Good afternoon! We have made it through our first full week of school and it seems that many kiddos are more than a wee bit tired. Now that all procedures are in place and we have figured out both indoor and outdoor walking club, we should be good to go. MAP testing starts next week for grades 5, 3, and Kinder. It is wise to make sure that students are prepared by getting a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast. The teachers will be emailing more information about this. Other grade levels will be testing the week of September 3rd- 6th.

**Traffic:** Please remember that you cannot go north from 7:45-8:15 on 177th Street or from 3:00-3:30 or take a left coming into or leaving the property. I have had to stop and have many conversations with parents and hopefully we are starting to understand. If these infractions continue, the sheriff will be called and tickets will be handed out.

**From the VNA:** Please do not send your child sick to school or mask a fever by giving them Advil or Tylenol. If they have a fever or upset tummy, please allow them time to get better at home so that others do not catch what they have at school.

**Dismissal:** Students get dismissed at 3:06. We understand that it can take up to 10 minutes to get through the pick-up line. The teachers supervise until 3:20. If you come later than 3:20, your child will be in the office as they will not be left unsupervised. You will need to ring the doorbell and retrieve them from the office area.

**Playaway Audio Players:** The Sagewood library has the option for students to checkout Playaways.  Playaways are audio books and do require headsets in order to listen to them.  Students will need to provide their own headsets.  Students are responsible for taking care of the Playaway just like they are responsible for library books, textbooks, technology, etc.  This falls under the section about responsible for school property.  **Playaways run $50-$100.  If a Playaway is lost or damaged, the student will be expected to pay the replacement cost of the Playaway.**

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Last spring, students were given the challenge of reading 1,200 minutes over the summer.  Students were also given a log to keep track of their minutes read.  This challenge ends Sept. 1st.  Students need to have the reading logs signed by a parent and returned to school by Sept. 6th.  Students who completed this challenge will enjoy a Kona Ice treat on Tuesday, Sept. 10th.

Keep Reading, Sagewood!

DIRECTORY: Our 2019-2020 Student Directories are currently being organized.  If you wish to have ANY INFORMATION OMITTED please email our Directory Chair - Jenny Minino at 402-990-9657 or Print and Complete the attached OPT-OUT form for your family.  OPT OUT info is due next Friday, August 30th.  If we do not receive any info from you, the contact information provided to the school will be used.

1. Sagewood Family Dinner Night! Monday, August 26th 4-8 pm Chipotle147th and Maple

Make sure you mention Sagewood or show your flyer/smartphone and the school will get 33% of sales that night!!

(Flyer download: <https://socialportal.chipotle.com/fundraiser/social/partner/portal/WNphQSQm09Qhq6iVxchkszBevrMWgcMDdqLesOnSadlMEng4GIsfxot2n3MbgTXe5FmxYL1tGXkm6bd2AXfOa9lWWYfmI868vPiui6Ogjw05epYtSWAr4maChj8zm79A/3201908261620>)

We have Rusty Taco, Tanners & TCBY coming up in September so stay tuned!

2. YEARBOOKS

\*\*Place your order by August 31st and receive 10%\*\*

Visit www.blossom-books, click on 'Order My Yearbook' on upper right, and enter book login code 97C10054.

($18/book ordered before 8/31. $20/book ordered 9/1/19 - 3/31/20)

E-mail Yearbook Committee Chair Amy Renes at [sagewoodyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:sagewoodyearbook@gmail.com) if you have any questions or First Day of School pictures to submit!

3. Save the Date for the annual Sagewood Fall Fundraiser Dance!

Thursday, October 17th

Watch for more details to come in September.

**Box Tops for Education**

Box Tops is a nationwide program that donates money back to our school for purchasing participating products. Proof of purchase earns $0.10 for each item for our school. Box Tops for Education has a free app to be used for products which contain their new "digital" label, which states "no more clipping." This app is so easy to use! You simply choose Sagewood Elementary, scan your receipt that has participating products on it, and money is added to our school account for the items purchased. The app frequently has bonuses for certain products, too.

While the program is phasing out the physical Box Tops, they are still printed on many products, and will still be collected, and sent in. Please clip and send any non-expired Box Tops you find with your child- each class room has a container to collect them! Please turn in any physical Box Tops to your child's class by Thursday, October 24th. The class who brings in the most will earn a surprise! Continue saving the clippings throughout the year, and stay tuned for more classroom contests!

**TAGG**

Together A Greater Good (TAGG) is a free app that you can download on your phone to easily earn money for our school. Search the app for businesses you frequent, and keep an eye out for the TAGG logo! When you spend money at these locations, choose Sagewood Elementary PTO as your organization and snap a picture of your receipt. It is that easy! They donate a portion (typically 5%) of the sale back to our school! If you have not already signed up, please do!

**Hy-Vee Receipts**

Hy-Vee grocery stores generously donate money back to our school based on receipts submitted! These receipts can be from any location, including Hy-Vee gas station purchases, but must be dated between September 1st and December 31st, 2019. These must be collected at the school- feel free to turn these into the Box Top containers in each classroom.

We are looking for Room Coordinators for the following rooms:

**1st Grade**

Kristi Sexton

Brook Matney

**2nd Grade**

Abby da Silva

Stacie Unrau

**3rd Grade**

Halli Weitl

Susan Schutte

Karla Hamilton

**4th Grade**

Megan McBride

Tatum Stenger

**5th Grade**

Christa Fisher

If you would like to sign up or need more information please email Christy Hair @[cahair12@gmail.com](mailto:cahair12@gmail.com).   There will be a meeting and training time for all Room Coordinators or anyone interested on Monday August 26th at 6pm, before the PTO meeting.   We hope to see you there!