

Pioneer Slate

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I hope this newsletter finds your family doing well as we start the New Year. In just a week we will arrive at the end of the second quarter – so hard to believe. Certainly the warmer than usual weather has played a part in that feeling of time passing quickly but so has the smiling faces of our elementary students. I am enjoying seeing the engagement of the children in all of their classes when I pay them a visit. I am excited about the second semester, the longer days, and the continued joy of learning seen throughout the elementary.

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

Monday, January 14 – PTO Meeting – 3:20 PM

Tuesday, January 15 – Invitation to join Literacy Night held at Sevastopol School

Thursday, January 17 – Last Day of Semester 1 (Quarter 2).

Thursday, January 18 – School-wide Spelling Bee – Community Welcome – Elementary Gym

Friday, January 18 – Staff In-service all-day – NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

Thursday, February 21 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Other Notes

Literacy Night at Sevastopol School- January 15, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sevastopol teachers would like to invite you to a night designed to inform you about high impact literacy strategies that can assist with literacy development at home. You will leave with specific strategies and tools to implement with your children immediately. Each participant will engage in three, thirty-minute rotations designed to address specific skills.



Station 1: Letter Manipulation and Word Work with Diane Jenquin (Reading Specialist) - 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Station 2: Decoding Strategies and Basic Syllable Types with Cally Asher (Elementary Cross-Categorical Teacher and Reading Specialist)- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Station 3: Reading Comprehension Strategies with Tricia Dufeck (High School Special Education Teacher, Reading Specialist and At-Risk Teacher) - 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Our doors will open at 5:00 PM for light sandwiches and socializing. We welcome the opportunity to work with our parents as partners as we strive to increase the literacy skills of Sevastopol students. If you would like more information, please contact Melissa Marggraf at mmarggraf@sevastopol.k12.wi.us or (920) 743-6282 x1111 <https://tinyurl.com/y7px7ykv>



Lost & Found: The lost and found table is getting rather full. If you have a moment feel free to check it out (across from the district office on 2nd floor) or encourage your child(ren) to walk by and see if there is anything that is recognized.



Spelling Bee & Geography Bee: We are excited to be participating in both nationwide bees this year. The classroom stage has been completed and those students advancing will participate in the school-wide spelling bee held on Thursday, January 17 at 1:30 in the Elementary Gym. The community is welcome to attend.

New Face: In case you missed the email from last week, Robin Volkmann is no longer sitting at the front desk. A special thank you to her and all she's done for the school. Her last day with the district was the Friday before the break. Replacing her is Missy (Marissa) Forry who started this week.



Missy has held successful positions working with various sectors of the public as an administrative assistant at Brad Tanck Plumbing and as a human resource specialist at We Are Hope, Inc. among others. She is a Sevastopol graduate and holds Associates Degrees in Human Resources (2017) and Hospitality Management (2013) from NWTC. She has experiences leading in Girl Scouts and coaching soccer.

She will be the friendly voice that will greet you and answer your questions. Please help us make her feel welcome.



Food Drive: A very big thank you to everyone that took part in the Nov/Dec Food Drive. We had an overwhelming response to our request for food items. Staff took time to organize the donations so there was a balance for each family receiving them, classes provided a card of well wishes, and two donors provided checks totaling \$700 that enabled us to include grocery gift cards. Including the high school drive there were 20 families that were touched by this event. Deliveries were made just prior to the winter break. Again, thank you to everyone.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: On February 21 Winter/Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held. Watch for sign up forms once the quarter is completed.

PTO Meeting: If you have an interest in attending, there is a regularly scheduled PTO Meeting on January 14 at 3:20 PM.

Box Tops for Education:



Box Tops for Education collection goes on year-round!! By collecting Box Tops YOU can really make a huge difference for OUR school!! Please collect them and send them to school. We have a collection box located right inside the elementary office. Place the Box Tops in a baggie or envelope with the grade you want credited and mail them or drop off! For your convenience, we now have a collection box for drop off at Welsing's Foodland in Valmy. We submit the Box Tops on a monthly basis due to the expiration date on them. Our elementary students are continuing to tally the Box Tops for a competition and winners will be announced late April or early May. Box Tops for Education benefits every student at Sevastopol; from Elementary to High School. This is an amazing way to support your community and it gives us a substantial financial contribution so we can provide a wide variety of opportunities for our students. Please save Box Tops for Education for Sevastopol. *Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracy Wautlet at 920-495-2982. The Sevastopol PTO.*