



FEBRUARY 2021



Sabin School PTA Community Newsletter

Dear Sabin Families,

A shout out to all of you who are persisting out there in the rainy season, supporting our students, teachers and community in whatever ways you are able. As we do every February (and throughout the year!), our community celebrates the achievements and history of African Americans as part of Black History Month, in our classrooms and around the dinner table. Black history is American history.

It's also a big month for reading! Sabin students love to read, and it shows. **Mt. Readmore**, our three-week celebration of literacy, goes through February 12. Check out the info inside if you need assistance getting set up online, and keep logging those reading minutes!

At the same time, **Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)** launched Feb. 8! We [still need adult volunteers](#) to help monitor these fun book battles between our OBOB teams over Zoom. And spectators are welcome!

The timeline and uncertainties around in-person learning are on everyone's mind. We invite you to connect with us via email or attend the next PTA meeting Feb. 17 to hear updates from Sabin administration. We value your voice as we navigate all these uncertainties as a community.

Together,

Sabin PTA

P.S . Take a look at the opportunities and virtual events in this newsletter and please email sabinptapresident@gmail.com to learn more. Your involvement and generosity will help make the Sabin community stronger not just this year, but for years to come. Thank you!



Sabin PTA Community and Fundraising Events 2021 at a Glance:

February

- **OBOB:** Oregon Battle of the Books battles begin! Feb. 8
- **Mt Readmore Reading Program and Fundraiser:** Ends Feb. 12
- **Box Tops due 2/20**

March/April

- **Atlas Pizza Fundraiser:** March 10
- **Science Fair:** March 18
- **Spring Break:** March 22-26

May

- **Global Experiences Night/IB Night:** **postponed to 2022

June

- **End of Year Celebration:** June 10

FEBRUARY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

February PTA Meeting (zoom)

Wed. February 17 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us to connect with and hear updates from school teachers and staff, get to know other Sabin families, hear about school events for the year, and share ideas and feedback.

[Zoom link](#) / Passcode: 464660

OBOB Battles Begin!

Monday, February 8

Oregon Battle of the Books is virtual this year, and spectators are welcome (on mute) to view this friendly quiz competition between 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teams.

[Zoom link](#) / Passcode: Please visit the [Sabin PTA Home page](#)

Last Day of Mt. Readmore

February 12

Keep logging those reading minutes! We'll reveal the winning class (class with most read minutes per student). Hot chocolate party for winning class!

Box Tops due 2/20

Box Tops are due by 2/20! Turn them into school or contact Lyndsay Christensen (on Slack or lyndsayc@gmail.com or text 503-686-3941) so she can pick up from you or coordinate with you to drop them in her mailbox. Note: the paper box tops are being phased out so please download the app and start scanning those receipts--every little bit helps our school!

Pick up Sabin Library books to read this month!

Tuesdays and Thursdays noon-3 p.m.

Drop by the south playground door (by the bike racks) and pick up a premade book bag for your student's grade level. Our wonderful library assistant Ms. Peterson can't wait to see you! Please wear a mask.

REMINDER: No School Feb. 15 (Presidents' Day)



Mt. Readmore is Nearly Done!

About Mt. Readmore

Mt Readmore is Sabin's celebration of literacy and promoting robust reading habits among students. The event also serves as a way to raise money to support classrooms, the school library, school resources, teacher supplies, and academic interventions.

We kicked it off on January 21, and it's been going so well! We are very proud of our Sabin Stars. It's not too late to get signed up, log reading minutes and get sponsors.

Mt. Readmore is the main fundraiser for the PTA during the unusual school year, so we encourage you to get neighbors, friends and grandparents to pledge support, in any amount, that will go toward our classrooms, the school library, school resources, teacher supplies, and academic interventions at Sabin. The Whooo's Reading website makes it easy to do.

