



# SID'S SCOOP

A SIDWAY PTA NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2023

## The Principal's Spot

Happy Spring!

We just completed our Kindergarten performances while the first graders are practicing away for their upcoming shows. This week the Buffalo Bandits are here to teach our Kindergarten and 1st grade students about Lacrosse. This month is also field trip month. Thank you to the PTA for supplementing the expenses so that we can enjoy trips to the Farm and Explore and More.

Please take a few minutes to complete the PBIS Family Questionnaire that was sent home on April 13th. This is a great way for our committee to hear from you and learn how we can better meet the needs of our amazing little Vikings.

Thanks,  
Mike Antonelli, Principal

## SEED CUP PROJECT

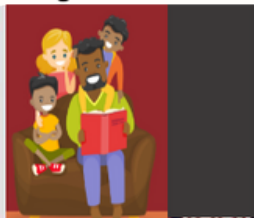


Spring is here and its the perfect time for our seed cup project! This month we'll be teaching our students to learn about growth and change through the planting and nurturing of their very own plant. Each student will plant sunflower seeds in a cup filled with soil and will learn how to care for their plant, nurturing its growth. Your child will bring their plant home later this month and parents are encouraged to support your child's effort as they continue to nurture and grow their flower to full bloom.

## Coming Soon!

May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup> PARP Week!  
Featuring a visit by author  
Matt McElligott

The Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) Program is Here!



Players from the Buffalo Bandits Lacrosse team joined our Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Phys Ed classes on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mr. Willats and Mrs. Martinez for making this an exciting activity for our students.



Pictured back row: Bandit Forwards Brad McCulley and Nathaniel Kozevnikov  
Front row: students Weston Pounds, Grayson Mars and Charlotte Oliverio



WE'RE PLANNING FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY ON **JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**! WE'LL BE COMBINING A STUDENT FAVORITE *ICE CREAM SOCIAL*, THE *STUDENT ART SHOW* HOSTED BY MR. DOHERTY, AND AN EVENING *BOOK FAIR* ALL IN ONE! STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS COMING HOME WITH YOUR CHILD VERY SOON.

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## Meet The Team!

Each month, we've been showcasing and introducing you to the dedicated staff and team members at Sidway! Over the next three months we'll introduce the biggest influencers your children see every day - our classroom teachers! This month we'll begin at the beginning, with our UPK (Pre-K) and Special Ed faculty - teachers, teaching assistants and teacher aides. Let's meet the team!



UPK Team, left to right: Chrissy Galante (Teacher Aide), Linda Samland (Teaching Assistant), Maureen Roussi (Teacher), Karolyn Ivancie (Teacher), Krista Zilliox (Teacher Aide)

At Sidway, we understand how important it is to begin the learning journey with our Pre-K students led by Karolyn Ivancie (25 years) and Maureen Roussi (29 years) and assisted by Linda Samland (22 years), Chrissy Galante (2 years) and Krista Zilliox (2 years)! To the person, our Pre-K team expressed their favorite part of working at Sidway is working with the students. Karolyn says "It all starts here, we get to take part in the best part of the journey, the beginning! We get to instill the love of learning new things and watch it all unfold...and get to work with amazing colleagues, too." Maureen "loves working with 4-year olds because they are curious, enthusiastic, intuitive and very funny...and we get to watch them grow into independent, self-reliant, capable kids." When not working at Sidway, Karolyn loves spending time with her dog and family, enjoying vacations and time at the beach. Maureen likes to cook and bake, attend her girls' sporting events, going to Broadway shows at Shea's and family travels every summer. Linda's favorite thing to do is spending time with her grandson Troy, and enjoys traveling, shopping, hosting parties, and outdoor activities. Chrissy loves gardening and Krista loves spending time with her husband and children, Vera and Jack. She especially loves family game night and outdoor activities with the kids.



Special Ed Multiage Room, left to right: Michelle Brand (Teacher Aide), Nicole Warchocki (Special Ed Teacher), Erin Conn (Teacher Aide)

Sidway is proud to have our Special Ed teams working every day to assist our special needs students to adapt to a learning environment. The team of Nicole Warchocki, Michelle Brand (2 years each) and Erin Conn (3 years) love working together as a team. The favorite part of their days working at

Sidway is the support they provide to each other, along with the laughter they share daily. Outside of work, Nicole loves to relax and spend time with her husband, 2 boys and dog Dakota! Michelle loves trying new restaurants, attending outdoor festivals and spending time with her 5 kids. Erin loves hanging with her son Weston, going to the beach, hiking, roller skating, swimming...just being as active as they can. She also loves trying new restaurants and spending time with her nieces and nephews.



Special Ed Multiage Room, left to right: Megan McAfee (Teaching Assistant), Kristin Ryan (Special Ed Teacher), Pam Ripellino (Teacher Aide), Brenda Vazquez (Teacher Aide)

Our second Special Ed team at Sidway is led by Kristin Ryan (6 years) along with Megan McAfee (1 year), Pam Ripellino (5 months) and Brenda Vazquez (6 years). The team says their favorite part of their Sidway role is the support they receive from each other and their colleagues.

They love working with the children and as Kristin says, "When a child finally makes that connection, it brings me so much joy to watch their face light up!" Outside of work, Kristin loves spending time with her family going camping, playing outside and watching the Buffalo Bills! Megan likes being outside and going for hikes or runs with her husband and friends. Pam likes playing with her new puppy and Brenda enjoys taking walks on good days.

## 31 Upcoming Events

- ★ May 29  
No School - Memorial Day
- ★ May 30 - Jun 6  
PARP week and Author visit
- ★ Jun 1  
Ice Cream Social/Art Show/ Book Fair - evening event
- ★ Jun 9  
Field Day

### General Reminders

Not a PTA member yet? Go to [sidway.memberhub.com](http://sidway.memberhub.com) to join. Follow us on Facebook: Sidway PTA Email us with questions/concerns: [sidwaypta.info@gmail.com](mailto:sidwaypta.info@gmail.com)

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### PTA Meetings

on the following Tuesdays at school or join virtually

- ◆ Apr 25 All Island
- ◆ May 16 - 4:15



### PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD Open Positions

As we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year, we are looking for volunteers for a number of board positions. Joining the PTA Board is a great way to meet new people, get connected and support/serve our school. If you're interested, please contact us at [sidwaypta.info@gmail.com](mailto:sidwaypta.info@gmail.com).

Open Positions include:  
Treasurer  
VP of Membership & Donations  
VP of Volunteers  
Recording Secretary



**Thank you to all of our members and volunteers for making everything possible!**