

Sturgeon Bay Elementary School Sloop

February 2018



The SLOOP is the monthly newsletter for the Sturgeon Bay elementary schools. Please expect future editions to be delivered home one per family on the first "school" Monday of each month by the youngest elementary-aged student in your family. It also can be found on the district's website at www.sturbay.k12.wi.us

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IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

February 5	Open enrollment period starts
February 5	100 th Day of School
February 14	Elementary visits with Author Miranda Paul: Sawyer: 9-9:50 am; Sunset 4K: 10:10-10:30; Sunset K: 10:40-11:05 am; Sunrise: 1-2:00 pm
February 21	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM at Sturgeon Bay High School Library
February 23	Teacher In-Service – NO CLASSES
March 5	4K Screening/Registration by appointment
March 12	4K Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 15	KG – Gr. 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-5:30 pm
March 16	KG – Gr. 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences Noon – 5:30 pm
March 16	Early Dismissal Grades K – 12 (11:00-11:10 AM) (regular full-day schedule for 4K and Early Childhood)
March 19	4K Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 23	Early Dismissal Grades K – 12 (11:00-11:10 AM); teacher recordkeeping (regular full-day schedule for 4K and Early Childhood)
Mar 26-30	Spring Break
April 2	Classes Resume

4K SCREENING & REGISTRATION FOR CLASS OF 2018

A free 4K screening for children who reside in the Sturgeon Bay School District and who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2018, will be held on **Monday, March 5 by appointment**, at Sunset School Early Learning Center. District specialists will screen your child in communication skills, general knowledge and motor skills. If you have not received a packet or would like more information on the 4K screening, please call the Sunset School Office at 746-5855.

SAVE THE DATE TO SNUGGLE UP AND READ

In honor of Read Across America Day, Sawyer School will be hosting a Snuggle Up and Read Pizza Party on **Thursday, March 1, from 5:30-6:30 pm**. Join us for pizza, family reading time, and Dr. Seuss activities. All Sawyer students who attend will receive free books to take home! Mark your calendars and watch for more information to come. We look forward to seeing you at this fun family event!

ATTENDANCE POLICY REVIEW

Our elementary school day begins at 7:40 AM. Students in grades EC, 4K-5 arriving after 7:40 AM **must report to the office for a pass to get into their classrooms.** Arrival between 7:40 and 8:00 AM is considered tardy. Late arrivals and tardies are considered absent for a part of the day. Wisconsin law states that parents may excuse their child for all or part of 10 days for the school year. The purpose of this law is to make sure that students are in school learning and growing as much as possible.

If your child is ill, please keep them home to encourage a speedy recovery and to limit the possibility of passing the illness on to others. **Parents are expected to call the school office to report their child's absence. If your child is absent from school more than 10 days due to illness or a medical issues, a written excuse from your medical professional is all that is needed to excuse the absence. Your child would not be considered truant with this medical excuse.**

We encourage families to make medical, dental, counseling and other appointments after school hours whenever possible, unless there is an emergency. Community agencies have usually been able to accommodate appointments after our school day. We appreciate parent support in ensuring regular, timely attendance to school. If you have any questions regarding attendance please call Principal O'Handley at 746-5906.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-2019

****Regular Open Enrollment Application Period is February 5 – April 30, 2018****

The regular open enrollment application period occurs during three months each year from February to April for the following school year. It is a parent's first and best opportunity to apply for open enrollment for a particular school year. Students already attending Sturgeon Bay through open enrollment do not need to reapply.

The preferred method to apply for open enrollment is using the Department of Public Instruction's online application form. This form is "active" only during the application period and is accessed from a link on the main page of the open enrollment web site, dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment. Although paper forms are available, they are discouraged unless the parent is unable to submit an online application.

Contact Mary Nickel, 920-746-3876 for a paper application or with questions.

