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# Salina Intermediate

## Wildcat Tracks



SALINA INTERMEDIATE

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### Save the Date

**Nov.2: Town Hall meeting from 7-9 pm**

**Nov 3 - Elementary - half day dismiss 11:05 - Teacher Duty Day, Middle school full day**

**Nov.6: PTSA meeting at 3:15**

**Nov. 7 No school**

**Nov.9,15,16: PTC for elementary students only from 3:30-6:30**

**Nov.13,14: PTC for middle school students only from 3:30-6:30**

**Nov.13: 5th grade workshop**

**Nov.14, 21: Fitness for moms**

**Nov.15: Late start & Parent principal forum meeting tarts at 9:15**

**Nov. 22, 23 & 24 no school Thanksgiving Break**



## A letter from the Principal



Dear Parents,  
We now have Parent Connect for Elementary Students. Letters were mailed

home on Oct. 27th. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher and/or the school counselor. Our next Parent Principal Forum Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15 beginning at 9:15. This is also the late start day. We will have some training for Parent Connect, as well.

Parent teacher conferences are fast approaching. Elementary

dates include: Nov. 9, 15 and 16th from 3:30 – 6:30. Middle School Conferences are on Nov. 13 and Nov. 14 from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. It is important for all parents to attend their child's conferences. We look forward to seeing you here.

Parent Contract meetings and the 2 or more E's meeting will also take place during conferences.

**Reminder:** Please volunteer at Salina Intermediate if you're interested. You can contact Zenib Ali for more information.

Sincerely, Administrative Team

## Volunteers and Chaperones

If you are interested in volunteering or chaperoning for a field trip, you must fill out a form in the main office. This form is necessary for the safety and well being of our students. The process takes up to 2 weeks. Please do not wait till the last minute to fill this form out. Stop by the main office anytime. Our secretaries will help you fill it out. You will need a photo copy of your most recent drivers license or State Photo ID .



## Building Parent-Teacher Partnerships



When your child's teacher calls you, chances are they are concerned about your child's behavior or schoolwork. Although it is very easy to panic, the key is to ask the right questions so you and the teacher can create a plan to help your child. For example, **the teacher says:** "Your child is having trouble with his schoolwork." **Ask the teacher for specifics** so you can judge what kind of help your child needs: Is he having trouble in every subject or just

one? Did he score poorly on a couple of tests or many? Is he not doing the work, or is he frustrated and can't handle it?

**Always get your child's take on the problem.** Say, "Your teacher is concerned that you're having a hard time. What do you think?" Ask him how you can help, and brainstorm solutions with the teacher too. **Follow up, meet with the teacher** for a progress report after your child

has gotten a few weeks of extra help. If there's been little or no improvement, consider getting extra tutoring or consulting with a counselor. Communication, cooperation and collaboration is key to our students success.



# Alexander Shashko



Salina has a rich history and prides itself for being the oldest school in Dearborn. Interesting fact, Salina was built nearly 100 years ago! Throughout the years many of our Salina Alumni visit the school and recall their fond memories. However, few leave their lasting imprint, like Alexander Shashko. Over the past 5 years, Mr. Shashko has generously donated 1000 dollars, to our music and art department. Alexander, a previous student,

attended Salina between 1943 and 1953. Once he graduated college, he continued to live and work in Dearborn as a history teacher at Fordson High school. His fondest memory was when he would see the marching band play and walk throughout the south-end. Alexander stresses that music and art are necessary. "They need art, music, and libraries, music is important for development". According to a report by Americans for the Arts, art education strengthens

problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Art and music help with development of motor skills, language, decision making and visual learning. Most importantly, it improves academic performance. Thank you Mr. Shashko for your donation and continuously supporting our students. You are truly a gem!



# November Tip by Mrs. Gorman



There is great reciprocity between reading and writing. That means that they are closely related: strength in reading can lead to strength in writing. It is the reason it is important to write every day. Many parents ask, **"How can I get my child to write every day at home?"**

**Here are some quick and easy ideas:**

In grade K-2, have students play with sidewalk chalk and draw and write letters and words. Get them magnetic letters from the Dollar Store and put them on the refrigerator, Place sand in a cookie sheet and allow kids to write letters and words. Create a notebook for pictures and

In the upper grades, have students keep a journal. Allow for free writing on whatever they

like. If they need an idea, how about talking about the best part of their day? Then share it with an older sibling or parents. Have children make the grocery lists at home, have them write a book review, write a letter to a loved one far from here or write a thank you note for a gift. How about write an article for a newspaper on their latest sport's team's win.... Get creative! The choices are endless. As your student grows in writing, their abilities in reading will strengthen too. Stories written together. Read them together and talk about the pictures.



## Family Game Night

The PTSA hosted its first family game night of the year. There were 5 rooms that consisted of educational games. For example, Rummikub, a game that tests your math skills. Families also created wind racers and played classic games like "Family Feud" and "Who wants to be a Millionaire". It is important to spend some family time playing games. It develops strong character, promotes problem solving, and most importantly, getting together to play keeps everyone interacting in a positive manner. Thank you to the wonderful staff and parent volunteers for another great event!



# Staff Spotlight



My name is Berlynn Beaver. I am a graduate of Concordia University Ann Arbor with a degree in Elementary Education. I have a major in mathematics and a minor in integrated science. While attending Concordia I was an employee, an athlete, and assistant/Head golf coach. It is my belief that every child should have a chance to learn. Not only learn, but grow in a good environment. It's my belief that students learn when they are having fun!

In my free time I like to hang out

with my friends, go on an adventure with my two dogs, golfing, and bowling. I also like bike riding and exploring the outdoors. One fact that my students like about me is that I rescue reptiles. Over all I have housed 15 lizards, snakes and turtles. The picture on the right is of me enjoying one of the many nature preserves in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

This is my third year teaching in the City of Dearborn but my first year in Dearborn Public Schools. I am excited to be working with the

fourth grade students here at Salina Intermediate and looking forward to many years to come.



## #Wildcat nation

Congratulations to our junior volleyball team! They tied with stout for first place. Our Varsity team will be competing for city championship at Fordson high school! Either way, we are extremely proud of our students accomplish-

ments The football team continues to make positive strides and won their most recent game against O.L Smith, they scored 14 points and Smith scored 0.



Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Cipriano Run. The top finishers were:

- 4th Grade Girls: Cedrah Aljahmi :15th place
- 4th Grade Boys: Khaled Awad 10th place
- 5th Grade Boys: Ali Barman - 5th place
- 6th-8th Grade Boys: Hassan Alatooli - 10th place



## Project Dignity Outreach

The staff, students, PTSA and community came together to help raise money for the victims of the most recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. A bake sale was held afterschool and raised over \$900. Altogether, we presented a check for \$1000 towards **Project Dignity Outreach**, to continue their relief efforts. Thank you to all the community members, staff and students who came and showed their support.

