The 2012-2013 school year has whizzed by and it is unbelievable to think that we can count the number of days left of school on one hand. As a Matoska parent of a 2nd and 4th grader, I look back at this year fondly, as I did the last two years. My daughter continues to share stories and check-in with her kindergarten and first grade teachers. I know next year, Ms. Baillet will join Ms. Maple and Mrs. Eastburn as one of the teachers who “need to see me grow up”. My son joins the 5th graders who will meet their own challenges by preparing to leave the ranks of elementary school and join their middle school brethren.

As 21st century parents, I think we can all remember what school was like “back in the day” where technology was the brick of a cell phone, videos were on VHS and DVDs, computer hard drives were measured in megabytes and we had to yell outside to bring our kids inside for meals. Education, like our children, is changing and evolving. Technology is ever present in our workplaces, grocery stores and now in our classrooms. Some schools are far more technologically enhanced, but with that, they can lack some of the training needed to be purposeful in instruction. Matoska has been diligent in matching the desired pace of technology in the classrooms to meet the growing demands of technology in our society.

Our school also balances the societal pressures of more technology with activities we had before Chromebooks and Smartboards. Art, physical education, school plays, music, foreign language and civic engagement complete the picture of a Matoska education.

This summer, Matoska will be undergoing major construction to provide more for our students. I am very thankful for the leadership of our principal, the dedication of our teachers and staff, the volunteer efforts of our parents and families. But none of this would be possible without the most important thing...YOU. You help drive the success of your children. You encourage your children to be the best they can be. Your efforts in the home are what matter most.

So, as we wind down the year, we look forward to our children’s bright future. Have a great and safe summer!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**MIPTO Meeting Dates**
- June 11. 6:30pm in Media Center

**Leonardo’s Pizzeria** - 4pm to close – June 4

**Upcoming Events**
- June
  - 4 - Patrols Valleyfair Field Trip
  - 6 - Last Day of School
  - 7 - Summer Break!

### 2013-2014 MIPTO MEMBERS

Courtney Gibbs  
David Miller  
Sonya Zuker  
Heather Gysbers  
Jill Harding  
Angel Fleming  
Jodi Hawkins  
John Rogers  
Becky Richnofsky

You're all invited to attend the final MIPTO meeting of the 2012-13 school year, which will be in the media center at 6:30 on Tuesday, June 11.

The first meeting of the 2013-14 school year will be in August.

### MIPTO FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee will meet over the summer to plan the 2013-2014 budget for the Matoska International PTO. If you would like to help plan next year’s budget please email Angel Fleming at angelfl@comcast.net
Volunteer Opportunities

We have a new volunteer system. Parent volunteers can now go to www.google.com and login to email using the following login information:

Email: MatoskaParentVolunteers@isd624.org
Password: mpvol2012

With the new email you can view volunteer requests and an interactive sign-up sheets for various opportunities. Users can also send email to the same address for all volunteers to view.

SUMMERTIME FUN

White Bear Lake and the surrounding communities has great things to do over summer break. Here are some suggestions:

- White Bear Lakes’ Marketfest 2013
- Visit the local YMCA
- Go swimming at one of our countless lakes
- Go to a Farmer’s Market
- Learn how to roller skate
- Go on a hike
- Plant a garden
- Write a blog
- Read several great books
- Go to a State and/or Community Fair

Whatever your plans are, please be safe, wear sun protection, know your surroundings, and plan for the unexpected. Bugs are ready to come out too, so check for creepy-crawlers before you come inside.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

MIPTO is hoping to find grant opportunities that could be used to help fund technology improvements in our school. Do you have grant writing experience? Can you volunteer a few hours of your time this summer to look for grant opportunities, or to help with the application materials? If you have these skills, we need you! Even if you don’t have grant experience, we can use your help! We would like to meet once early in the summer and then possibly once more later in the summer.

If you have questions, or if this sounds like something you can help with, please email jennifer.weddell@gmail.com

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Important Numbers:

Attendance Line: 651-653-2848.

