

Summer 2013

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## Greetings Community Members,

As the 2012-2013 school year comes to an end, we celebrate the accomplishments of our schools and the remarkable achievements of our students as they transition to the next phase of their education. On June 7, teachers, families, and friends celebrated as 160 graduates of St. Anthony Village High School's Class of 2013 walked across the stage with their diploma in hand and ready to embark upon their post-secondary plans. Earlier in the week, we recognized students in the Class of 2026 who finished two years of preschool at St. Anthony Community Services in preparation for kindergarten, fifth graders at Wilshire Park in the Class of 2020 who will be entering middle school, and eighth graders at St. Anthony Middle School in the Class of 2017 who are transitioning to high school.

We are proud of the remarkable achievements of our students and, as a small school district, we are grateful for our supportive community. The Class of 2013 was offered \$1.5 million in total college scholarships and received an additional \$44,000 in local scholarships. Sixty-two local scholarships were distributed at the annual awards ceremony on May 24. When parents, teachers, and community members work together on behalf of children, our students reap the benefits. At Wilshire Park Elementary School alone, 200 volunteers contributed 7,900 hours to support students, classroom activities, special events, and field trips. We are committed to ensuring our students have an extraordinary education.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District!

*Superintendent Robert Laney and School Board members  
Dave Evans, Barry Kinsey, Andrea Scamehorn, Don Siggelkow,  
Leah Slye, and Mike Volna*



*Preschoolers in the Class of 2026 will begin kindergarten at Wilshire Park in September.*



*Top graduates of St. Anthony Village High School's Class of 2013: Valedictorian Adam Busacker, Mary-Clare Couillard, Salutatorian Andris Delins, Monika Bueltel, Daniel Zellers, and Sofiya Pechenuk Reshetylo*

## Certificate of Excellence Award Winner

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District was one of 17 school districts in Minnesota to be awarded the 2012 Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International. COE award winners met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. St. Anthony-New Brighton School District also received the 2011 Certificate of Excellence. "The COE award confirms the business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency," as stated in the letter from ASBO International. The COE award represents a significant achievement and reflects the school district's commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting.



Barry Kinsey, Chair of the School Board, and  
Kristen Hoheisel, Director of Business Services

## Minnesota Department of Education's School Finance Award

For the sixth consecutive year, St. Anthony-New Brighton School District was awarded the 2013 School Finance Award by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). MDE recognizes school organizations that exhibit sound fiscal health and financial management policies and procedures with the annual School Finance Award.

## 2012-2013 Retirements

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is grateful for the dedication and service our retirees invested in the students, families, and members of our school community.



**Tom Boese**  
St. Anthony Village  
High School  
6 years



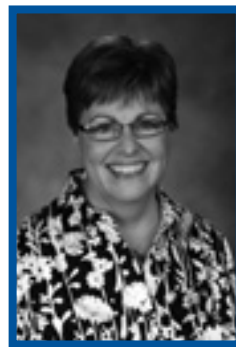
**Sue Haugerud**  
Wilshire Park  
20 years



**Andrea Jann**  
Wilshire Park  
23 years



**Carmalee Ochu**  
Wilshire Park  
34 years



**Joedy Tombarge**  
Community Services  
30 years

## St. Anthony New Brighton Endowment Foundation



The St. Anthony New Brighton Endowment Foundation is close to matching John Mondati's \$100,000 challenge grant. An additional \$3000 in donations and/or pledges will allow the Foundation to match the grant and fully invest \$200,000 for the benefit of the students in St. Anthony-New Brighton School District 282.

The income from this investment will be used to support and enhance arts and activities programs, such as Robo Huskies, speech teams at St. Anthony Middle School and St. Anthony Village High School, choirs and bands, award-winning graphic arts program, and drama productions, just to name a few.

Please consider donating or making a pledge. Your contribution will help the district continue to offer enriching opportunities to the young people of our community for

many years to come. The St. Anthony New Brighton Endowment Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are fully tax deductible. For more information, visit the foundation website at [www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/foundation](http://www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/foundation) or call Leah Slye at 612-781-3982.

