



# Sabin School Guide

## 2020-2021

**Welcome to Sabin School!** This A-to-Z guide was created by the Sabin PTA to explain many of the terms, committees, and events at Sabin School. For general school information and staff listings, visit the Sabin School website at [www.pps.net/domain/2557](http://www.pps.net/domain/2557). To learn more about the school's PTA visit: [www.sabinpta.com](http://www.sabinpta.com). For additions or suggestions to this guide or any other questions, email [sabinptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabinptapresident@gmail.com).

### Alerts

To receive texts through the School Messenger from Portland Public School communications, text YES to 68453.

### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple way to support Sabin through purchases made on Amazon.com. Visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and select SABIN PTA. The Sabin PTA will receive 0.5% from most purchases, which we then use for school events and teacher supplies and supports.

### Back to School Night

This community event is typically a September gathering of Sabin kids, their loved ones, teachers, and the administration to share a meal, music, and to get (re)acquainted with Sabin. Organized by the school with support from the PTA, parents and caregivers have the opportunity to tour the school, see their child's classroom, meet their child's teacher, and get to know other Sabin School community members. This year Back to School night will be virtual given the pandemic, so watch for details on how to connect!

### Bike and Walk to School

This program encourages students to walk, bike, skate or scooter to school, promoting health and well-being as well as encouraging the use of alternative forms of transportation. Students also are invited to participate in International Bike and Walk to School Day during years when school is on campus (likely not for 2020-21). For more information see: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

### Black Family Night

Black Family Night serves as a community-based support network for parents of African, African American, and bi-racial African American children. The goal of BFN is to provide a mechanism for connecting around the goal of ensuring that African and African American children have an equal opportunity to thrive at Sabin. This event may be virtual in 2020-21, watch for details.

### Book Fairs

The Sabin PTA organizes Scholastic Book Fairs each year, typically in the fall and in the spring. The Spring Book Fair is always a buy-one-get-one free event. Contact Jenny DuVander at [jenny@duvander.com](mailto:jenny@duvander.com).

### Box Tops

This is a simple fundraising program. Download the app on your phone and follow the instructions there to submit products with the Box Tops for Education logo. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for Sabin.

### Bridge Building

Third graders traditionally take part in a unit about Portland bridges in the spring. Parents and other volunteers help students to build and test these bridges. Third grade teachers and STEAM members will have additional details.

### Common Core

Adopted by over 45 states in the U.S., the Common Core State Standards are a set of shared K-12 learning expectations for students in English-language arts and mathematics. Portland Public Schools began phasing in the Common Core State Standards in 2011-12, providing professional development to teachers and aligning core curriculum.

### Conferences

Fall parent/teacher conferences are an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see your child's classroom and learn about how your child is doing. It's also a time to ask questions or talk about any concerns. Creating a partnership with your child's teacher around your child can make a big difference. For tips, visit <http://www.pps.net/Page/961>. For 2020-21, these conferences will be virtual or via phone.

### Connect to Kindergarten

This informational event takes place in the early spring, with day and evening options. Parents/guardians of incoming kindergarteners enrolling for the upcoming fall are invited to visit Sabin. Visitors spend time in kindergarten classrooms, meet the teachers and view the common areas of the school. Parent volunteers help answer questions and direct visiting families. For 2020-21 this event will be held virtually.

### CUB (Civic Use of Buildings)

Individuals and community groups may schedule use of PPS facilities during non-school hours by obtaining a permit through the Civic Use of Buildings (CUB) office. Facilities are available as school schedules permit and by permission of the school principal or site administrator. Requests must be submitted 15 working days prior to the first day of use. Visit [www.pps.net/Page/1486](http://www.pps.net/Page/1486) for more information.

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## Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is a group of parents working to help prepare Sabin families and the school to respond to and recover from a disaster such as an earthquake. Portland is located in an active earthquake region. Experts predict that the region will experience a large scale quake within our lifetimes. The committee works closely with the Sabin Community Association and the Sabin Neighborhood Emergency Team. The parents leading this committee have graduated – please email [sabintpspresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabintpspresident@gmail.com) if you are interested in supporting or leading this important group.

## Equity Group

The Sabin Family Equity group is committed to bringing equitable practices to all aspects of the Sabin community, and making Sabin a school that is inclusive of all students and families. The group invites community members to discuss: current issues and practices at the school around efforts to close the achievement gap, and some upcoming educational opportunities for community members. For more information contact Meghan Whitaker at: [megsmaddox@gmail.com](mailto:megsmaddox@gmail.com).

