



# THE PATH

**Fourth Quarter Edition 2015**

Dear Sun Path Parents,

It is hard to believe it is already Spring Break and we will be starting our final quarter of the 2014-15 school year. The next nine plus weeks should be a very busy and exciting time at Sun Path.

We will be administering both the MCA and MAP testing to our students during the months of April and May, starting with the week we get back from break. The MCA's are the state wide tests for students in grades 3 through 5. All the tests will be computer based. Teachers should be communicating with you the days of testing for their class.

In addition to the MCA and MAP testing, our students continue to work hard in the classroom, we continue with our music informances, and many grade levels have special events and field trips planned. We will be having our Track and Field Days in May. The PTO will also have their annual "Sun Path Academic Celebration" (SPAC) on April 30th. See the calendar on pages 3 & 4 for more information on upcoming activities for the 4th quarter. Our Sun Path Student Council has been very active this year and will be sponsoring a food drive the week of April 13th, look for more information to come home soon in Red Folders.

The Shakopee School District is holding a school referendum election on **May 5**. There are two ballot questions. The first to fund an addition to our current high school and improve interior and exterior facilities. The second question is a technology levy. In the Red Folders this week is a fact sheet about the referendum. If approved, the technology levy would help fund devices for students and staff, professional development in the use of technology, and support staff to help keep the technology working as intended. Please check out this website for more details:

<http://shakopee.k12.mn.us/referendum>

**Sun Path** will be hosting a referendum information meeting for all Sun Path community members on **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**. This is during the April PTO meeting. You are encouraged to attend and learn more about the referendum at that time! If you have a specific question, feel free to email me at [pleonard@shakopee.k12.mn.us](mailto:pleonard@shakopee.k12.mn.us)

Students are allowed to ride their bikes to school, but skate boards, scooters, roller blades, or wheelies are not allowed at school. Also with the nice weather, more families are walking their child(ren) to and from school, which we encourage and think is great. We do ask that you leave your family pet at home. We ask this because many of our students may have an allergy, others may have a fear of animals, and it also causes a distraction during dismissal and arrival times. It is also my experience, no matter how gentle and well behaved our pets are, they may act differently when there is a large number of unfamiliar people around. For the safety of our students and your pets, please leave them at home.

We are starting to plan for next year. Parent input forms for class placement will be available on our website and in our office starting April 6th. These forms are optional. However, if you chose to fill out the form, it needs to be turned into the office by April 24th. Student s are placed in classrooms to make them balanced and to make the delivery of instruction effective and efficient. Because of this, it is difficult to honor parents' request for a certain teacher. We ask that you describe your child's needs and strengths, and not request a teacher.

Take Care,

Patrick Leonard



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education is a great way to raise money for your school. Sun Path wants to thank all the parents and families that have sent in box tops over the years to help support Sun Path.

Please continue to send in your box tops. To raise even more money and get access to special offers and coupons go to their website, <http://www.bboxtops4education.com/Default.aspx>. There is also a complete list of all the products that have box tops found at this site. Once again, thank you for your support and keep the box tops coming in!

### YEARBOOKS!

Yearbooks will be distributed May 26th. There will be a limited number of copies available for those who did not purchase a copy earlier in the year. They will be available starting June 1st on a first come, first serve basis.

We are looking for help for next year's yearbook. If you would like to be part of the yearbook committee please contact Bridget Fredrickson through the PTO.

[sunpathpto@hotmail.com](mailto:sunpathpto@hotmail.com)

### PTO

We need your help. Our PTO does many wonderful things to help support our school, staff, and students. We need more parents to get involved by chairing a committee, or by volunteering to help on a committee for the 2015-16 school year. If we do not get committee chairs and volunteers, some of the great activities like SPAC, Yearbook, Movie Nights, and the school dance may not take place next year. If you want more information on how you can help contact the PTO at [sunpathpto@hotmail.com](mailto:sunpathpto@hotmail.com) or come to our next PTO meeting on April 14th at 7:00 PM.

### Talent Show and Awards Ceremony

We will have an awards ceremony the morning of June 3rd. Parents of students who earn an award will be contacted prior to the ceremony. Some awards, such as perfect attendance, are determined right at the end of the school year, therefore parents are given a very short notice of their child earning the award.

