

SIBLEY ELEMENTARY

**April 2017
Newsletter**

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Dear Families,

I hope all of you enjoyed some family time during our spring break and you're back in the school groove.

Sibley's annual "Beyond Words" Literacy and Arts night is Thursday, April 6th. If this year's event is anything like previous years, it will be a fun-filled family outing. We hope to see you there!

With roughly nine weeks of school remaining, preliminary planning for the 2017-18 school year is well under way. If you have information about your child that you would like considered in making class placements, please put it in writing (email is best) and submit it to me by May 1st. Final placement of students in specific classrooms will occur during the summer. Please note: This is not an invitation to "request" a classroom teacher. While we are able to take many things into consideration during the placement process, we cannot guarantee students will be placed into specific classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

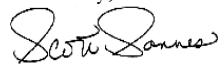
In early May we celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a special time to honor the dedication, passion, and caring nature of our teachers. It takes many dedicated individuals working as a team to help a school succeed. Thank you to all of our Sibley staff members for everything they do!

The end of this school year brings an end to "Elementary School" for our fifth grade students. On behalf of the Sibley staff, I would like to congratulate the fifth grade class for their accomplishments and wish them well in middle school and beyond.

Letters will be mailed to you in mid-August with your child's classroom assignment and orientation materials for next year. Ready, Set, Go Day is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

This is our last Sibley Star for the 2016-17 school year and I want to thank you for your partnership in educating all of Sibley's students this school year. We greatly appreciate your countless hours of volunteering and/or your support from home. As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, please call or email me at: ssannes@northfieldschools.org.

Sincerely,



Scott Sannes



Queridas familias,

Espero que todos hayan disfrutado de unos días en familia durante nuestras vacaciones de la primavera y que estén de nuevo acostumbrados a la rutina diaria.

La celebración anual de la noche de la lectura y las artes “Beyond Words” (Más allá de las palabras) en Sibley será el jueves 6 de abril. Si esta celebración es como la de otros años es una tarde ideal para hacer algo en familia. ¡Espero verlos a todos ese día!

Con apenas unas nueve semanas más de escuela, los planes para el año 2016-17 ya están muy adelantados. Si tienen información sobre su hijo o hija que quisieran que tengamos en cuenta al hacer las listas de estudiantes para cada clase, por favor, escriban una nota (email es el mejor método) y envíemela antes del 1 de mayo. La lista de estudiantes definitiva se terminará de hacer durante el verano. Por favor tengan en cuenta: Esta no es una invitación para que “pidan” a un maestro o maestra para sus hijos. Puedo tener en cuenta muchos factores para crear la lista de las clases pero no puedo garantizar que un/a estudiante esté en un salón de clases concreto. Gracias por su comprensión.


A principios de mayo celebramos la Semana nacional de agradecimiento a los maestros. Es un tiempo especial para agradecer la dedicación, pasión y cuidado en su trabajo de nuestros maestros. Para que una escuela tenga éxito se necesitan muchas personas dedicadas a su trabajo trabajando en equipo. ¡Gracias a todos los que trabajan en Sibley por todo lo que hacen!

El final de este año escolar es el final de la escuela primaria para nuestros estudiantes de quinto grado. De parte de todos los que trabajamos en Sibley, me gustaría felicitar a la clase de quinto grado por todo lo que han logrado y les deseamos que les vaya muy bien en el middle school y lo que siga después.

Las cartas con los maestros de sus hijos para el próximo año y otra información sobre el curso las enviaremos a mediados de agosto. El día de Ready-Set-Go (Preparados-listos-ya) será el miércoles 30 de agosto de 2017.

Este es nuestro último boletín de noticias del Sibley Star para el año escolar 2016-2017 y quiero darles las gracias por su compromiso en la educación de todos los estudiantes este año escolar. Apreciamos mucho las muchas horas dedicadas a la escuela como voluntarios y su apoyo en casa. Como siempre, si tienen preocupaciones, preguntas, o comentarios, llámenme o envíenme un email a: scott.sannes@nfld.k12.mn.us.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Sannes".