Transportation Changes? Contact Carolyn Kay in the main office at 651-653-2847 by 3:00pm. Any later and your child may not get the message.

Welcome Spring and HELLO Summer Weather! Make sure to dress appropriately for whatever weather conditions come your way. Stay safe when you play outside. Use sunscreen and wear protective clothing to protect to your skin.

In case of any emergency, know who to contact and where your “safe” place is. Do not wait until the last moment to seek shelter. Practice with your family (and pets). Have a contingency plan in place. Consider packing an emergency pack near one of your exits and/or in your car. Pack fruit snacks, water and some cash.

Should a school closing be necessary, families are notified in the following four ways:

- An instant alert phone message and e-mail will be sent to all parents
- There will be a message on the WBL school closing hotline - 651-407-7540
- A message will be posted on www.isd624.org
- Closings will be posted on local news channels

Our hearts and prayers go to the families and loved ones that were affected by the recent tragedies. If you want to give, please contact your local American Red Cross, Salvation Army or place of worship.
THANK YOU!

Thanks To All for helping make the Spring Carnival a Great Success!!!!!!

◊ Thank you to the parent’s for your contributions to the baskets & volunteering at the Carnival.
◊ A big thank you to our generous teachers and staff for your time and Donations. It is greatly appreciated and always a big hit.
◊ Thank you to the MIPTO!
◊ Thank you to all of the Carnival Committee Volunteers!

4 Seasons Restaurant
Abbott Paint & Carpet
Acapulco Mexican Restaurant
Acqua Restaurant
Advanced Dermatology Care
Afton Alps Ski Area
All Season Wild Bird
Americinn of White Bear Lake
Arbys-Maplewood
Arby’s/Sbarro - White Bear Township
Bakers Square
Bell Museum of Natural History
Bremer Bank
Carbone’s Pizzeria
Caribou Coffee House
Chanhassen Dinner Theatres
Chili’s Bar & Grill
Cost Cutters
Costco
Cub Foods-Maplewood
Cub Foods-White Bear Township
Culvers of Vadnais Hts
Cup and Cone
Dairy Queen of White Bear Lake
Days Inn
Domino’s
Donatelli’s
Evan’s Music
Flips Gymnastics
Fun Zone
Grand Casino Hinckley
Great Clips
Gulden’s Restaurant & Bar
Guys & Dolls Salon
Hair By Stewarts
Healing Waters Ltd
Hisdahl’s
History Theatre
Jake’s City Grille
Jj’s Bierstube
Key’s Café & Bakery
King’s City Restaurant
Kowalski’s Market
Lake Country Booksellers
Lakeshore Players Theatre
Lebens Floral & Garden Ctr
Lee’s WTA Family & Fitness Center
Leonardo’s Pizza
LRS Construction
Manitou Station
Massage Envy
Minnesota Twins Baseball Club
Minnesota Vikings
Minnesota Wild
Minnesota Zoo
Mississippi Riverboat Cruises
Monkey House
Olive Garden
Orchid Restaurant
Ordway Center
Papa Murphy’s
Perkins Restaurant
Pine Tree Apple Orchard
Ramsey County Historical Society
Saints North Family Roller Center
Sassy Nails
SkyZone
Special Effects Salon
St Paul Saints Baseball Team
Sun Yi’s Academy
Sunrise Salon & Tanning
T.G.I. Fridays
The Mane Tease
The Picture Place
The St. Paul Hotel

VMC Enterprises, LLC DBA
McDonalds
Washington Square Grill
WBL Historical Society
White Bear Bowl
White Bear Center for Arts
White Bear Country Inn
White Bear Eye Clinic
White Bear Floral
White Bear Lake Lions Club
White Bear Lake Police Dept
White Bear Township Theatre
Wild Mountain
Wildlife Science Center
Wildwood Bowl Pizza & Eatery
YMCA, North East Family
Christine Morrison
Ron & Heidi Gunderson
Minnesota Swarm
Carolyn Kay
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Ms. Farinella
Ms. Rutherford
Ms. Julie Roth
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Ms. Harding
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