### Volunteers

April 12th through April 18th is National Volunteer Week.

On behalf of the Sun Path staff and students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers that have helped us have a great year this year at Sun Path. As of March 15th we have had over 109 volunteers put in over 1073 hours. This does not include the additional volunteers that help with our PTO activities.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Becky Anderson at [banderso@shakopee.k12.mn.us](mailto:banderso@shakopee.k12.mn.us)

## TRACK & FIELD



| Date/Day      | AM        | PM        | Make up day if needed |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| May 19th/Tues | 1st Grade | 5th Grade | May 22nd.             |
| May 20th/Wed  | 2nd Grade | 4th Grade | May 22nd.             |
| May 21st/Thur |           | 3rd Grade | May 22nd.             |



If a Track and Field Day needs to be canceled it will be reschedule one time only on May 22nd. If the 22nd is rained out, Track & Field will not be rescheduled.

# Fourth Quarter Calendar



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| <b>APRIL</b>               |  |                    |
| 4/07/2015 (Tues)           | 1st Grade - Shakopee Celebrates Reading @ HS | 12:45-1:45 PM      |
| 4/10/2015 (Fri)            | Student Council Meeting (Room 221)           | 7:45 AM            |
| 4/10/2015 (Fri)            | Super Hero Day                               |                    |
| 4/10/2015 (Fri)            | 2nd Grade FT to the Marcus Theatres          | 8:50 AM - 11:45 AM |
| 4/13-17/2015 (Mon-Fri)     | Food Drive                                   |                    |
| 4/14/2015 (Tues)           | <b>PTO Meeting-Referendum Presentation</b>   | 7:00 PM Cafeteria  |
| 4/15/2015 (Wed)            | Music Informance - PAGE                      | 1:15 PM            |
| 4/15/2015 (Wed)            | Music Informance - POPPEN                    | 2:20 PM            |
| 4/16/2015 (Thur)           | Music Informance - BURLAGER                  | 1:15 PM            |
| 4/16/2015 (Thur)           | Music Informance - BERG                      | 2:20 PM            |
| 4/17/2015 (Fri)            | Music Informance - SABBY                     | 2:20 PM            |
| 4/20/2015 (Mon)            | Music Informance - HART                      | 1:15 PM            |
| 4/20/2015 (Mon)            | Music Informance - LUCAS                     | 2:20 PM            |
| 4/21/2015 (Tues)           | Music Informance - KRZYZEK                   | 2:10 PM            |
| 4/21/2015 (Tues)           | PTO Dinner Night @Culvers                    | 5-9:00 PM          |
| 4/21/2015 (Tues)           | Wear Orange Anti-bullying t-shirt            |                    |
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| 4/22/2015 (Wed)            | Music Informance - MOENCH                    | 1:30 PM            |
| 4/23/2015 (Thur)           | Music Informance - LANDRO                    | 1:30 PM            |
| 4/30/2015 (Thur)           | Saber Wear Day                               |                    |
| 4/30/2015 (Thur)           | Sun Path Academic Celebration (SPAC)         |                    |
| 4/30/2015 (Thur)           | PTO Dinner Night_DQ                          |                    |
| <b>MAY</b>                 |  |                    |
| 5/01/2015 (Fri)            | 5th Grade to Festival of Nations             | 9:10 AM - 2:10 PM  |
| 5/01/2015 (Fri)            | Brainiac "Nerd" Day                          |                    |
| 5/01/2015 (Fri)            | Student Council Meeting (Room 221)           | 7:45 AM            |
| 5/4 - 5/8/2015 (Mon - Fri) | Staff Appreciation Week                      |                    |
| 5/12/2015 (Tues)           | PTO Meeting/Ice Cream Social                 | 7:00 PM Cafeteria  |
| 5/15/2015 (Fri)            | 4th Grade to Faribault Energy Park           | 8:50 AM - 1:20 PM  |
| 5/19/2015 (Tues)           | 1st Grade TRACK & FIELD                      | 9:15 AM-12:00 PM   |
| 5/19/2015 (Tues)           | 5th Grade TRACK & FIELD                      | 12:30 PM-3:00 PM   |
| 5/19/2015 (Tues)           | PTO Dinner Night-                            |                    |
| 5/19/2015 (Tues)           | Wear Orange Anti-bullying t-shirt            |                    |
| 5/20/2015 (Wed)            | 2nd Grade TRACK & FIELD                      | 9:15 AM-12:00 PM   |
| 5/20/2015 (Wed)            | 4th Grade TRACK & FIELD                      | 12:30 PM-3:00 PM   |
| 5/21/2015 (Thur)           | 3rd Grade TRACK & FIELD                      | 12:30 PM-3:00 PM   |
| 5/22/2015 (Fri)            | 4th Grade Outdoor Learning Day at the HS     | 10:00 AM - 2:45 PM |
| 5/22/2015 (Fri)            | Track & Field Make-Up Day                    |                    |
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| 5/25/2015 (Mon)   | Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL                                  |                   |
| 5/25/2015 (Tues)  | Bakken Museum (Doherty, Hall, Knick, Wittenberg)          | 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM |
| 5/27/2015 (Wed)   | 1st Grade FT to MN Zoo                                    | 9:00 AM - 2:20 PM |
| 5/28/2015 (Thurs) | 5th Grade ESL Celebration (Cafeteria)                     | 2:00 - 3:00 PM    |
| 5/29/2015         | Student Council Meeting (Room 221)                        | 7:45 AM           |
| 5/29/2015 (Fri)   | Students dress like Teachers/Teachers dress like students |                   |
| 5/29/2014 (Fri)   | Bakken Museum (Riggs, Swallows)                           | 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM |
| <b>June</b>       |   |                   |
| 6/3/2015 (Wed)    | Awards Program  | AM                |
| 6/3/2015 (Wed)    | Talent Show   | PM                |
| 6/4/2015 (Thur)   | Last day of school  |                   |
| 6/6/2015 (Sat)    | Celebration of Children Race                              |                   |