AUTHOR VISITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Wisconsin children's author Miranda Paul will be visiting all three Sturgeon Bay elementary schools on Wednesday, February 14th. Miranda Paul is an award-winning author of *One Plastic Bag* and *Water is Water*. She has eight published picture books with two more forthcoming. Students will be reading her books during library class in the weeks leading up to this event. Paul will be speaking to Sunset students about the water cycle, to Sawyer students about the differences between writing fiction and nonfiction, and to Sunrise students about her experiences teaching in and writing about the Gambia. Paul is a dynamic presenter who is sure to get students excited about reading, writing, and exploring their world. This event is being sponsored by the Sturgeon Bay Elementary Parent-Teacher Group. For more information you may contact Holly Selle, Library Media Director, at hselle@sturbay.k12.wi.us or 746-3882.

AMBASSADORS HELP AT RESTORE

For their January service project the Ambassadors traveled to the ReStore in Sturgeon Bay to help Habitat for Humanity. Their first job was to spruce up the store. Students used their elbow grease to dust and polish furniture, clean windows and sweep the floor. Then the Ambassadors put on their art shirts and painted bird houses. They had a great time making colorful creations for the ReStore. Thank you to Mrs. Vorpahl from the Door County Volunteer Center for planning the event and to Ms. DeVillers from Sunrise for accompanying our group. Our Ambassadors for January were Beatrice Starr, Kadence Patza, Finn Stevenson, Victoria Petkov, Danielle Nelson, Karah Krueger, Lauren Meacham, Dominic Blish, Remington Peters, Ian Fruzyna, Stevie Routhieaux and Makayla Coyhis.



MONTHLY EMERGENCY TESTING

Over the past few years, the Sturgeon Bay School District has incorporated several new emergency and security upgrades. Some of these upgrades include panic alarms installed at each main office, an emergency phone line added to each school's phone system, and an emergency lockdown button installed at each main office.

- *Panic alarm testing.* The panic alarms were installed in the main office at each school in the district and are wired directly to the Door County Dispatch Center. When the panic alarm is pressed and activated, dispatch will immediately receive an alarm notifying staff of an emergency at that specific school. When the panic alarm is activated, all school administration, the School Resource Officer (SRO), and all school secretaries receive an email notifying them of the alarm at that school. Each month, the SRO presses and activates the panic alarm at all five schools to ensure the alarms are functioning properly and notifications are being received by the Dispatch Center as, well as school staff members mentioned above. Once the notifications are received, the alarms are reset. The Dispatch Center will receive another alarm notifying them that the panic alarm is cleared. When the panic alarm is reset, another email is sent stating that the panic alarm has been cleared. Prior to any testing, the SRO notifies the Door County Dispatch Center, school administration, and the Sturgeon Bay Police Department advising them of the testing.
- *Emergency phone line testing.* Each school in the district has its own emergency line that will ring simultaneously to that school's secretary, principal, and school counselor as well as the SRO. This phone line can receive phone calls internally and externally. This emergency phone line is a separate line and will ring until someone picks it up. Each month, the SRO calls each emergency line from an internal school and an external phone. This phone line also has its own special ringtone to alert staff of the incoming emergency call.
- *Emergency lockdown button.* Each school's main office has an emergency lockdown button. When this emergency button is pressed and activated, all exterior doors throughout the entire district will be immediately locked. This lockdown will override any staff use of key fobs to enter the building with the exception of administrators, SRO, and maintenance as well as the Police and Sheriff Departments. During testing, the SRO presses and activates the lockdown button, which immediately locks all exterior doors. After the emergency lockdown, the SRO checks various exterior doors with and without a regular staff key fob to ensure that the doors are locking properly and are not opening with any staff key fob. The SRO then uses an assigned key fob to enter the building to ensure that the doors are unlocking and opening for those assigned staff. After the emergency lockdown button has been pressed, maintenance must cancel the emergency lockdown from their computer system to release the emergency lockdown.

- *Quarterly safety drills.* Approximately once each quarter, the SRO coordinates safety drills with each building principal. Drills include lockdown, modified lockdown, or evacuation. For questions regarding any of the safety procedures, please contact [SRO Mielke \(920.746.3860\)](mailto:SRO.Mielke@dcmm.org).

