



# SID'S SCOOP

A SIDWAY PTA NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2023

## The Principal's Spot

Happy May,

Thank you to everyone who filled out and returned the PBIS survey. We will be making changes and improving the way we motivate students to behave and foster a love for learning and school. Please be on the lookout for information regarding the end of year activities from the PTA and the building. Although summer is near, this is a critical academic time for our young learners. Please continue to read at home and feed your child's curiosity.

Thank you,  
Mike Antonelli, Principal



## Community Education Summer Enrichment Programs

Registration is open **online** for the Community Education Summer Enrichment Programs. Go to <https://www.grandislandschools.org/> Click on the Community tab then Community Education, then on the RevTrak Online Store (Grand Island Community Education) link. This will take you to the online registration. If you would like to register by mail or in person, the brochure is in the process of being printed and will be sent home and uploaded to the website soon.



## PARP Week!

May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>

Featuring a visit by author Matt McElligott

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



June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Students will be celebrating a year of learning on June 9<sup>th</sup> as we host Sidway's 2023 Field Day activities! Each class will participate in a day filled with fun, games and lots of camaraderie. Students will receive a special field day t-shirt handed out that morning. We are looking for volunteers to help for the day so look for the sign up information closer to the date. We hope our 1st graders enjoy one of their last days as Sidway students. Good luck to those going to Huth Road and Kaegebein!



**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> IS OUR COMBINATION STUDENT ART SHOW, ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND EVENING BOOK FAIR!** A FLYER WITH ADDITIONAL DETAILS WAS SENT HOME PREVIOUSLY WITH YOUR CHILD. WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE BOOK FAIR. PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND CLICK ON THE EVENT LINK TO SIGN UP.

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## Meet The Team!

This month, we're introducing our Kindergarten faculty and staff. Meet the thirteen talented professionals skilled at developing and cultivating your child's earliest learning experiences. Let's meet the team!

Over the eight months we've been introducing the team to you, one message has come through consistently...Sidway is a community! It's a "home away from home" for students and faculty/staff alike. The kindergarten team's tenure ranges from just 7 months to over 30 years, totaling an impressive 157 years of experience, dedication and love provided to our students!

When asked about their favorite part of working at Sidway, the responses were quite familiar... seeing the children's smiles each day, watching their faces light up as they learn new things, spending days with wonderfully kind and talented colleagues...it truly is a culture experienced and felt by everyone. Ashley Loncar, Kindergarten Teacher, says "It is so important to me that each child knows that they are important, respected and loved for who they are. When a child knows this, they are willing to take risks, be adventurous and find a love in learning! Britney DeGiulio, Kindergarten Special Education Teacher, says "I love providing the foundation for a child's education. We are able to shape their view of themselves as students, friends and learners. Their own perception of themselves helps them to succeed in the future."

**Favorite Things...** A favorite part of meeting the team is learning favorite things they like to do outside of school. Paige Simone loves to camp in the summer and ski in the winter. Mariacristina Brockway enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, cooking, seeing Broadway productions at Shea's, relaxing with mani/pedis and reading novels. Lauren Brock enjoys spending time with her family and her dog Mari while Allison Porter and her husband Dave love spending time together and watching their 10 month old, Lily, learn something new every day! Jennifer Reynolds also enjoys spending time with her family, camping, kayaking and engaging in opportunities to help others. Reading is a favorite pastime for many: Susan Andrews loves reading a great book with a cup of coffee, Molly Ehlenfield enjoys reading, walking the dog and spending time with family and friends, and Marie Mergel loves reading, sewing, walking her "fur babies" and time with her family. Rebecca Scarafia likes to spend time with friends, family and her dog! She loves being outdoors in the summer and also crafting and creating fun things. Britney DeGiulio loves to be outside with her two girls – walking, swinging, playing and making memories together. Ashley Loncar loves to go to the beach with her family and take hikes with their dogs. Brittany Lawrence enjoys nature, spending time with her one year old and cooking. And Patrick Lester agrees...his favorite thing is spending time with his family!



Left to right, back row: Paige Simone, Mariacristina Brockway, Lauren Brock, Allison Porter, Jennifer Reynolds, Sue Andrews  
Front row: Molly Ehlenfield, Britney DeGiulio, Ashley Loncar, Brittany Lawrence.  
Missing: Patrick Lester

Marie Mergel, Rebecca Scarfia

*Next month we'll meet the rest of our team: the 1st Grade Teachers and Staff! Have a great May!*

## 31 Upcoming Events

- ★ May 23-25  
1st Grade Patriotic Shows: students can wear red, white and blue
- ★ 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  
Sidway Field Day

### SEED CUP PROJECT



Each student has or will receive sunflower seeds to plant before the end of the year. Don't forget to encourage your child to care for and nurture their plant as they watch it grow into a beautiful sunflower over the summer!

◆ This year's last PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16 - 4:15 p.m. at school or virtually



2023-2024  
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:  
VP of Membership & Donations  
VP of Volunteers



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