**Donations Requested:** The Shakopee Rotary Club is looking for gently used books, CD's and DVD's. They are especially interested in fiction, cookbooks, children's books and travel books. They will be holding their annual book sale April 24-26 and May 1-2, all proceeds go directly back into Shakopee Rotary projects in which the schools are a direct beneficiary. You can contribute by dropping off books or DVD's in the main office of any of our school buildings as well as Central Family Center and the District Office until April 20th.

**Cub Receipts:** The Shakopee Dollars for Scholars is an organization that helps funds scholarships for our graduating seniors. They are currently collecting Cub Food Receipts as a fundraiser. There is a box to turn them in is in the Sun Path office.

**Student Arrival:** Please be reminded that students should not be arriving at school before 8:10 AM. No supervision is available until that time. Thank you!

**Kindergarten Registration:** If you have a student who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2015, and have not yet registered your child for kindergarten, please do so by contacting the Sun Path.

Si usted tiene preguntas o le gustaría obtener más información sobre alguna de estas formas, favor de comunicarse con Mary Hernández al 952-496-5906 y dejar un mensaje. Se le regresara su llamada lo más pronto posible. ¡Gracias!

Если у Вас возникнут вопросы относительно этой информации или Вам понадобится объяснение на русском языке, пожалуйста, позвоните Светлане Мшар по телефону 952-496-5094 и оставьте ваше сообщение. Вам ответят на звонок вскоре. Спасибо!

Haddii aad u baahatid Tafaasiil intaas kasii baddan ama turjumid, Fadlan la xidhiidh Ibrahim Mohamed oo ah Howlwadeenka idman ee Waalidiinta iyo Iskuulada Shakopee, Teleefonkiisana waa 952-496-5041.

# PTO PATHWAYS

Sun Path's PTO Newsletter

April 2015



The sixth PTO meeting of the school year was held Tue, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> and welcomed 9 people. Items discussed and/or reviewed included: Dinner Nights, SPAC, Spring Dance, Box Tops, Square 1 Art, Supply Kits, upcoming Twins Game in May and upcoming nominations for Leadership positions. Join the next PTO meeting on Tue, April 14<sup>th</sup> ☺

## PTO Nominations

PTO Nominations are being accepted at the April 14<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting at 7 PM. As parents of Sun Path students, you are able to nominate yourself or have a friend nominate you for a position. If you are interested in one of the positions or would like more information, please email [sunpathpto@hotmail.com](mailto:sunpathpto@hotmail.com).