Scott Sannes



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 MCA Testing(Reading)	4 MCA Testing(Reading) Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.	5 MCA Testing(Reading) 1 Hour Late Start	6 MCA Testing(Reading) Beyond Words 5:00-7:30	7 MCA Testing(Reading) 1st Grade Field Trip Minnesota Zoo
10 MCA Testing(Reading) School Board Meeting H.S. Media Ctr. 7:00 p.m.	11 MCA Testing(Reading) PTO Meeting 6:30	12 1 Hour Late Start MCA Testing(Reading)	13 MCA Testing(Reading) 2nd Gr. Field Trip Mill City Museum	14 MCA Testing(Reading)
17 MCA Testing(Math)	18 MCA Testing (Math)	19 1 Hour Late Start MCA Testing(Math) Student Council/Safety Patrol Field Trip to Jesse James Lanes	20 MCA Testing(Math) 5th Grade Parent Mtg. 5:30 p.m. MS Auditorium	21 MCA Testing(Math)
24 MCA Testing (Science) School Board Meeting H.S. Media Ctr 7:00 p.m.	25 MCA Testing(Science) Green Team Meeting 7:40 a.m. 4th Grade, Haar Trip to Retirement Center	26 1 Hour Late Start MCA Testing (Science) 5th Grade Science Rocks	27 MCA Testing (Science) 5th Grade Science Rocks	28 MCA Testing (Science) 5th Grade Science Rocks

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

- 5/2 -Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
- 5/4- 3rd Grade Trip Stages Theatre
- 5/8-School Board Meeting 7:00 pm, H.S. Media Ctr
- 5/16-Sibley Choir Concert 7:00 pm MS Auditorium
- 5/19- Last Library Book Checkout
- 5/22-School Board Meeting 7:00 PM, H.S. Media Ctr
- 5/22-3rd Grade Field Trip to Wolf Creek Dairy
- 5/25- All Student Library Books Due
- 5/26- Espectácula Performance 9:30 MS Auditorium
- 5/30 - Green Team Meeting 7:40 a.m.
- 5/31- 4th Grade Trip to Fossil Hunting
- 6/2- Kindergarten Trip to the Como Zoo
- 6/5-Kind Graduation
- 6/5- 5th Grade Trip to Riverbend Nature Center
- 6/6- 5th Grade Graduation 8:30 in Gymnasium
- 6/6- Last Day of School/2 Hr. Early Release



5th Grade Parent Night on April 20th at 5:30-7:30 pm

Northfield Middle School Auditorium

Informational meeting for next year's 6th grade class. Parents are encouraged to bring their student as they will have a separate gathering in the Gym with WEB coordinators and WEB leaders.

Health Office - Jane Ehlers

Documentation Necessary for Kindergarten

It is hard to believe we are getting ready for our upcoming kindergarten classes already. I am available for any health related questions you may have. There are several items that are **required by our State Law that need to be on file by the first day of school in order for your child to attend school.** The following documentation is required for your child to start kindergarten this upcoming fall.....



1. **Early Childhood Screening.** If your child has not been screened, you may make an appointment for the **free screening** by calling Family Services, Mary Huberg at 645-1200. The screenings take place at Longfellow School. The screenings is approximately one hour long.

2. **Required immunizations are:**

5 DTP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) 2 MMR(measles, mumps and rubella) 2 CPX(chickenpox)
4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B

If you choose to file an exemption for immunizations, please complete an exemption form (also available from your designated school's health office), have it notarized and return it to your child's school. You may have your clinic fax your child's immunization record to your school. Sibley's fax number is 507-645-3469. Please mark the fax attention Jane Ehlers, RN.

3. **A copy of your child's original birth certificate** from the county in which the child was born. Hospital documents **are not** legal birth certificates and therefore cannot be accepted. A child must be five years old on or before September 1 in order to be eligible for kindergarten.