## Field Day

Field Day is an all-inclusive, non-competitive, active and fun day at the end of the school year. Under the direction of our physical education teacher, stations are set up on the field and playground. Parent volunteers make this fun and exciting day possible for all students.

## Foundation

The Sabin School Foundation raises money through a Spring Art Show and Auction to fund additional staff positions at Sabin School including teachers, specialists, and educational assistants. The Foundation is run by parent volunteers and is an affiliate of The Fund for Portland Public Schools. The school principal decides how foundation dollars are spent on staffing. For more information contact: [sabinfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:sabinfoundation@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.pps.net/domain/2558>.

## Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Through Fred Meyer Community Rewards, we can earn money for Sabin PTA while we shop. Simply link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Sabin at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). Search for Sabin PTA by name or non-profit number (85955). Every time you use your Rewards Card, Sabin earns a donation! And you still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates!

## Fund for Portland Public Schools

The Fund for Portland Public Schools is the foundation mechanism for the Portland Public Schools district. It also provides the infrastructure for the local Sabin School Foundation and other individual school foundations. The Fund for PPS manages the Portland Public School Equity Fund, whereby one-third of the funds raised through the Sabin Foundation (above an initial \$10,000 threshold) go to the Fund for PPS. For example, if the Sabin School Foundation raised \$22,000, \$4,000 would go into the Fund for PPS and \$8,000 would go to the Sabin School Foundation. This equity fund is distributed among schools that are less able to raise money and helps close the achievement gap. For more information see: <https://fundforpps.org/>.

## Global Experience Night

Global Experience Night is an evening event held at Sabin School each spring that invites families to visit classrooms and celebrate our students' IB work. This event includes dinner, sponsored by the PTA, and time to connect with the Sabin school community. For more information contact the school's IB coordinator: Sasha Luria at [sluria@pps.net](mailto:sluria@pps.net)

## Hour of Code

Organized by the STEAM committee, Kindergarten to 2nd grade students do an hour of code during Computer Science Education Week. watch for details for this event.

## IB School / International Baccalaureate School

Sabin School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School, and "IB" is the basis of the Sabin curricula. Founded in 1968, the International Baccalaureate is a non-profit educational foundation offering four programs of international education that are dedicated to developing the intellectual, emotional and social skills needed to live, learn and work in our global community. A goal of IB is that students study unified concepts through the day that challenge them to inquire and develop a framework of understanding around topics. For more information contact our IB coordinator, Sasha Luria at [sluria@pps.net](mailto:sluria@pps.net) or visit: <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/>.

## Kelso's Choice

Kelso's Choice is a conflict management skills program presented by the school counselor and used in classrooms. The choices are: Make a deal, Wait and cool off, Go to another game, Talk it out, Share and take turns, Ignore it, Walk away, Tell them to stop, and Apologize. The Kelso's Choice wheel is painted on the South Playground, etched in boulders in the Sabin Peace Garden and posted in many classrooms.

## Lost and Found

The Sabin School lost and found is located by the first floor staircase on the east side of the building. Volunteers help organize, display, and eventually wash lost and found items in preparation for donation at the end of each month. Unclaimed items are donated to the Portland Council PTA Clothing Center. Parents, please label your child's belongings and check the lost and found area on a regular basis.

## Mt. Readmore

Mt. Readmore is the Sabin celebration of literacy. Typically, each January students and loved ones gather for a basecamp dinner with storytellers, librarians and reading games throughout the school (NB: this kickoff event is cancelled in 2020-21). For the next three weeks students find sponsors, track their time, share favorite books with friends, dress as favorite characters, and read, read, read. The ascent of Mt. Readmore helps raise money to support literacy, the library, culturally relevant reading choices, and reading resources in classrooms. For questions contact [sabintapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabintapresident@gmail.com).

## Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House offers before- and after-school care when school is in person and in session, in addition to full-time summer care, for school-age children at Sabin School. For more information and adjustments and guidelines due to Covid-19 and how the 2020-21 year is being managed, visit <https://nhpdx.org/youth-services-2/>

## OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books)

OBOB (sometimes referred to as Battle of the Books, for short) is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program supported and organized by Sabin School PTA volunteers. Students in 3rd-8th grades are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles. The mission is to encourage students, broaden reading interests, increase comprehension, promote academic excellence, and encourage cooperative learning and teamwork among students. Contact Lili Boicourt at [liligordon@yahoo.com](mailto:liligordon@yahoo.com). Many modifications have been made for 2020-21, see: <https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/> for the latest status updates.