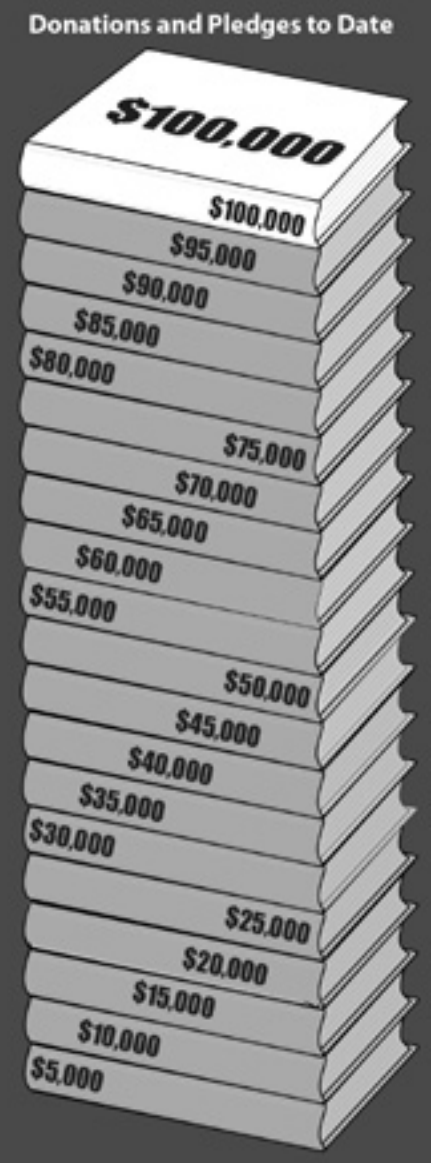
### Mission Statement

To support the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District's continuing commitment to academic excellence and opportunity by providing a permanent, long-range funding source.



Our two children went through the St. Anthony School system all the way from elementary school through graduation. We feel the school district provided not only a high quality education but a wide variety of academic and extra-curricular activities that our children were encouraged to participate in. Contributing to the Foundation is our way of paying it forward. We hope that St. Anthony-New Brighton School District can continue to offer the same opportunities to students for many years to come.

-Leif and Katherine Thorson





## Minnesota Visual Arts Competition



*Felicia Hamann, Brigid Cisek, Emma Halet, Alanna Ault, Royce Mars, Tenzin Younten, and Roman Mars*

Congratulations to St. Anthony Village High School students who participated in the Minnesota State High School League's Visual Arts Section 4A competition on April 20 at the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

The 2013 Minnesota State Visual Arts Exhibition featured the work of Spotlight on the Arts winners from across the state from May 12-19 at the Perpich Center for Arts Education.

### Spotlight on the Arts Award

Alanna Ault  
Ruby Johnson  
Royce Mars  
Emerald Roemer  
Katrina Springer  
Tiffany Tran

### Superior Gold Medal

Alanna Ault  
Felicia Hamann  
Royce Mars  
Jacob Murzyn  
Emerald Roemer  
Emily Rognrud  
Tiffany Tran  
Quang-Chau Truong  
Tenzin Younten

### Excellence Award

Brigid Cisek  
Rachel Ernster  
Ruby Johnson  
Rachel Lininger  
Roman Mars  
Katrina Springer  
Jesse Roy

### Achievement in the Arts Award

Emma Halet

**Congratulations to St. Anthony Village High School students for their participation in Minnesota State High School League individual and team State competitions.**

**Isaac Krause—Track**  
**Katie Wortman—Golf**  
**Girls Softball Team**

**Speech:**  
**David Jacobsen placed 14th in Creative Expression.**  
**Carolyn Klaesges placed 16th in Storytelling.**



St. Anthony Village High School selected **Kirsten Whitney** as its 2013 Athena Award winner. The Athena award recognizes outstanding senior female athletes from high schools in the metro area. Whitney was honored at the Athena Awards luncheon on Friday, May 3.

