

# Sorensen Magnet School of the Arts and Humanities



*Sorensen Mission Statement: Sorensen is an artistically-enriched school which empowers students by providing an academically excellent education for every child.*

*February 2024*

Congratulations for having made it through the first half of the school year. Report cards will be coming home this Friday in student backpacks. We encourage you to review and talk with your children about their learning and growing in school.



**Come celebrate the magic of Sorensen at the [Sorensen Annual Auction and Soirée](#)**

February also marks another important aspect of the school year. Not only is it the halfway point, but it's also the month of our Sorensen Auction and Soiree. This event continues to raise funds that directly support student learning in the arts and humanities. Why do we think arts and humanities is such an important part of child development? Because it is fundamental for building greater connections to our 21st century understanding of diversity, cultural knowledge, and global citizenship. Understanding what it means to be human

helps us to be better communicators, problem solvers, critical thinkers and build stronger and more meaningful connections with the world around us. February 24th marks the 17th year for which we come together to celebrate and raise money to continue supporting the Sorensen Mission of providing an artistic and academic education for every child. We hope you will join us for this amazing event.

It takes a village to raise children and help them to understand the importance of learning and growing in school. No matter if your child is a kindergartner, a 5th grader, or any grade in between. As we continue into the spring, we certainly hope and encourage our families to persevere in getting their kids to school every day and on time. Evidence shows that when kids are in school regularly, they feel a strong sense of being a part of something important and are more committed to engaging in the learning. Students who miss school frequently miss important learning aspects, feel less connected, more anxious and struggle keeping up with the academic workload. Our teachers work tirelessly to improve their practice, create engaging lesson plans, and deliver powerful instruction that will not only empower our students but also increase their ability to understand what it means to be a part of a classroom community where students learn and grow together and take on the responsibility for finding and following their passion for learning. All of it happens within the confines of our safe little school where the most amazing staff is committed to providing that academically excellent education for every child. Don't miss the opportunity. Get your kids to school on time, every day possible, and let's make their experience as meaningful as we can before they leave our building for middle school.

Another video reminder of all the amazing things Sorensen students get to experience [2021 Auction Video](#). Thank you for your continued support. We truly cannot do it without you. Happy February and see you at the Auction!

Brett DePew- Principal  
Brienne Weinberger- Vice Principal



**January 29—Feb. 9th** Artist in Residence

**Feb. 2nd**— Report cards go home in student backpacks.

**Feb. 2nd**—12 pm deadline for turning in auction items that enter you into the raffle for receiving a free auction ticket.

**Feb. 14th**— Valentine's Day

**Feb. 16th**— No School

**Feb. 19th**— No School—President's Day

**Feb. 20th**— Roger's Night ([bring your voucher](#))

**Feb. 24th**— Sorensen Annual Auction 5pm

**Feb. 26th**— Yearbook cover contest submission deadline (see info below)

**Feb. 26th**— PTO Meeting 3:45pm Weymouth's classroom

**Feb. 29th**— Panda Express (voucher coming)

## PTO Information



The next Sorensen PTO Meeting is Monday, February 26th at 3:45 pm in Mrs. Weymouth's classroom. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

To help make the upcoming Sorensen Auction a success we need volunteers the day of the event. There are many different ways you can help. Take a look at the sign up genius to find a time that works for you. [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)

Now is the time to get your procurement items in for the auction! Turn in an item for the auction by February 2nd at 12PM and receive an entry to the raffle for a free auction ticket. The winners will be announced at the Feb. 4th Friday Gathering.

Purchase your [auction tickets](#) here.  
Email PTO with questions. [auction@smpto.org](mailto:auction@smpto.org)



## Enter the Sorensen 2024 Yearbook Cover Contest!

Throughout the school year, many of the class projects and lessons in the Arts and Humanities block have involved the theme "Around the World in 180 Days". For this year's Sorensen Yearbook Cover Contest we are asking students to incorporate one more of these experiences to inspire their artwork. Think foreign traditions, art, music, etc. [See flyer for more details.](#)

All entries are due in the office by Friday, February 26th. Entries will be judged by Sorensen Staff. The winner will be announced at the March 14th Friday Gathering!