Please return any necessary documentation to the health office at Sibley Elementary as soon as possible, but **no later than May 13, 2015. All documentation listed above must be on file by the first day of school in order for your child to attend kindergarten in accordance with the Minnesota State Law.**

May Reminders

Summer is just around the corner, I can't believe it! Just a few reminders as we close out the 2015-16 school year.

If your **child(ren) has medication in the health office**, please stop and pick up that medication on or before the last day of school.

I have many students who have medications which need to be picked up before the last day school.

The health office is open every day from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Those items **not** picked up before the last day of school will be disposed of properly.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Have a great summer! It has been a joy to work with your children.

Jane Ehlers/Sibley School Nurse



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THURSDAY,
APRIL 6, 2017
5:00-7:30 P.M.

A
CELEBRATION
OF ART,
LITERACY
AND MATH

Beyond Words

A PASTA DINNER IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM 5:00-6:30.

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY HCI (HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE)

Choir News - Natalia Romero

As spring approaches so does concert season for the choir members! Mark your calendars for our spring concert at Northfield Middle School on **May 16th, 2017 at 7:00PM**. The 4th and 5th grade Sibley Silver Stars choir will be joining the 5th grade band for our final Spring Concert. Choir students need to be onstage ready to sing by 6:30PM. Doors will open at 6:50! Please note that the school assembly performance will be the week before on Friday, May 12th at 2:10PM – there will not be an assembly during the day on May 16th!



Music Class News

Music classes are hard at work in learning about new instruments and ideas. Here's a sneak peek of what we're doing:

Kindergarten got to travel to a new planet and we learned how to say hello and goodbye using our high and low alien voices. I suggest you ask them to teach you a few words!

1st grade is working on ta and ti ti (quarter and eighth notes) and the difference between beat and rhythm.

2nd graders are meeting all the new members of music street. So far, we've met the Do, Mi, Sol and La families and have learned to identify all of those notes in songs. Ask them to show you our secret signals for each family. We are moving towards learning the members of the instrument families and we'll start making our own instruments (that will come home!)

3rd grade is working on 16th notes (tika tikas) and we competed in some high intensity rhythm relay races. Every class got an excellent score, but in the next few weeks we will have the March Madness Final Tournament to determine which 3rd grade class is the ultimate rhythm master

4th grade is well into our Recorder Karate unit. Many students are working on their green and purple belts and over the next few weeks we will have an in-class "Recorder Idol" performance where students can show off all the skills they have learned. Thank you to those who purchased recorders for your student! They can also come before school to test and can always borrow a booklet to take home and practice.

5th grade has been working hard on learning to play the guitar. Currently, students know how to play Smoke on the Water, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and C, Em, G and D as chords. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning a few folk songs and have a final in class performance to share with each other what we've learned.

Thank you for supporting our music class and I hope you'll be able to come to the choir assembly: May 12th at 2:10 in the Sibley gym or the concert at 7:00 at NMS on May 16th!

Band News– Stefanie Bothun

Hello from the band room! Keep up the great work 5th grade band students. You have all been doing a nice job at our Friday morning rehearsals and coming to your lessons prepared.

Friday morning rehearsals for the month of April will be: April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Rehearsals begin at 7:15, so students should be ready to go with their instruments at the beginning of rehearsal. We will be preparing for our next concert on May 12th and 16th. On Friday, May 12th the concert will be at 2:10 pm in the Sibley gym and feature the 4th/5th grade choirs and band. The concert on Tuesday, May 16th will be at 7 pm in the middle school auditorium. More details about the May 16th concert will be sent out in early May.