**President** – Responsible for setting the PTO agenda, providing leadership to the Board, assigning liaison roles to Board members and planning for the future. This role requires good organization and leadership skills.

**Vice-President** – Backing up the PTO President, chairing the fundraising committee & directing its activities. The bulk of the work load is done in the fall, when the main fundraiser takes place.

**Treasurer** – Keep track of expenses, present budget information at meetings, make bank deposits and balance accounts throughout the year. If you have a head for numbers, then you can tackle this role.

**Secretary** – Main tasks involve writing. Ability to take notes at monthly meetings and publish meeting minutes monthly. Create and produce a monthly newsletter, gather information from Board members and Committee Chairs as necessary. A love of words is helpful, as well as good word processing skills.

PTO Board members meet on a monthly basis. Collectively, the Board is responsible for directing the activities and general meetings of the PTO. Nominations will be accepted until the May PTO meeting.

## **Dinner Night...**

The next PTO dinner night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 5pm - 9 pm at Culver's and Sun Path will receive 15% of the sales. Have your children wear their orange anti-bullying shirts to school on the 21<sup>st</sup> and watch for details in your child's red folder.



Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7:30pm  
Band Concert at 7:30pm

The deadline for SPAC entries has past and we have about 120 students who have committed to completing an extra outside project. The students who have entered should have received a confirmation email or confirmation flyer with requirements and information for the projects. If you have not, please contact, [sunpathpto@hotmail.com](mailto:sunpathpto@hotmail.com) and we will make sure that you get the second set of requirements. We are excited to see what our Sun Path students are willing to showcase. Keep your eye out for volunteer opportunities during the week/day of SPAC.

Check out Sun Path PTO on the Sun Path website under Parent/Students for all the latest news on upcoming events.



## SQUARE 1 ART

Your child has been busy making beautiful artwork that can be made into many fun products such as magnets, t-shirts, mouse pads, ornaments and much more!

Coming home to you soon is a school sponsored elementary fundraiser called Square 1 Art. Square 1 takes your child's artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Celebrate your child's artistic achievement and support our school at the same time!

The money raised from this fundraiser will enable us to continue its efforts in supporting our students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue offering educational opportunities to our school!

## Twins Game

Save the Date: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:10pm

Sun Path PTO is organizing a Twins game for families to attend.

Ticket ordering info will be coming soon in your red folders!

## BOX TOPS

Keep collecting your box tops to help raise money for Sun Path ☺

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4/10 – Super Hero Day  
 4/14 – PTO Meeting @ 7 PM  
 4/21 – PTO Dinner Night @ Culver's 5-9 PM /  
**Wear your Orange Anti-Bullying T-Shirt**  
 4/30 – Sun Path Academic Celebration (SPAC) & Band Concert  
 4/30 – PTO Dinner Night  
 4/4 – 4/8 – Staff Appreciation Week  
 5/1 – Brainiac: 'Nerd' Day  
 5/12 – Ice Cream Social at PTO Meeting @ 7 PM

## Thank You's...

The PTO would like to thank all the staff and families that donated to the dance raffle! It was a huge success. Special thanks to: Roz Adler, Missy Johnson, Adele Simenstad, Angie Lemke, Erin Yzermans, Sue Fogel, Shannon Berg, Theresa Spicer, Deanna Johnston, Tom Spicer, Sue Johnson, Tari Millard, Sara Beach, Molly Thompson, Glenda Watry, Barbara Dahn, Angie Lemke, Jon Jasken, Andrea Schubert, Becca Gausman, Pam Theis, Coleen Raboin, Brandi Proffant, Michele Sauer & Nancy Stefens. Sun Path raised \$1,585 to go towards field trips!

## 2014-2015 Leadership Team

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>PTO President</b>      | <b>Bridget Fredrickson</b> |
| <b>PTO Vice-President</b> | <b>Christie Schmelz</b>    |
| <b>PTO Treasurer</b>      | <b>Dawn Musil</b>          |
| <b>PTO Secretary</b>      | <b>Barb Novak</b>          |

Teacher Liason: Corinne Doherty  
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