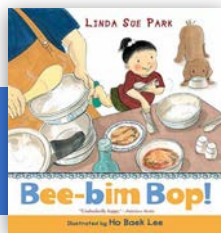
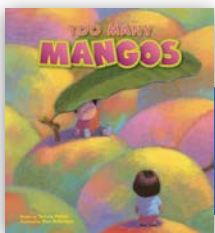


Many thanks to Portland author Aron Nels Steinke, creator of *Mr. Wolf's Class*, who joined us for the kickoff event Jan. 21 and shared some awesome stories and drawing lessons. Email sabinptapresident@gmail.com for a link to watch it!

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Hot chocolate party for winning class!**

HERE ARE THE LATEST STATS!

- Sabin kids have read more than **141,000 minutes!**
- We've raised over **\$11,265** – thank you to the amazing Sabin community!
- The top reader is Elliott Guy-Gray in Ms. Hopson-Willis' 2nd grade class
- Lots and lots of Sabin kids dressed as their favorite character and shared costumes on camera!
- The top reading classes leaderboard has changed!:
 - Braia
 - Gardiner
 - Clark



FAVORITE BOOKS SO FAR:

Book about family:

- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
- (Interestingly) Garfield

Book about adventure:

- The Golden Compass
- The Gryphon Chronicles

Book about social justice:

- A Kids Book About Racism

Book about winter:

- The Mitten
- Owl Moon

Book that makes you laugh:

- Where the Sidewalk Ends

Check out [Instagram/Facebook](#) for some fun book recipes we shared last week!

Questions? Need your Mt. Readmore login info?

Please email jmaweatherford@gmail.com

Oregon Battle of the Books



OBOB battles for 3rd-5th grade teams begin Monday, February 8th!

These battles will continue throughout February; semifinal and final battles will be held the 1st week of March.

- **We need more adult volunteers!** Each battle requires 4 adults and we really need your help. It's a just a 30-minute commitment. Please [sign up to help here!](#)
- All battles will be on Zoom, and the link for most [regular battles is here](#) (passcode posted on www.sabinpta.com).
- Non-battling students and family members are welcome to observe battles, with cameras off and microphones muted the whole battle.

Good luck teams!

Questions?

To get Zoom links for battles: Visit SabinPTA.com homepage

Questions about your child's team or about volunteering?

Contact Lili Boicourt, liligordon@yahoo.com, 503-989-9090 or Sarah Bunton, sbunton1@gmail.com

General OBOB questions? Visit www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org



3rd grade battle schedule

The Paperback Pirates vs Book Bandits	Tues, Feb 9	3:15 p.m.
The Paperback Pirates vs The Book Rockers	Thurs, Feb 11	12 p.m.
Book Bandits vs The Book Rockers	Tues, Feb 16	3:15 p.m.
The Paperback Pirates vs Book Bandits	Thurs, Feb 18	12 p.m.
The Paperback Pirates vs The Book Rockers	Tues, Feb 23	3:15 p.m.
Book Bandits vs The Book Rockers	Thurs, Feb 25	12 p.m.

4th grade battle schedule

BOLD Books vs The Book Crooks	Mon, Feb 8	3:15 p.m.
Bookalujah!! vs Gilliewhipple Bookmobile	Wed, Feb 10	12 p.m.
The Book Dragons vs Library Kittens	Fri, Feb 12	12 p.m.
The Book Crooks vs Gilliewhipple Bookmobile	Wed, Feb 17	12 p.m.
BOLD Books vs Library Kittens	Wed, Feb 17	7 p.m.
Bookalujah!! vs The Book Dragons	Fri, Feb 19	12 p.m.
BOLD Books vs Bookalujah!!	Mon, Feb 22	3:15 p.m.
The Book Crooks vs The Book Dragons	Wed, Feb 24	12 p.m.
Gilliewhipple Bookmobile vs Library Kittens	Fri, Feb 26	12 p.m.

5th grade battle schedule

Libros de Fuego vs The Page Rippers	Tues, Feb 9	12 p.m.
Libros de Fuego vs The Goats	Wed, Feb 10	3:15 p.m.
The Page Rippers vs The Goats	Tues Feb 16	12 p.m.
Libros de Fuego vs The Page Rippers	Wed, Feb 17	3:15 p.m.
Libros de Fuego vs The Goats	Tues, Feb 23	12 p.m.
The Page Rippers vs The Goats	Wed, Feb 24	3:15 p.m.