ATTENTION ALL 4TH GRADERS

The time to join band is NOW! All 4th graders will be receiving a band handbook at the beginning of April which will include all the information you need to know about 5th grade band and the chance to sign up. Once all the sign-ups are collected, each student will come to the band room and test out on their top three instrument choices to see which one fits them best. After all students try the instruments, a form will be sent home with information about the instrument that fit them best and an invitation to attend our Instrument Display Night on Monday, May 15 between 5:30 and 7:30 pm at Bridgewater Elementary School. This night will include time to sign up for a trial/purchase instrument with Schmitt music, sign up for summer band lessons and meet the band teachers. **Parents of 4th graders:** please look for the band handbook to be sent home with your child in early April!

News from the Media Center

The Sibley Book Fair was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who volunteered. Book fair profits go towards purchasing new library books, a school wide Book Flix subscription and books for classroom libraries. As a result of the book fair, you will see many new books arriving in the media center during the month of April!

Sibley School has access to many online resources. We have lots of eBooks that families can use on devices that have access to the internet. Visit our media center page for more information.

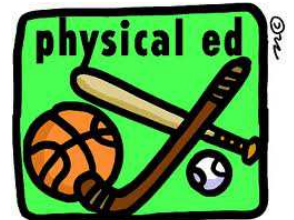
Below are some databases you might also enjoy...links for all of these resources can be found on the media center website.

Resource	Username	Password
Book Flix	sibleynfld	bookflix
Tumble Books	Go through the Nfld Public Library Site and use your library card number	Go through the Nfld Public Library Site
Facts4Me	sibley	stars (only M-F 8:00-4:00)
BrainPop & BrainPop Jr.	sibleynfld	stars
World Book	northfield	Raiders
Info Trac (Kid Info Bits)		raiders

Physical Education-Andy Jaynes & Ryan Pietsch

Spring greetings from the Physical Education Department! Our Sibley Stars have been active as evidenced by their recent completion of units in floor hockey, winter Olympics and continued fitness games and activities.

Upcoming units to look forward to this spring are: Tennis and badminton, home run derby, American Ninja Warrior training, Powerball and continued fitness activities and games.



Soon, students will be bringing home information about Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH). We will plan on participating in the JRFH program the first week of April. All students will participate and have fun jump-roping during their Physical Education classes throughout the week. If your child wants to raise money for the American Heart Association, they are more than welcome to (raising money is not required). The information packets the students bring home will explain how to go about raising funds for such a valuable cause. There are also reward prizes for reaching various levels of funds raised. Last year, Sibley was able to raise over \$4,200 for the American Heart Association!

****If your child plans on raising money this year, the final date to turn in the money is Monday, April 17.**

Our annual 4th and 5th grade Field Day is coming up fast. The dates and times for **Track and Field Day** are as follows:

Friday, June 2 (Middle School Track)

Grade 4: 9:30-11:30

Grade 5: 12:30-2:30

If you are interested in volunteering for field days, please let your child's classroom teacher know. We'd love to have you join us! Once again we will be joining students from Bridgewater Elementary for Field Day!

Thanks for your support of the Sibley Physical Education Department and PLEASE KEEP YOUR FAMILY ACTIVE!

Art Room-Erica Ness

Hello from the Art Room!

We have a few great Art Events coming up this before the end of the year that I want to let you all know about.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 1st is the Imagination Celebration at the Northfield Arts Guild. It starts at 10 and goes until 2pm and is filled with different events, activities, and shows for the whole family. This Free event showcases youth and art in the Community. Take a moment to stop on by and learn about how the Arts Guild and the Northfield Area Schools foster your child's creativity! The All School Art Show is also on display at this time and will come down on April 8th, so make sure you stop by and get see the variety of artworks on display at the Arts Guild.



April 6th is Beyond Words! An exciting event at Sibley Elementary that celebrates Sibley students and their creativity in the arts, literature, and math! Make sure you come by and visit all the classrooms and galleries up around the school! If you have never attended, this event is a spectacular event that takes over our school. Students have been working hard with their teachers to transform the school into an interactive event.

April 11th is the opening of our first of two City Hall shows. Students will be getting notes home if their work is on display in the show. It is only open during business hours upstairs.