## All-State Program

Minnesota Music Educators Association's (MMEA) All-State program develops the finest musicians and leaders among Minnesota's most accomplished high school students.

Each year, over 2000 students audition at sites throughout the state for the All-State performing groups: Bands (Concert & Symphonic), Choir (Men's, Mixed & Women's), Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. After auditions, more than 575 students are selected to participate in the All-State summer camp experience.

Congratulations to St. Anthony Village High School students for their selection to All-State: **Ali Abdi**, All State Jazz Band; **Zoey Armstrong**, All State Band; **Claire Jaeger Mountain**, All State Orchestra; **Erika Sawyer**, All State Choir; and **Patrick Schenkenberg**, All State Band.

## St. Anthony Village High School Ranks Among Top 10 Best High Schools in Minnesota

Newsweek announced the top 2000 public high schools in the nation and St. Anthony Village High School ranked 8th in the state. The 2013 list of America's Best High Schools focuses on "those that have proven to be the most effective in turning out college-ready graduates." St. Anthony Village High School was also recognized by Newsweek in 2012 and ranked 9th in the state and 389th in the nation. Newsweek ranks schools based on six criteria: graduation rate, college acceptance rate, Advanced Placement (AP) tests taken per student, percent of students enrolled in at least one AP course, average AP scores, and average SAT/ACT scores.

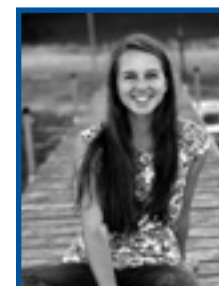
**In 2013, 241 students at St. Anthony Village High School took 416 Advanced Placement (AP) exams; in 2012, 228 students took 396 AP exams.**

U.S. News and World Report released its 2013 Best High Schools rankings and St. Anthony Village High School ranked 3rd in the state and 320th in the nation. St. Anthony Village High School was one of only six gold medal high schools in Minnesota to be recognized. U.S. News and World Report collected data on more than 21,000 public high schools in the nation to identify the country's top-performing public high schools. U.S. News & World Report partners with American Institutes for Research to compare individual school data to statewide proficiency data and determine the best high schools rankings. High schools were ranked within each state and nationally according to the following criteria:

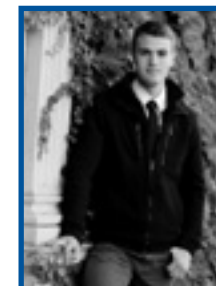
- Schools where students were performing better than statistically expected for the average student in the state.
- Schools where the least-advantaged students were performing better than average for similar students in the state.
- Schools which produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentage of their students.

The report recognized 136 high schools in Minnesota—six gold medal schools, forty silver medal schools, and ninety bronze medal schools.

