



April 2014

Dear SEA Families,

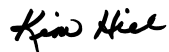
The 2013-14 school year can be defined in two words, “student voice”. Student voice is one of the critical building blocks that we use at SEA to help develop a program like no other. The STEAM program is not just developed by our staff, but also our students who play a critical part in what we do.

In the future it will be important for our students to be able to think critically and confidently share their ideas. We are helping our students at SEA with this through student developed projects, the Google 20% project and much more. Our students are problem-solving, creating and understanding the importance of having a purpose and having passion. You would be amazed by what our staff see and hear daily from our students. It is obvious when you allow “student voices” to be heard and applied that a strong and confident young person will appear.

So as we go in to spring, hats off to our future developers, creators and innovators. We hear you!

Sincerely,

Kim Hiel



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Principal

Minnesota Comprehensive State testing – SAVE THE DATES!

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) will be taken by third, fourth and fifth grade students throughout the state. Please make sure you don't schedule appointments or vacation on the dates below. Thanks!

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Science</u>
3	April 16 and 17	April 24 and 25	
4	April 23 and 24	April 28 and 29	
5	April 29 and 30	April 22 and 23	April 8 and 9

These tests include multiple choice and short answer questions, and will take about 90 minutes. Results of tests will be mailed home during the summer. Please make sure your child is well rested, has had a good breakfast, and is in attendance on these important days. It is imperative that children arrive on time. If a child is even a few minutes late, they may not be able to take the test at that time.

Adventure Club

Did you know that Adventure Club is open during the summer? We are open ten weeks Monday-Friday from 6:30am-6:00pm. We have four summer locations to choose from filled with many activities and field trips. If you would like more information about this great program, please contact SEA Adventure Club at [763-504-7215](tel:763-504-7215). We would be happy to help you. Melissa, Nicole, Carrie, and Paul.

Notes from the Health Office

Minnesota immunization requirements are changing for preschool and middle school students next year. Requirements for kindergarteners will stay the same. Students between birth and 4 years of age in early childhood and child care program will also need to have a Hepatitis A shot. Children 12 years and older in 7th through 12th grade will need a Meningococcal shot and the Human papilloma-virus vaccine is also encouraged.

To go to school in Minnesota, students must show they've had immunizations or file a legal exemption with the school. Health care providers or a conscientious objection signed by a parent/guardian and notarized may provide necessary documentation.

From the Media Center

Wrapping up the book awards:

We just finished voting for Star of the North and Maud Hart Lovelace books. SEA student favorites were:

- * Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man (K-2)
- * Because of Mr. Terupt (3-5)

If your student did get a chance to read these books, you may want to recommend them.

There is a state media organization that will tally all the votes from around Minnesota. The winning books will be announced later this month, at which time we will have a small celebration with participants and voters. If you'd like more information about these books, please follow the links below.

Star of the North (grades K-2) www.starofthenorthaward.org

Maud Hart Lovelace (grades 3-5) www.maudhartlovelace.org

News from the Kin Lab!

Upcoming events in the Kinesiology Lab:

5th Grade School Track Meet - Thursday May 8th from 1:40 - 3:00 PM (Rain make up date 5/13th)

4th Grade School Track Meet - Friday, May 9th from 1:40-3:00 PM

5th Grade DISTRICT track Meet - Tuesday, May 20th from 10:00-12:00 at Cooper High School Track

This last quarter students in 3-5 grades will start out Physical Fitness Testing unit and Track and Field Unit. Students in grades K-2 will be introduced to the fitness tests (curl ups, 90 degree push ups, mile run, and sit & reach). We will also be working on our receiving skills.

Please check on my schoology page for the April Fitness Calendar.

SEA PTA News & Events

SEA PTA Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 3rd – Spirit Wear Sales Begins

Thursday, April 17th – Spirit Wear Sales Ends

Thursday, April 24th – Spring Fling Raffle Ticket Sales Begins

Sunday, May 4th – Saturday, May 10th – Malmborg’s Garden Center Shopping days to support SEA PTA

Wednesday, May 7th – PTA Meeting (6:30pm – 8:30pm)

Friday, May 9th – Spring Fling Raffle Ticket Sales Ends

Friday, May 16th – Spring Fling (5:30pm – 8:30pm)

Saturday, May 17th – Playground Build (8:00am – 5:00pm)

Reminder: Childcare is provided for PTA Meetings – we look forward to seeing you there!

SEA Spirit Wear is now on sale!

Make a fashion statement and support the SEA PTA at the same time...a true “win win”!

There are two ways to buy – visit SEA’s online spirit wear store at www.blue84spirit.com/seamn and place your order by Thursday, April 17th or return the order form found in your child’s Thursday folder to your child’s teacher or the school office by Thursday, April 17th.

All orders will be delivered to the school approximately two weeks after the end of the sale.

Volunteers Needed

The SEA Staff and PTA need volunteer support for the following upcoming activities.

April 23rd & 24th – during school hours – popcorn popping for Night of the Arts

May 16th – Spring Fling

May 17th – Playground Build

The SEA Staff are planning a special, SECRET day in May for students and they need your help to prepare. During April, stop by SEA during school hours to cut fabric (bring fabric shears if you have them – don’t worry if you don’t). Stay for as long as you can – 30 minutes? 3 hours? Every bit helps. If you suddenly find yourself with some free time, just stop by the office, ask for Cara Rieckenberg, and let her know you are there to cut fabric for the SECRET day.