April 21st is Art's A'pe Carte at the Northfield High School. This event honors the art work of high school students as well as having fun family events throughout the school, mark your calendars for an exciting local event!

May 1st the second City Hall show will be up for display, make sure you stop in and see your child's work, watch for notes about which show they will be in.

Finally June 3rd and 4th is the Children's Festival in St. Paul. Several of our students will have art displayed in downtown St. Paul on the buildings. The weekend is a family event that involves different performances indoors and out . The art show will be up from May 6th through June 4th.

Art Room Supply needs...

- Yarn
- Beads
- Fun Papers
- Wood Pieces
- Magazines
- Acrylic Paints

Student Council- Nancy Fox/Becki Haar

Thank you to the student council members who helped bag popcorn for Sibley's Movie Night. They will also be assisting with dinner at Beyond Words.

Simply Sheets Fundraiser

Look for members of the student council in the Skylight Commons as they will be asking for donations for our Simply Sheets fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House. Our goal is to raise \$3,500 which would provide new sheets for every bed for the four Minneapolis/St.Paul sites. To make giving easier, we have included an online link. Thank you to our generous Sibley families!!



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PTO News – Amanda Tracy

Our next Sibley PTO meeting is on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30pm in the Sibley Media Center. We would love to see you there!

The Talent Show is coming! Thank you to Joe Jorgensen for coordinating that this year. Please stay tuned for more details about tryouts and the performance date. It will be held in the last few weeks of school. Students in grades 2-5 can participate.

The PTO board has **3 open positions** for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a great way to be involved at Sibley in the evenings. Please contact a current board member if you would be interested in one of the positions.



As I wrap up my term as President of the Sibley PTO, I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have helped make our activities a success, especially to those parents who have coordinated different events throughout the year! A special shout out and thank you to my fellow PTO officers (Pasha Quaas, Sara Ailabouni and Katherine Klein) who I have had the privilege of serving with for the past 2 years. I appreciate you more than you know!

Reading Aloud with your Children-Karleen Sherman

Your children benefit from you reading aloud to them from the day they are born all the way through high school. Check out this brief TED Talk for more information about the benefits of reading aloud to your children at all ages!

[Why We Should All be Reading Aloud to Children](#) (Rebecca Bellingham)- "Why should we keep reading aloud to kids even when they can already "read on their own?" This talk demonstrates the magic of read aloud and reminds us all why reading aloud is so essential- at school and at home. This talk is for parents and teachers who want to teach comprehension and connect with kids in powerful ways."

<https://youtu.be/ZBuT2wdYtpM>



Check out the Lost and Found...

If your child is missing any items, make sure to check out the lost and found. It's next to the Music Room in the back of the school. The lost items are starting to pile up and all unclaimed items will be packed up and donated at the end of the school year.

Trash to Cash-Sara Ailabouni/Erin Janssens



Happy Spring Sibley families!

It is time for our Spring **trash collection competition**.

Trash-to-Cash Classroom Clash...April 3-7.

Send in all Trash-to-Cash items.

Each item is worth **one** point.

The winning classroom gets to have a **movie party!!**

We want to give a HUGE thanks to Paula Baragary's fantastic 5th graders for collecting the trash from every single classroom for us.

The Sibley PTO is looking for a new Trash-to-Cash coordinator. This is wonderful program and brings in money for the teachers and students. If interested in this important position please contact Sara Ailabouni at: sailabouni@gmail.com

Please note that the "My Coke Rewards" program has ended. Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped enter codes.

Box Tops for Education:



- Found on a wide variety of products. For a full list go to www.boxtops4education.com
- Clip the Box Top from participating products. Optional: put in baggies in groups of 50 and clearly mark the quantity on the outside of the baggie.

Loaves 4 Learning:



- New this year!
- Save UPC's from all Country Hearth and Village Hearth products.

Milk Moola:



- Collect milk, water or juice caps, and bag tops from Kwik Trip products.
Note: please rinse & dry your caps before sending them in.
- For a list of participating products: <http://www.milkmoola.com/products.asp>.
- Optional: count, bag and mark quantity on outside.

