



# SID'S SCOOP

A SIDWAY PTA NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

## PTA Meetings

on the following Tuesdays at  
school or join virtually

◆ March 21 - 4:15

◆ May 16 - 4:15

## The Principal's Spot

Happy New Year!

Here at Sidway things are going great! We just had our first presentation from the REV Theatre Co. and the students really enjoyed it. We are excited to announce that we are bringing back the Taste the Rainbow event this year. Our PBIS is adding some new interventions and supports to foster positive behavior. Weekly, two students will be recognized as WOW Wednesday Students. WOW Wednesday students are always following the Viking Values and are randomly selected from all submissions weekly.

Grand Island CSD is now on Instagram and Facebook. If you are interested, please check out these pages to see many great things happening at Sidway and the other Grand Island Schools.

Thanks,  
Mike Antonelli, Principal

## "SHOP AT TOPS" SUPPORTS THE PTA!



Thanks to all for your support of the *SHOP AT TOPS* educational program. In 2022, this program raised \$1,004.67! If you haven't already, register your card and find out more at

<https://www.topsmarkets.com/education/>

## Meet The Team!

This month we're introducing the Special Area teachers! Our students love the special areas and look forward to their time with each group every week. Let's meet the team...

Sidway Library - Janet Balk and Joelle Stapleton are Sidway's Librarian (15 years) and Sr Library Clerk/Media Specialist (13 years), respectively. Both express their favorite part of their days at school are watching the students find that "just right book" or seeing the pride on their faces when they build something at one of the STEM centers. It's no surprise both women love to read! Janet enjoys cooking & trying new recipes, painting rocks collected from the beach and collecting sea glass. Joelle enjoys hiking & finding new trails with her dog Remi.

Brian Willats (21 years) and Amanda Martinez (9 years) are our Physical Education teachers. Their favorite part of their jobs is simply the students - their excitement at learning something new! Outside of Sidway, Brian enjoys watching his children play sports while Amanda enjoys hiking and spending time with her family.

Matt Doherty is our Art teacher with 16 years at Sidway. The favorite part of his job is he gets to celebrate creativity every day! At home, Matt likes to garden, draw and play with his dogs.

Christine Sweeley teaches Music at Sidway (28 years). She has so many favorite things about her job but a few of them are teaching the students to play rhythm instruments and putting on two big performances at Sidway - the Spring Kindergarten show and the First Grade Patriotic show. When she's not working, Christine loves listening to music of all kinds, reading, skiing, snowshoeing and visiting state parks. She is a paper crafter and a mandala dotting artist but most enjoys spending time with her two college kids, Mikaila and Colton.

It's not surprising Specials are truly favorites of our Sidway family!



Janet Balk, Joelle Stapleton, Brian Willats, Matt Doherty, Christine Sweeley, Amanda Martinez

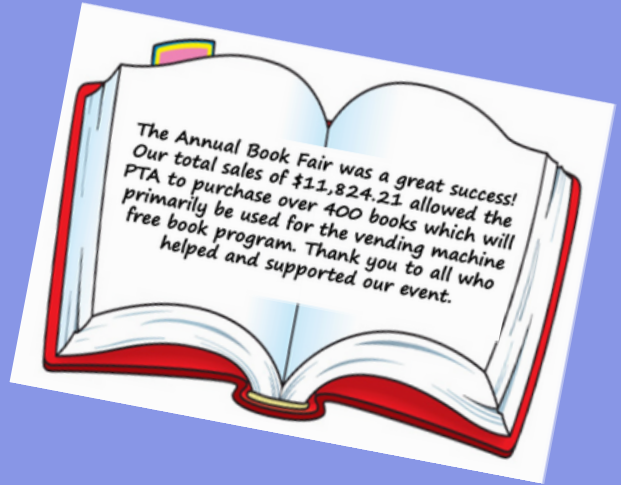


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Nationally recognized in May, at Sidway we acknowledge the lasting contributions our teaching staff make to our students' lives in March. This year we'll celebrate our teachers March 13-17<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon, treats throughout the week and gifts for the classroom. Additional communication will follow.



The Annual Book Fair was a great success! Our total sales of \$11,824.21 allowed the PTA to purchase over 400 books which will primarily be used for the vending machine free book program. Thank you to all who helped and supported our event.

## Taste the Rainbow

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> **Taste the Rainbow** experience. An educational buffet of fruits and vegetables in the different colors of the rainbow will be provided to the students in the Sidway Fitness Room.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT [SIDWAYPTA.INFO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SIDWAYPTA.INFO@GMAIL.COM)

### OPEN POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- PRESIDENT
- TREASURER
- VP OF MEMBERSHIP AND
- COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH!"

## 31 Upcoming Events

★ Feb 7

The Rev Theater Group - 1st grade classes

★ Feb 20 - Feb 24

No School - Mid-winter Recess

★ Feb 27

The Rev Theater Group - Kindergarten classes

★ Mar 2

Taste the Rainbow!

★ Mar 13-17

Teacher Appreciation Week



## 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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