Please visit www.tinyurl.com/volunteeratsea to learn about and sign up for current volunteer needs.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering at SEA, please contact Summer Anthony at volunteeratsea@gmail.com.

Spring Fling – Raffle Ticket Sales

We are just weeks away from our Spring Fling event! To kick off the event we are asking students to participate in selling raffles tickets. 10 raffle tickets will be sent home with each student on Thursday, April 24th, with a letter that provides you all the information you will need. Raffle ticket sales will end on Friday, May 9th. The top two students who sell the most raffle tickets will win a \$100 Target Gift Card. The WINNERS will be announced the week of May 19th. All prizes for the raffle are donations received from the surrounding community, SEA PTA, and SEA parents. If you have any questions regarding the raffle, please contact Stephanie Smith by phone (612) 834-8340 or email at SEAPTAFundraising@gmail.com.

Spring Fling – Seeking Raffle Prize Donations

We are still seeking donations from the community for the Spring Fling Raffle. The donations can be in the form of actual merchandise, gift certificates, or services. If you (or you know of anyone who) would like to donate to our event, please contact the Fundraising Committee via email at SEAPTAFundraising@gmail.com or call Stephanie Smith at (612) 834-8340

IMPORTANT NOTICE – UPCOMING 2014-2015 SEA PTA ELECTIONS

As the end of the school year is fast approaching, it is time to think about the future of the SEA PTA Board. A call for nominations will be going out soon for anyone interested in serving to strengthen our SEA Parent/Teacher community. Elections will take place at the May 7th PTA Meeting. A formal nomination form will be sent out in the coming week, however if you are interested in learning more, please contact Tiffany Hendrickson at Hendrickson.tiffany@gmail.com.

Elected Positions:

President

Preside at all meetings of the association; governing the overall business and process of the PTA, but are not required to attend workgroup meetings for event planning unless a member of the workgroup. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the PTA. Be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees.

Vice President

Act as an aide to the President. Perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the PTA.

Secretary

Record the minutes of all meetings of the PTA. Have a current copy of the bylaws. Maintain and up-to-date membership list. Perform other duties as assigned.

Treasurer

Have custody of all the funds of the PTA. Keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures. Make disbursements as authorized by the President, Executive Board, or PTA in accordance with the budget adopted by the PTA. Present a financial summary at every meeting of the PTA and at other times when requested by the Executive Board. Make a full report at the meeting at which new officers assume their duties (usually the annual meeting). Be responsible for the maintenance of such books of account and records as conform to the requirements of the Bylaws. Have the accounts examined annually or upon change of officers by an auditor or an auditing committee of not fewer than three members, who, satisfied that the treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement of the fact at the end of the report. Submit a full report and all books annually for an audit by an auditing committee selected by the Executive Board at least two weeks before the meeting at which new officers assume duties.

Appointed Positions:

Communication Committee Chair

This committee works in coordination with the PTA officers and committee chairs to provide proactive communication of key positions and events. May include, but not limited to updating the PTA website, posting communications on Facebook, sending emails, putting together Thursday Folder Communications.

Event Committee Chair

This committee is responsible for coordinating all PTA events and may work in collaboration with the Fundraising Committee Chair depending on the type of event being held. Events that were held during the 2013-2014 school year included: all school dance, pancake breakfast and BINGO and Spring Fling.

WAY (We Appreciate You) Committee Chair

This committee is responsible for coordinating the dinners that the PTA provide to the SEA Staff during Back-To-School Open House (August), Fall Conferences (October), and Spring Conferences (March). In addition, this committee will work with the Principal to coordinate an event for staff appreciation week.

Call for Auditors – End of year PTA Finance review

As part of our year-end efforts, the SEA PTA finances need to be reviewed by a third party to ensure accuracies and budget alignment before “closing the books” for the end of the school year. If you are interested in supporting the PTA in this regard, please send a message to seaparentteacher@gmail.com.

Scholastic Book Fair – Spring

Our March Scholastic Book Fair was amazing! Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff that showed their support, we netted just over \$1,200 in cash from the fair. These funds will be used to support future SEA PTA events and activities. In addition to the cash profit, SEA will receive over \$500 in Scholastic dollars that will be used to support the current unmet needs of the school.

Read-A-Thon Fundraiser – Wildwood Park Playground

THANK YOU for helping raise \$10,666 during February and March to help support the redesign of Wildwood Park playground. As you know our total goal for the playground is \$15,000, with your support and the support of the community, WE CAN raise the remaining money needed to reach our total goal. If you still have Read-A-Thon money at home, please turn in it as soon as possible.

The Razoo website will remain available for online donations until we reach our total goal of \$15,000. The site has been updated to reflect our total goal. Click on the link below to visit the Razoo site, here you will be able to donate online, watch the SEA Dream Playground video, and track how close we are to reaching our goal of \$15,000. Razoo website: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Sea-Read-A-Thon-Playground-Fundraiser>

BoxTops Update

We are currently at 34,094 BoxTops collected, our goal is 40,000 BoxTops. If every student brought in 1 collection sheet that holds 25 BoxTops, we would exceed our goal. Click on the link below to print off a BoxTops collection sheet and start collecting today.

http://sea.rdale.org/files/_sJXI_/afbd6e4995ed48673745a49013852ec4/2013_BoxTop_Bus_Collection_Sheet_2.pdf