



# SAGEVILLE

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Sageville Elementary Newsletter

May 31, 2018

## From the desk of Miss Mac:

This morning we fondly remembered Kaitlyn Ohnesorge at a special event on our playground with the placement of a beautiful bench and planting of a tree in her memory. Her third grade classmates read Haiku poems and sang a song. Her parents, Kat & Abe, brother Austin and sister Kyara, other family and friends joined our school family in this celebration. A specially-placed heart on the fence over-looked the playground.

The last day of school is a time of great excitement when children trade their textbooks, tests, and projects for lazy summer days. It is often a relief for both parents and children to "put school away" for the summer. Unfortunately, many children who don't engage in learning activities into the summer find they have forgotten things or fall behind their peers once the new school year begins. Summer learning loss or "the summer slide" is the phenomenon that occurs when children forget academic material after taking long breaks from school. Research regarding summer learning loss suggests that:

- \*On average, students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in math and reading.
  - Teachers spend the first four to six weeks of the new school year re-teaching material from the previous year.
  - Summer learning loss is cumulative; over time it can create a gap of two and up to five years by the time students reach high school.
- So, what can you do to prevent the "summer slide"? Parents don't need to spend lots of money buying specialized programs. Instead, consider these simple ideas to keep your child engaged in learning activities during the summer months.
- \*Encourage your child to read 20 minutes every day. Public libraries are great resources for summer reading lists by age/grade level, and they often offer reading programs. The Dubuque County Library came to our assembly last week and told our students about their summer reading program.
  - \*Read to your child to build listening skills, engage the imagination, and increase vocabulary.
  - \*Unplug from technology and give your child time to read and escape the heat of the day.
  - \*Keep books in the car for your child. Listen to audiobooks on long trips.
  - \*Encourage math skills by creating number books of things you collect or do during the summer.
  - \*Practice estimation skills by guessing how far and how long a road trip will be.
  - \*Have children compute arrival times and miles covered.
  - \*Provide math workbooks with activities to complete on road trips or during quiet times.
  - \*Encourage your child to keep a reading log and calculate the minutes read each week.
  - \*Cook with your child. Have your child follow simple recipes to learn fractions and practice measurement skills.
  - \*Encourage your child to practice writing skills by writing letters to relatives, sending postcards from camp, keeping a summer journal, writing a book, or authoring an online blog.

### Calendar of Events

**Tomorrow is Field Day!**  
**Please apply sunscreen and bug spray in the morning and send a water bottle for your child. Wear your Sageville shirts!**

#### Monday-June 4

9:15-9:45 AM Fly Up!

2:00 4R Inquiry Presentations

#### Tuesday-June 5

10:00 Gr. 5 Farewell

3:30 Classes dismiss for the summer!

#### Wednesday-June 6

Teacher Workday

**If there is an early dismissal tomorrow, field day will be at 10:00 AM, otherwise it is at 1:00 PM. Parents, please email Miss Mac or call the office if you can volunteer!**



Miss Mataya Bahl, Principal of the day!



Dedication of the playground bench & tree in memory of Kaitlyn Ohnesorge



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**ON MAY 31**

**SUPPORT SCHOOL PROGRAMS BY EATING OUT ON MAY 31!**

10% of sales at these participating restaurants will be donated to the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools in support of district nutrition initiatives.

**PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS:**  
Promotion applies all day and includes take out and delivery. Just mention "Dine Out for Public Schools."

- Adobo's Mexican Grill 756 Main St.
- A&W 250 W. 1st Street
- Caroline's Restaurant 200 Main St.
- Dairy Queen 1260 E. 16th St.
- Dairy Queen 2380 Gateway Dr.
- Dairy Queen 4039 Pennsylvania Ave.
- East Mill Bakeshop 620 South Grandview
- Falbo Bros Pizzeria 3250 Kennedy Circle
- Fat Tuesday's 1121 University Ave.
- Fazoli's 3338 JFK Rd.
- Fazoli's 1210 E. 16th St.
- KFC 1725 JFK Rd.
- KFC 1957 Central Ave.
- Magoo's Pizza 1875 University
- Subway 2200 JFK Rd.
- Subway 2612 Dodge St.
- Texas Roadhouse 845 Wacker Dr.
- Town Clock Inn 799 Main St.
- Wendy's 810 Wacker Dr.
- Wendy's 1255 E. 16th St.

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