focus Project
 - Larger playground equipment/swing set
 - Survey teachers for a wish list
 - Come up with ideas/wish list for the May meeting
- Money from the book fair will be used towards books for the classrooms.
- Miriam made a motion to purchase \$100 Visa gift cards to be used by 2011-2012 classroom teachers to purchase school supplies. Motion carried.

Next meeting May 17, 12:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