## Top 10 Students in the Class of 2013



**Monika Bueltel**  
Parents: James/  
Margaret Bueltel



**Adam Busacker**  
Parents: James/  
Karolyn Busacker



**Mary-Clare Couillard**  
Parents: Daniel/  
Marie Couillard



**Andris Delins**  
Parents: Janis  
Delins/Sanita Kalnite



**Adam Doehrmann**  
Parents: Chris/  
Julie Doehrmann



**Sofiya Pechenuk**  
**Reshetlylo**  
Parents: Vitaliy/  
Halyna Pechenuk



**Jesse Roy**  
Parent: Nicole Roy



**Bridget Gustafson**  
Parents: Steven/  
Catherine Gustafson



**Emily Rognrud**  
Parents: Tracy/  
Troy Rognrud



**Daniel Zeller**  
Parents: Peter/  
Susan Zeller



## Learning Locally, Acting Globally

For the fourth consecutive year, St. Anthony Middle School partnered with H2O for Life to help construct a well for a school in Africa. After a visit from Alephonsion Deng—one of the ‘Lost Boys of Sudan’—in November 2012, St. Anthony Middle School chose to dedicate this year’s project to Deng’s native country and partner with a school in South Sudan. The mission of H2O for Life is to educate, engage, and inspire youth to learn, take action, and become global citizens by connecting schools in the United States with schools in developing countries to construct a WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) project. Sixth grade students completed research projects on the water crisis and all students in grades 6-8 acted upon that knowledge to make a difference in their world. St. Anthony Middle School established a goal to raise \$5,500 to construct a well for South Sudan School 5 and, through students’ efforts of coordinating a silent auction and seeking donations for their annual Water Walk Day, doubled their goal to raise a total of \$10,500. The additional \$5,000 will fund a second project in Africa, bringing clean water to all students and their families at another school. Since 2010, St. Anthony Middle School has raised over \$30,000 to provide WASH facilities at partner schools Nankanga Secondary School in Tanzania, Kirangari Primary School in Kenya, Mayamaya Primary School in Tanzania, and South Sudan School 5. For more information on H2O for Life, visit [www.h2oforliveschools.org](http://www.h2oforliveschools.org).



Congratulations to eighth grader **Kia Kivi** who participated in Minnesota State High School League’s State gymnastics competition after qualifying at the Section 4A meet where she placed first in the All-Around and Uneven Parallel Bars and third on Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.



## Scholastic Art Awards

St. Anthony Middle School students **Lindsey Paulson**, **Tessa Quale**, and **Ryan Wettergren** were recognized in a regional competition of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a national competition open to students in grades 7-12, is in its 90th year.

**Lindsey Paulson** received a Gold Key award at the regional competition for her work entitled “Flamingo Forest” and progressed to the national competition. Gold Key represents the highest level of achievement at the regional level and approximately 7-10% of all regional submissions are considered for the national competition.

**Tessa Quale** received a Silver Key award at the regional competition for her work entitled “Contour Shirt”. Silver Key represents the second highest level of achievement and 10-15% of regional submissions are recognized with this award.

**Ryan Wettergren** received an Honorable Mention at the regional competition for his work “Contour Jacket”. Honorable Mention recognizes students with artistic potential and 15-20% of regional submissions receive this award.



Lindsey Paulson

## Destination Imagination Wins at Regional Competition



Congratulations to Wilshire Park’s four Destination ImagiNation teams - Purple Pies that Fly, Unpredictable Girls, Fortune Telling Flying Fish, and The Red Hot Yetis - for their participation in the North Metro Regional competition. Unpredictable Girls took 3rd place with an improvisation challenge. Fortune Telling Flying Fish won first place with a science challenge and advanced to the state competition, which was held on Saturday, April 20. The team, managed by Eva Grooms, included **Allie Grooms**, **Laurel Reynolds**, **Elissa Hutchison**, **Brigid Donohue**, **Caitlin Donohue**, **Grace Lulai**, and **Kaylene Kerber**. The Hilarious Hippo Hippies also competed at state with a community service project. The mission of Destination ImagiNation is to develop opportunities that inspire the global community of learners to

utilize diverse approaches in applying 21st century skills and creativity. Teams of learners incorporate STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts, and service learning while addressing different challenges.

## Pandas of the Week

Wilshire Park recognizes students for showing their Panda Pride which contributes to a positive, caring school climate. Students earn panda paws when they demonstrate respectful, responsible, and ready behaviors at school. One student from each classroom is selected as a Panda of the Week. The students’ names are read over the announcements and are also displayed on the electronic sign.

*Dylan Pariseau and Kefelen Martin are pictured.*



*Students at Wilshire Park welcomed over 350 guests to the annual grandparents and special older friends lunch on Friday, May 17.*

## St. Anthony-New Brighton School District's Preschool Rated Four Stars by Parent Aware

The preschool programs at St. Anthony Community Services have been awarded a Four Star Rating by Parent Aware, a voluntary program coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Office of Early Learning. To receive a rating of four-stars--the highest possible--St. Anthony Community Services demonstrated its quality early education programs and use of best practices to support school readiness. St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has a long history of providing quality early childhood programs at St. Anthony Community Services including Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), half day preschool, and all day preschool classes at St. Anthony Community Center. The preschool teachers at St. Anthony Community Services collaborate with kindergarten teachers to ensure children are prepared academically and socially when they begin kindergarten at Wilshire Park Elementary School.