## Notes from Nurse Amy



It's that time again...cold and flu season. Please review the [District's Illness Guidelines](#) and remember to keep your children home if they have had a fever (above 100.4° F), vomiting, and/or diarrhea in the last 24 hours. For tips on preventing illness and what to do if someone in your family does get sick, visit the [Health Services](#) page of the district's website.



Friday, February 2nd is the national "Give Kids a Smile Day"

[Avondale Dental](#) is offering the following FREE dental care to children 18 and under who demonstrate financial hardship:

- Cleanings
- X-rays,
- Fillings
- Extractions

Call the Avondale Dental Office at 208-772-4066 to reserve your appointment for February 2nd. [See the flyer for more information.](#)

## Please Notify the School When Your Child is Absent

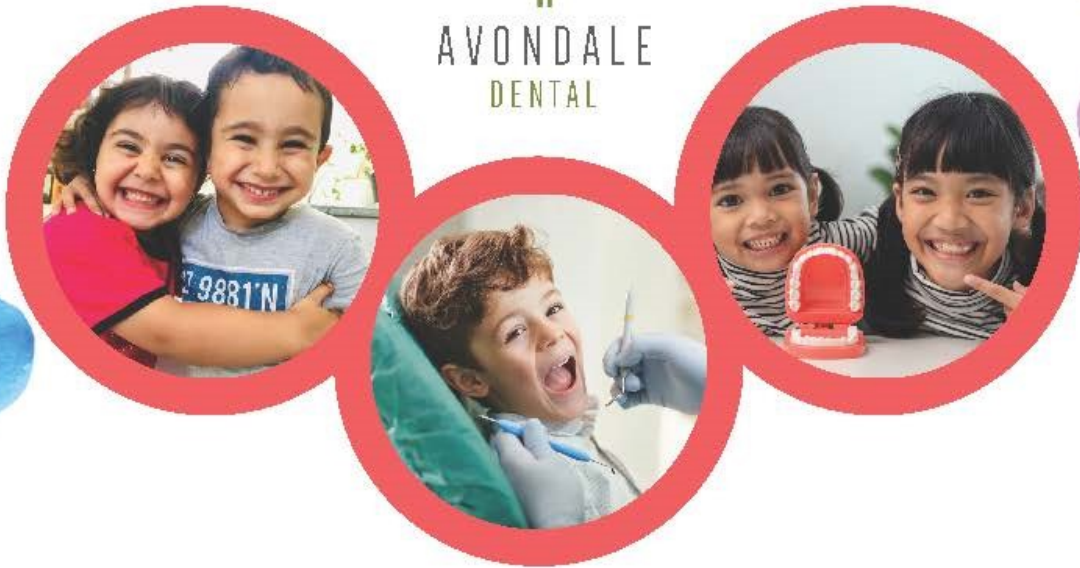
Leave us a voicemail by calling 208-664-2822 or email Michelle Grebil [mgrebil@cdaschools.org](mailto:mgrebil@cdaschools.org).



If your child is missing school for more than two days it is important to also send an e-mail to their teacher to ensure that they stay caught up on any time sensitive homework, testing, or projects. Your teacher's e-mail address can be found on our website. Simply click the top tab "[Our Teachers](#)".



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# GIVE KIDS a smile DAY

On Friday, February 2, 2024, Avondale Dental is offering the following **FREE** dental care to children from families who demonstrate financial hardship:

Cleanings ● X-rays ● Fillings ● Extractions

*Only children (age 18 & under) without dental insurance qualify for treatment*

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CALL OUR OFFICE AT **208-772-4066** TO RESERVE  
YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME TODAY!