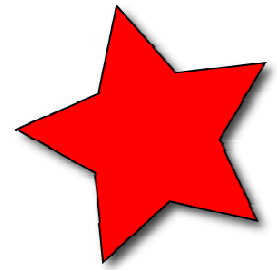


STAR NEWS



Saddlewood PTA - January 2012

A Message from Mr. Marohn

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school after what I hope was a restful and happy Holiday break. I am excited to be back and to continue working with all of the children and families at Saddlewood.

As we return to school in 2012, the children will continue to work on many exciting and enriching activities and projects in classrooms. It is important to remember that regular, daily attendance is a vital component in helping our children reach their full potential. While illnesses and other issues are at times unavoidable, it is important to establish positive attendance routines at this early age...these good habits will be carried with them throughout their school careers!

As we continue the second marking period, communication between home and school remains an important part of your child's education at Saddlewood. E-mails, phone calls and notes are all effective ways to keep in regular contact with all of the teachers who work with your children. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, we ask that you please call ahead to schedule a time to come in to discuss your child's progress. Thank you for continuing to support your child's education each day! As always, please feel free to contact me at school if there are any issues or concerns that we can help you or your child to address!

Letter from the PTA President

Dear Saddlewood Families,

Welcome back! I hope your holidays were filled with family fun times, good food and lots of laughter!

If you shopped, dined, had car repairs or went to a movie in Colonie Center in the last 60 days PLEASE send your receipts in to school with your name and child's teacher written on the back. We will bring it to the Customer Service desk to get it stamped and return it to you.

Our Holiday Gift Shop was probably the best one I have seen since I've been a parent at Saddlewood (that's a long time)! The students always enjoy shopping for their family members and those of us who are able to help them get a kick out of all those smiling faces. Thank you to ALL the parents and grandparents who lent a hand.

Elections for the 2012-2013 PTA Board will be upon us soon. Please consider nominating yourself or another Saddlewood Mom or Dad who wants to take the "next step" and be involved in making Saddlewood even better than it is today. All positions are open; ***President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, *Treasurer, *Recording Secretary, & Corresponding Secretary** (* positions that must be filled each year in order for a school to have a PTA). If being on the Board is not what you are looking for there are a number of Committee positions that will be available. Please contact any current Board Member for more information or join us at our upcoming PTA meetings!

As always, we wouldn't be able to do ALL that we do if it wasn't for your support; THANK YOU!

I wish you a very healthy and happy 2012!

Sincerely,
Teri Blake

Dates to Remember

January 4th
School Banking
January 11th
School Banking
PTA Meeting 7pm
January 17th
No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18th
School Banking
January 21st
Barnes & Noble Night 6-8pm
January 25th
School Banking



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Character Corner (TOLERANCE)



January's character education word is tolerance.

Now that he's in school, your child will meet many people who are different from him on a regular basis. How your child treats people he meets outside the home will primarily be determined by what you teach him in the home. Showing acceptance of others and a willingness to interact and work together despite differences in appearance, lifestyle or beliefs will teach your child to emulate the same type of behavior in school and in the world. Practicing tolerance will help your child to be successful in school and make friends, which can build his confidence.

*Stepping Stones
Summer 2011*

Nurse's News



Welcome to the 2012 year. I hope that everyone had a chance to rest and have some family time over the Holiday break. It feels like we are going to have a cold winter so please remember to encourage the children to dress appropriately (hats, coats, mittens/gloves and boots). Also, remember to send shoes in their backpacks. Typically this time of year I see colds, sore throats and stomach upsets. With the number of people immunized with the flu vaccine Albany County is not anticipating a large number of flu like illnesses but we all should continue to be vigilant and practice good hygiene, especially hand washing! The Holiday Help program was also a great success. With generous donations for our staff, the PTA and the Colonie Rotary we were able to assist 9 Saddlewood families and 21 children to have a better holiday. A special thanks to all of the staff members who were on the committee who helped organize, shop and especially to the Crawford family for wrapping all of the gifts. February is Dental Health month! There are many activities to promote good dental health habits on the Internet: coloring pages, word searches etc. These are great ways to get your children excited about good oral hygiene in a fun and challenging way. Some parents have already asked about physicals for the 2012-13 year. I will be sending out a letter at the end of January for the required grades: Pre k or K, 2 and 4. Any physical after 9/8/2011 will satisfy the NYS requirement. You can download the physical papers from the South Colonie Website or contact the health office for a copy. As always, please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and fun filled 2012.