Need some Support?

We all need extra emotional support right now. Visit <https://www.sabinpta.com/resources-for-your-well-being> to find a list of resources and places you can reach out. We are in this together!

"Don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."
— Ella Fitzgerald



BOOK PICK UP

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
12:00-3:00PM**

South playground
Ramp entrance next to
the bike rack

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

GROUPS:

- Student Support Team
- Golden Ticket Team
- Tech Team
- School and Community Service Team
- Assemblies and Events Team
- Recess Team
- Equity Team



**Every Wednesday
2:15-3pm (virtual)**

Sabin Student Leadership is looking for adult volunteers to help monitor, supervise and answer questions during 4th & 5th grade student leadership group virtual meetings. Please email Ms. Lathan (clathan@pps.net) or Ms. Moller (emoller1@pps.net) if you are interested in helping!

WAYS TO SUPPORT SABIN RIGHT NOW!

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. We earn an average of about \$100 per quarter from this program!

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

To earn money for Sabin each time you 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). We earn an average of about \$225 per quarter from these rewards!

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 ideas matter!

Help Lead a School Committee

(Like the Emergency Preparedness Committee, Fundraising and Yearbook Committees, which are looking for new leaders or co-leaders). Email sabinptapresident@gmail.com for more information.

Participate in SCRIPNOW

SCRIPNOW is available online this year. This program is super easy...basically, you are shopping for digital gift cards from stores where you already shop, and Sabin gets to keep a portion (at no cost to you)! Ready to get started? Enroll in Shop with Scrip and enter this code: C555D29438512 (please encourage friends and family to join too!). Questions? Contact sabinptapresident@gmail.com.

Recycle Cans and Bottles for Sabin

Sabin has a BottleDrop Account! To get a bag, fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/3l4yFeJ>. You'll get a blue bag dropped at your door, which you fill with cans and bottles and drop off at a redemption center. The money goes to Sabin!

BoxTops for Education App

Scan your store receipt, and the app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online! Download the app at the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), find Sabin Elementary, and start earning for Sabin everytime you shop.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer, email: sabinptapresident@gmail.com

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| ★ Help Mr. Diltz and Ms. Peterson envision a beautiful library space! | ★ Help supervise weekly Student Leadership meetings online! | ★ OBOB battle help (just a 30 minute commitment)! | ★ Help with potential 2020/21 yearbook planning! |
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Idea Corner

Got an idea to support our community? [Email us](#) or join us at the next PTA meeting! Here are some nascent ideas that could use some brainstorming/support:

- ★ Fundraising with local businesses
- ★ Serving on a team of fairies to spoil our teachers and administrators with healthy treats
- ★ Supporting our Tubman sibling schools, e.g., attending their PTA meetings, sharing ideas to build community, joint fundraising
- ★ Coordinating a neighborhood scavenger hunt with QR codes



Meetings & Membership

PTA General Meeting Dates 2020-21

Please join us for our monthly PTA meetings! All families are welcome. Meetings will be held via Zoom until school facilities can safely re-open. (Note times are staggered to accommodate different schedules.)

Feb. 17	6:30-7:30 pm
Mar. 17	7-8 pm
Apr. 21	6-7 pm
May 19	6:30-7:30 pm
Jun. 16	6-7 pm

PTA membership is open to everyone, and we value your voice!

To join the Sabin PTA, either complete and return the form enclosed in this packet (also pdf here) with a check made out and mailed to: Sabin PTA, 4013 NE 18th Ave., Portland, OR 97212. You can also register and submit payment online at www.oregonpta.org/membership. Scholarships are available for membership, no questions asked, just let us know and we'll get you signed up.

Sabin School 2020-21 PTA Board

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For more information, visit sabinpta.com or email us at sabinptapresident@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ways to Connect!

Here are ways to stay in touch with the Sabin Community, and PTA activities:



[Facebook](#)



[Instagram](#)



[Slack](#)