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## Outdoor and Environmental Education Committee

This committee sees the school campus as more than just a place to play, but as a backdrop to educate our students as well as build and strengthen our community. The Garden Committee, which includes the edible garden, and the Campus Committee, which oversaw the renovation of the Sabin Nature Playground on the North side of the school, merged to form this group. The committee hosts work parties, fundraisers, and meets regularly with the Sabin environmental educator. For info, contact Lydia Fisher at [lydiaindira@gmail.com](mailto:lydiaindira@gmail.com).

## PTA

The mission of the PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We support school administrators, teachers, and staff members by recruiting and coordinating volunteers, fundraising, and organizing community events and programs to help meet the needs of all Sabin students. The PTA hosts monthly meetings throughout the year in which all community members are encouraged to join, interact, or raise any questions they have about Sabin. To contact PTA board members or to volunteer for any number of events and roles, email [sabintapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabintapresident@gmail.com) or visit [www.sabinpta.com](http://www.sabinpta.com).

## Restorative Justice

Restorative justice empowers students to resolve conflicts on their own and in small groups. Inclusion, bringing affected parties together, making amends, and reintegrating students into the classroom community are common pillars of Restorative Justice. Sabin teachers and staff have been trained in RJ practices and use them with students when applicable.

## Room Parents

Room parents form the foundation of our Sabin School PTA's volunteerism and community building. The room parent serves as a point-person to organize parents for classroom events, ensure good communication among parents within the classroom group, and help coordinate the volunteer needs of each classroom. If you're interested in becoming a room parent, let your child's teacher know.

## Run for Sabin School

When red and yellow leaves cover the South Field, it's time for Sabin Stars to run! Run for Sabin School is our most important fundraiser for school activities, classroom support and empowering the Sabin learning community. Students collect pledges for the number of quarter-mile laps they can run in 30 minutes, then zip around to the sounds of music, encouraging teachers, and cheering parents. The goal is to raise \$25,000 through this event. For more information, contact Alice Orleman at [aliceorleman@mac.com](mailto:aliceorleman@mac.com) or Star Moran at [Moran.star@gmail.com](mailto:Moran.star@gmail.com). This event is cancelled for 2020-21, but will be back full steam in fall 2021!

## Sabin Nature Playground

Located on the north side of the school, the Sabin Nature Playground is the first natural playground created in the Portland Public School district. It includes the Sabin Garden, the outdoor classroom surrounded by a natural amphitheater, a climbing area made with lots of natural materials, and the Sabin Peace Garden which includes three willow huts, boulders with Kelso's Choices and a Free Little Library. The 3-year renovation (completed in fall 2016) of this area was led by PTA and powered by community donations, grants and many volunteers.

## Sabin Sentinel

Published and written by the school administrators, The Sabin Sentinel is an electronic newsletter sent out every other Thursday. It includes information on upcoming events, student news, a message from Ms. Williams, and other features.

## Sabin Stars

The official mascot of Sabin School.

## Safety Patrol

Supervised by Mr. Gardiner, a Sabin 5th grade teacher and the Assistant Principal, many 5th grade students commit to a year-long, weekly shift as crossing guards. They are stationed at selected intersections near Sabin before and after school. A trip to Oaks Park caps the experience at the end of the school year.

## School (and PPS) Acronyms

Sabin, and PPS more generally, often use acronyms. For a quick guide to things like ECCP, QMHP, and SpEd visit the PPS site: <https://www.pps.net/Page/13610>. For others not on that list (like IEP = Individualized Education Program) feel free to contact us with questions! [sabintapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabintapresident@gmail.com)

## School Pictures

Individual student pictures are typically taken in the fall. Class pictures are taken in the early spring. Parent volunteers help organize children for individual pictures. Watch for modifications to this schedule for 2020-21.

## SchoolPay

SchoolPay is an online web tool that allows families to pay for items such as registration fees, and donations without having to make a special trip to the school or send a check with their students. It also provides the convenience of paying by Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card online or onsite. Parents and guardians are able to use one login at SchoolPay to see all items available to them as well as the payment history for each of their students. Visit <http://www.pps.net/Page/3528> for more information.

## Science Fair

Organized by the STEAM committee, the Science Fair is an opportunity for Sabin Students to explore science through hands-on learning experiences as well as to display student projects. For info, contact [sabintapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabintapresident@gmail.com). This event is typically held just before spring break; watch for updates for 2020-21.