Direct Your Dollars - Econo Receipts:



- Save ALL Econo receipts no matter how small. SpartanNash pays Sibley \$1,000 when we reach \$150,000. The receipts can add up fast!
- Optional: add the total listed in the paragraph near the bottom of the receipt under "Direct Your Dollars Program". Bundle the receipts and clearly mark the total on top.

Holyland Hummus:



- Save 25¢ coupons found on the back of Holyland Hummus labels.

Tyson Project A+:



- Clip Tyson Project A+ labels found on all Tyson products. Tyson labels are a black box that says "Support Your School". Some products have a strip that has a 1,2,3 for supporting your school - we need that whole strip.

Used Ink Cartridges:



- If the cartridge fits in the palm of your hand we can usually get cash for it.
- Note: *please put in a baggie as they sometimes leak.*

Our Family Products Labels for Learning:



- Clip UPC's ONLY from Our Family products (number starts in 70253).

** Please note: the My Coke Rewards program has ended.

Questions? E-mail Sara at sailabouni@yahoo.com or Erin at erin@janssens.us.

Northfield Community Services

KidVentures Summer 2017

Does your school-age child want an adventure this summer? Registration for the KidVentures summer program opens on Wednesday, April 5th from 5:30-7:30 in the Sibley lunch room.

KidVentures is designed for children entering 1st through 7th grades and allows kids to experience a wide variety of both enrichment and recreation opportunities. Our mission is to foster a fun atmosphere where children are encouraged to explore new interests and make new friends. Throughout the summer, children will participate in a variety of hands-on activities that build social, emotional, physical, and academic development. KidVentures offers trip to the Northfield pool Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and field trips every Friday. We are open 6:30 AM-6:00 PM Monday-Friday and will be located at Sibley Elementary this summer.

Please see the Ventures website for all of this summer's details and to download the registration packet: <http://northfieldschools.org/communityservices/venture/> Families are strongly encouraged to register early on April 5th to secure a spot!



Community Services 2017 – Sibley

Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division has openings in many great programs that start in **April**. For more information or to register for these great programs visit us online at www.northfieldschools.org (follow the Community Services link), call 507-664-3649, or visit our office on the first floor of the Northfield Community Resource Center at 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield. Scholarships are available for all programs.

Enrichment Classes

Grandmasters of Chess: Spring Season

\$94, grades k-5, Sibley Art Room,
M, April 3 – May 22, 3:20 – 4:20 p.m., Class #:4342-W17S

Watch Me Draw: Animal Art Studio

\$75, grades k-5, Sibley Art Room,
Tu, April 4 – May 2, 3:20 – 4:20 p.m., Class #:4377-W17S

LEGO WeDo Robotics – Spring Session

\$74, grades 1-5, Sibley Skylight Commons,
Th, April 13 – May 18, 3:20 – 4:20 p.m., Class #:4439-W17SB

Home Alone Safety Workshop for Children

\$34, grades 3-7, Northfield Community Resources Center (NCRC) Youth Wing Rm. 108,
Sa, April 15, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Class #:4354-W17B

Recreation Classes

Youth Floor Hockey

\$25, grades k - 5; Middle School Gym, 9 – 9:45 a.m.
Sa, April 1 - 22; Class #:1054-W17A

Tae Kwon Do for Kids

\$74, grades 2 - 12; Sibley Cafeteria
Beginner: 6:15 – 7 p.m., Tu & Th, April 18 – May 25; Class #:4165-W17E
Advanced: 6:45 – 7:45 p.m., Tu & Th, April 18 – May 25; Class #:4165-W17F

Horseback Riding

\$139, ages 8 and older; Winterhaven Stables, 4 - 5 p.m.
W, April 19 – May 24; Class #:1276-W17A

Soccer Skills Now

\$29, grades 1 - 5; Sibley Gym & Playground, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.