



SID'S SCOOP

A SIDWAY PTA NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



The Principal's Spot

Happy Holidays!

Thank you to everyone who worked and supported the Sidway book fair. It was an incredibly successful event. Coming up in December students will continue to prepare for their school wide singalong. This is a fun student only event that gets everyone together to celebrate the winter season.

As we get ready to start the second 1/2 of the year you will see an increase in books coming home and a focus on reading, phonics and comprehension. Please take advantage of every opportunity to read to your children and have them read to you. Kindergarten and first grade are critical years in a students literacy development.

If you have concerns or would just like additional resources or strategies please reach out to your classroom teacher or one of our specialists.

Happy Holidays,
Mike Antonelli

Meet The Team!

This month we're introducing three of our favorite teams we can't do without - our office staff, the school nurse, and the custodial team!



Debbie Gorton, Tara Kowalik (school nurse), and Trish Eichel

Trish & Debbie handle the Administrative tasks and are the first faces seen when guests/visitors come to Sidway! They both love the people they meet every day, making each day different from the last. Outside of Sidway, Trish likes to cook, shop and read while Debbie loves vacationing with her family!

Tara describes the children at Sidway as "endless entertainment." But it's her co-workers that she says bring joy to her days. She refers to them as a "supportive and inspiring family!" Outside of work, Tara loves playing Dungeons & Dragons, board games, and miniature painting.

The custodial team at Sidway is like a family within a family. The camaraderie is clear and each of the team say one of their favorite things about Sidway is the people - the staff, co-workers, and especially the children. Anne describes it as "*the kindness matters*" attitude!

Some favorite things outside of school are for Kevin, car shows and short weekend day trips. John has a passion for building and creating, plus farming and raising chickens and goats. Sharon likes to spin, travel with her husband in their RV and spend time with family and friends. And Anne likes to read, bake, and do crafts. She also helps with meals on wheels on weekends and makes fleece tie blankets for the homeless.

It's the people at Sidway that make the ins and outs of each day hum!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SIDWAY TEAM!



Left to right: Sharon Ketch, Kevin Astridge, John Pedlow, Larry Sharp, and Anne Henneberger

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PTA Meetings

on the following Tuesdays at school or join virtually

- January 17 - 4:15
- March 21 - 4:15
- May 16 - 4:15

One of the most popular Christmas songs, "Jingle Bells" was actually written for Thanksgiving!



Book Fair

We held our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair on November 30 through December 1. Students shopped during the day and many returned for our family event on Thursday night. The proceeds from this fair will make it possible for us to continue stocking our Book Vending Machine and provide books for students at other school events throughout the year. A big thank you to Mr. Antonelli, our teachers/staff, and all the volunteers who made it possible!

Interesting Winter Facts

Did You Know?

Did you know that the most snow to fall in one 24-hour period in the United States took place in Silver Lake, Colorado in April of 1921? 75.8 inches of snow was recorded. That is over six feet of snow!

Did You Know?

Did you know that the longest chain of sleds to ever go down a snowy slope was achieved on a ski resort in Austria on January 22, 2017? 508 sleds traveled down a 60 meter slope and stayed connected the whole time! That is 1,968 feet - more than a quarter mile!



General Reminders

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

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Upcoming Events

- ★ Dec 26 - Jan 2
No School - Winter Recess
- ★ Jan 16
No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ★ Feb 20 - Feb 24
No School - Mid-winter Recess



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