## Season of Sharing

Our annual Season of Sharing event is an opportunity for our Sabin School families to help provide a happier, healthier holiday season for families in need right here in our community. Parent volunteers work closely with our Sabin SUN Community School office to coordinate, collect and deliver gift baskets and much needed groceries to area families in the month of December. For more information, contact Rachel Prust at [rprust@pps.net](mailto:rprust@pps.net).

## Site Council

The Sabin Site Council is composed of parents, teachers, and staff working together to develop plans to improve the school's instructional program, track progress toward implementing a comprehensive achievement plan, and to improve staff professional growth in order to best serve our student population. For information see: [www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/sabin/232.htm](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/sabin/232.htm).

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## SMART

SMART - Start Making A Reader Today - pairs caring, adult volunteers with children in need of reading support and books to take home and keep. SMART volunteers read one-on-one with students weekly during the school year, modeling a love of reading and building children's reading skills and self-confidence in a positive, child-driven environment. For more information or to volunteer, visit <https://smartreading.org/get-involved/>

## Smarter Balanced

Oregon is part of a team of states working together voluntarily to develop K-12 assessments in English language arts/literacy and mathematics aligned to Oregon's Common Core State Standards. These tests are called Smarter Balanced assessments. Delivered online, these tests include questions that adapt to each individual's performance and feature new "Performance Tasks" that mimic real world application of students' knowledge and skills.

## Spring Art Show and Auction

The Spring Art Show and Auction is run by the Foundation at Sabin and is a fundraiser for funding additional teacher/staff positions at Sabin. The event typically takes place in April and highlights student work. For more info contact: [sabinfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:sabinfoundation@gmail.com). This event is likely postponed for spring 2021, but will be back in spring 2022!

## STEAM

The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Committee runs events such as Hour of Code and the Science Fair. Contact Cindy Kaines at [cindy@madstop.com](mailto:cindy@madstop.com) for more information.

## SUN

Sabin SUN, a program of Self Enhancement, Inc (SEI), aims to improve the lives of children, their families and the community by extending the school day and developing schools as community centers in their neighborhoods. For more information, visit <http://www.pps.net/domain/2574> or email SUN Site Manager, Rachel Prust at [rprust@pps.net](mailto:rprust@pps.net) or call 503-916-6707.

## SWIFT

Sabin is a SWIFT (Schoolwide Integrated Framework for Transformation) partner school. SWIFT is a national K-8 technical assistance center that builds school capacity to provide academic and behavioral support to improve outcomes for all students through equity-based inclusion.

## TAG (Talented and Gifted)

The Portland Public Schools' TAG program focuses on meeting the student's instructional level and rate of learning every day in the classroom across the curriculum. Classroom teachers assess a student's level and rate in all subject areas and modify the instruction to provide appropriate content challenge and instructional pacing. Nominations for the TAG program are accepted in the fall. Teachers or parents may nominate students. TAG testing takes place in the spring. Announcements regarding TAG nomination deadlines are posted on the TAG bulletin board by the Sabin office. Questions regarding Sabin's TAG program should be directed to Sabin TAG Facilitator, Stephen Gardiner at [sgardiner@pps.net](mailto:sgardiner@pps.net).

## Teacher Appreciation Week

This week is part of a national teacher appreciation initiative during the first full week of May. It is an opportunity for families to thank the teachers, administrators and support staff who make the difference in our children's education. Parent volunteers plan activities to recognize staff. Teacher Appreciation Week activities are coordinated by the PTA and Room Parents.

## Tickle Bees

The Sabin School field is home to Andrena bees that burrow in the soil to provide a safe nesting place to lay their eggs and where young bees can develop before emerging each spring. As the name "Tickle Bee" (bestowed upon them by our own Sabin School students) suggests, Andrena bees are harmless and will not sting. In fact, they are incredibly useful pollinators in the garden, and many Sabin kids look forward to their emergence each spring.

## Visiting School

During school hours, all visitors must check in at the office upon arrival. If/when school resumes in-person instruction, watch for updates on volunteer opportunities, which will likely be adjusted due to pandemic restrictions. Sabin follows guidelines from PPS and ODE.

## Volunteering at Sabin

Sabin students benefit immensely from your volunteer support in a variety of ways, including in the classroom, during recess, before school, in the library, with reading and math support, and at school events. Please email us with your volunteer interest so we can help match you with volunteer opportunities: [sabinptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabinptapresident@gmail.com).

## Yearbook

Yearbooks are available for purchase (via order) in the early spring. Yearbooks include individual pictures by class as well as pictures of student activities and events. Parent volunteers assist with yearbook planning and collaboration. We need a new yearbook coordinator; if you're interested, please contact [sabinptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:sabinptapresident@gmail.com).