MARITIME MUSEUM HOLDS FREE FUN DAYS

Every Sunday in February the Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay will be offering free admission to children 12 and under with an accompanying paid adult. Take a spin steering the Elba through the Sturgeon Bay canal with the use of an interactive simulator. Explore maritime history in four galleries of artifacts and interactive displays. Check out the fully working periscope removed from the USS Lewis and Clark. Examine a full-size replica of the 4th order Fresnel lens at the Sherwood Point Lighthouse. Several interactive games throughout the museum encourage hands-on learning for children and adults! Museum admission is \$10 for adults. For more information call the DCMM at 920-743-5958 or visit www.dcm.org for more information.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Hello Parents. Here at Boys & Girls Club of Door County we serve meals to our members three nights a week. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:30 – 6:00 pm our members enjoy eating nutritionally balanced meals including tacos, spaghetti, baked chicken and much more! This service is provided at no extra cost to our members. To have your child become a Boys & Girls Club of Door County member and enjoy these meals simply fill out an application at the Hatch Center located at [55 South Third Avenue](http://55SouthThirdAve.com) and pay the membership fees of \$10 for the entire year. If you have any questions please contact our Membership Coordinator, Linzee Veal, at [920-818-1046](tel:920-818-1046) or lveal@bgcdoorcounty.org.

STAYING HEALTHY DURING FLU SEASON

We want to keep our schools healthy during this flu season. Signs and symptoms of flu include fever (usually high, 102-104 degrees Fahrenheit), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and extreme fatigue. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea. There are some things you can do to help. Encourage your children to:

- wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- not share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.
- cover their cough and sneezes with tissues or their sleeves.

If your children are sick, please keep them home. Do not send children to school if they are sick, and keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without using fever-reducing medication.

By working together we can have a safe and healthy school environment.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER AT RECESS

Parents, please remind your children that it is important to dress appropriately for the weather. Our parent handbook provides guidelines for dress as follows:

Students are expected to play outside for recesses and should be dressed appropriately, especially when the weather is wet or cold. Temperature guidelines have been developed to help in the selection of clothes.

- 40 – 50 Degrees - light jacket as needed
- Under 40 Degrees - winter jackets, hats or head bands, mittens or gloves
- Under 20 Degrees - boots required in all areas in grades PS & K – 2
- Under 0 Degrees – boots required in all areas grades 3 - 5



Students will have indoor recess when temperatures are at or below:

- Sunset: 0 degrees
- Sawyer: 0 degrees
- Sunrise: -10 degrees

Snow Conditions Snow pants must be worn to play off the blacktop area. 4K – 2 students are expected to wear snow pants outside if parents sent them to school with the child and the temperatures warrant their wear; students in grades 3 – 5 may choose to wear/not wear snow pants on the blacktop area, but must wear them to play off the blacktop area. Boots are required on the blacktop area when snow or ice is present. Students not having boots when needed will stay in a dry area outside as designated by the playground supervisor. When the ground is sufficiently dry such that mud will not be tracked into the school and classrooms, an announcement will be made by the principal or playground supervisor stating that “boots are not required.”

The schools are unable to supply additional winter clothing to students who have forgotten items at home. We will have mittens and hats available for **EMERGENCY** use only. Students must come to school with their own winter clothing supplies. If your family is experiencing financial hardship and needs assistance with winter clothing please contact Dr. Smejkal at 746-2815. Some assistance is available.



DOOR COUNTY LIBRARY

New Programs in February at the Sturgeon Bay Library



Help Us Build the Igloo
We need clean gallon jugs (water or well cleaned milk) to build the igloo this winter. Contact Miss Beth for Details!



Family Movie Matinee
Wednesday February 21 3:30pm
Watch *Captain Underpants*
On the big screen
and share a popcorn snack.



The Lego Builders Club
Meets on the First Saturday
of the month
February 3, March 3 1-2pm
Do you love to build with Legos?
Come build with other kids and
Imagine what you can build!



What's all the Hoopla?
A new service from the Library!
downloadable content:
Books
Audiobooks
Music
and More!



Read to a Four Legged Listener
Thursdays 4:00-5:00 February 1, 8, 15, 22

Practice Reading Out Loud to Barley or Igloo!
gentle therapy dogs
in the Sturgeon Bay Library
Children's Department