Marilyn Snow – school nurse

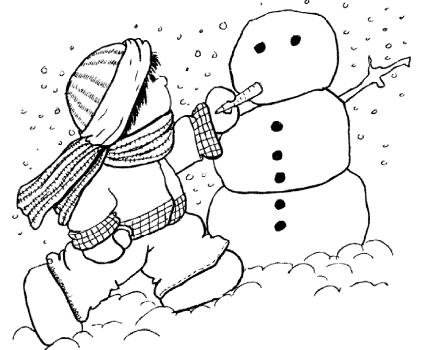
No TV Week February 6th – 10th

Mark your calendars for a week of fun. Join your Saddlewood friends for a variety of activities at school to help you and your family survive "NO TV WEEK!"

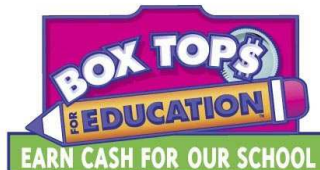
This year we are hoping to try out a few new evening events, but you can still look forward to many of your favorite No TV week traditions.

For those of you new to No TV Week...We ask that families turn off their televisions, computers, and video games for the week or promise to cut back significantly. Each night, we have an event at school for all those who are participating in the TV Turn-off with a special celebration on Friday evening to end the week.

More information about the week will be available in our February newsletter. If you are able to volunteer to help out for an evening, please email me at : bethbomba@gmail.com. Thank you.

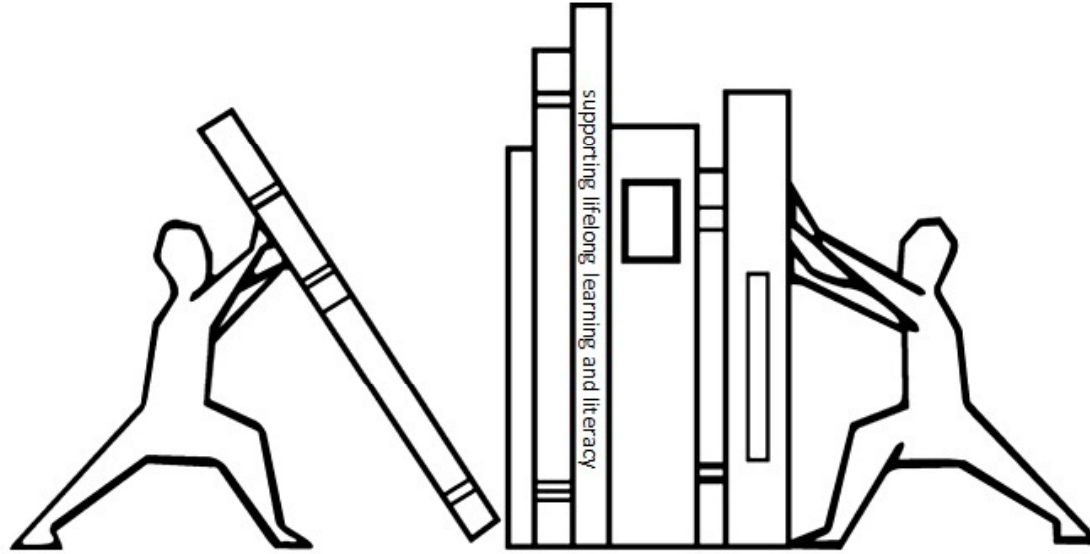


Box Tops for Education www.btfе.com



Please continue to collect Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. We just received a check for over \$300 for our first submission, which will be used towards activities for the children. Every little bit helps! **Deadline for our last 2011-212 school year submission will be February 17, 2012.** Any questions, please contact Christie Gebauer at cgebauer@nycap.rr.com.

South Colonie Central School District



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