



# SID'S SCOOP

A SIDWAY PTA NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2023

### The Principal's Spot

This month we have added some new traditions to our morning announcements to help keep students engaged and excited. Each Monday students watch a "Sid Snippet." This is a short video that teaches students how to behave or communicate in different parts of Sidway. On Tuesday I review and add my thoughts to the Snippet and reinforce the lesson that was taught on Monday. On Wednesday we recognize two students as WOW Wednesday Kids. A WOW Wednesday kid is someone who is always demonstrating the "Viking Values." Any staff member can nominate a student and each week we pick two names out of the submissions. Thursday is Thankful Thursday and we as a school community talk about something we are thankful for that week. Friday's are Funny Friday. I get out the joke book and end the week with a few laughs. We are hoping that this mid year mix up will help to foster engagement and excitement in the announcements and the culture we strive for in the building.

Have a great March!

Thanks,  
Mike Antonelli, Principal

### 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)



Thursday, March 2nd we hosted the **Taste the Rainbow** experience in the Sidway Fitness Center. Organized by Amanda Martinez, Phys Ed teacher & the Sidway PTA, the children tasted a buffet of fruits and vegetables in the different colors of the rainbow.



On February 7th **The REV Theater Group** performed for the first graders, a show titled **Huff and Puff**. The REV group returned on February 27th to perform for the Kindergarten classes. The children totally enjoyed the events.

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## Meet The Team!

The depth and strength of our educators at Sidway runs deep. Our Support Team is here to provide additional and strengthened learning for those children requiring an extra hand. This month we'll meet the members of our Support Team!

In total, our Support Team has well over 100 years of service at Sidway! Reading, Math, Speech and English as a New Learner are learning topics we provide to our kids. In addition, we have our School Psychologist and both Occupational and Physical Therapists on staff at Sidway. Here are a few insights to our talented thirteen!



Back row, left to right: Lauren Stang, Molly Millville, Joanne Johnson, Kari Campas, Selina Iozzo, Kristin Sweet, Stephanie Powers. Front row, left to right: Jennifer Wojcik, Alicia Szyrowski. Not Pictured: Jen Lenhard, Joe Silluzio, Josh Dawson, Ashley Dietz.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT WORKING AT SIDWAY?

Every child deserves to have their voice heard and I love being able to help them find that!  
**Jennifer Wojcik, Speech Pathologist**

Being able to help students learn ways to manage their strong feelings, develop peer relationships and become problem solvers.  
**Lauren Stang, School Psychologist**

From teachers and staff, to students and parents, everyone that I come into contact with is always so kind and welcoming. I am truly lucky to be part of the Sidway family!  
**Molly Millville, ENL Teacher**

...to witness the genuine excitement of our students when they walk into our therapy room.  
**Jennifer Lenhard, Occupational Therapist**

It brings me great joy to watch our children become excited about their learning and become stronger readers and writers, day by day!  
**Joanne Johnson, Reading Teacher**

I love working with this age group and being able to teach the foundational skills of reading.  
**Kari Campas, Reading Teacher**

I love seeing a child's eyes light up when they get to read a new book about a favorite character.  
**Stephanie Powers, Reading Teacher**

...seeing my students work really hard every single day and succeed! I love seeing them witness their own growth and realize that they can do hard things!  
**Selina Iozzo, Math Teacher**

I truly believe that every child deserves a voice and I love being able to help them find it.  
**Kristin Sweet, Speech Pathologist**

...watching the students get off the bus each morning. They are smiling, happy, chatting with friends, giving hugs and truly excited to come to school. It's a great way to start each day.  
**Alicia Szyrowski, Reading Teacher**

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?

...spend time with my family. I have three grown children, two of whom are married. Our first grandchild is almost 18 months old and our second grandchild is due in April. One of his favorite things to do is to read books!  
**Joanne Johnson, Reading Teacher**

...“family game night” with my husband and 3 children. It is a great night of competitiveness, fun and lots of laughs!  
**Lauren Stang, School Psychologist**

...most times you will find me camping, boating, kayaking, or walking with my friends and family.  
**Jennifer Lenhard, Occupational Therapist**

I love spending time with my husband and two children! We especially love going to Sabres games and spending time outside!  
**Jennifer Wojcik, Speech Pathologist**

...I like to spend time with my husband and two daughters.  
**Stephanie Powers, Reading Teacher**

Spending time with my Goldendoodle, Teddy!  
**Molly Millville, ENL Teacher**

Spending time with my family and shopping!  
**Kari Campas, Reading Teacher**

I love spending time with my family. We love anything outdoors from skiing to hiking to relaxing at the beach.  
**Kristin Sweet, Speech Pathologist**

...I love coaching swimming, running, spending time with my family and watching the Buffalo Bills and Sabres.  
**Alicia Szyrowski, Reading Teacher**

Outside of school you can catch me on the slopes skiing, day or night!  
**Selina Iozzo, Math Teacher**



## 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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## Upcoming Events

- ★ Mar 13 - 17  
Teacher Appreciation Week
- ★ Apr 3 - 10  
No School - Spring Break
- ★ May 30 - Jun 6  
PARP week and Author visit
- ★ Jun 1  
Ice Cream Social/Art Show/ Book Fair-evening event
- ★ Jun 9  
Field Day

## PTA Meetings

on the following Tuesdays at school or join virtually



March 21 - 4:15



May 16 - 4:15

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