St. Anthony Community Services Preschool is the only Four Star rated program in St. Anthony. "To earn a Four Star Rating, programs are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing kids for kindergarten," as stated on the Parent Aware website. Programs with a Four Star Rating consistently engage in the following best practices:

- Exemplifies a truly engaged school readiness partner for parents
- Ongoing assessment of child's progress
- Continually adapts lesson plans and goals to meet individual needs
- Regularly updates parents on child's progress
- Trained on children's developmental disabilities
- Communicates across cultures
- Receives and documents on-going childhood-related education

Parent Aware provides free, research-based tools and resources to help parents ask important questions and make informed choices about high quality early learning opportunities.

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### Helping Your Child Be Ready for Kindergarten

St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is committed to helping your child be ready for kindergarten. The early childhood programs at St. Anthony Community Services help prepare children and support parents with high quality early childhood classes.

Free resources are available at St. Anthony Community Services for families with children ages birth to five years of age. Stop by the office at Community Services to obtain a free copy of:

- \*Getting Ready for Kindergarten DVD
- \*Take Home Activity Bags
- \*Family Resource Guide

St. Anthony Community Services  
3301 Silver Lake Road  
St. Anthony, MN 55418  
612-706-1166  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



### Summer Early Childhood Programs

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) has partnered with Diamond 8 Terrace and Caravelle apartments to offer free, onsite activities this summer. Our teacher will bring fun activities for parents and children birth to five years of age.

**Thursdays: June 20, July 11, and July 25**

Diamond 8 Terrace: 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the courtyard  
Caravelle: 11:00-11:45 a.m. on the lawn of the 3721 building  
*In the event of rain, activities at Diamond 8 will take place in the leasing office; activities at Caravelle will be cancelled.*

## Classes for Senior Citizens

### Qigong For All Ages

Come explore the Chinese art of Qigong. This practice aligns breath, movement, and exercise while helping to balance ones qi (chi) or intrinsic life energy. Qigong practice involves rhythmic breathing, coordinated with slow stylized repetition of fluid movement, and a calm mindful state. Learn ten simple movements, taught piece by piece, to help restore vitality to your body while calming and focusing your mind. All fitness and age levels welcome. Everyone can practice these simple movements to enhance their life.

**Class#: 5022-S13B • Thursdays, July 11-August 29 • Community Center • 10:30-11:15 a.m. • Fee: \$44**

### Gentle Yoga

Gentle Yoga strengthens the body while calming and focusing the mind. Learn how to take this slower, gentler version of Yoga into your daily life to strengthen and tone your body, improve circulation, lower blood pressure, and help relieve stress. Classes include breathing practices and modified stretches to fit everyone, even those who prefer to remain seated on a chair. Please dress in comfortable clothes and bring a mat, towel, or rug for floor work. All fitness levels are welcome.

**Class#: 5020-S13B • Fridays, July 12-August 30 • Community Center • 10:30-11:15 a.m. • Fee: \$44**

### Android Operating System – Q & A

Did you just get a new Smartphone or tablet? Are you sick of asking your kids how to use it? Come and ask all of your questions about your new Android Smartphone or tablet. Please bring your Smartphone or tablet to class.

**Class#: 5023-S13C • Monday, August 5 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Fridley Community Center • Fee: \$19**

### Android Operating System – Basics

This class is perfect for Android beginners, whether you have a tablet or Smartphone. We will cover basic functions, downloading apps, settings menu, making calls, adding contacts, texting, sharing photos, and much more. Please bring your Smartphone or tablet to class.

**Class#: 5024-S13C • Monday, August 12 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Fridley Community Center • Fee: \$19**

### Defensive Driving 55+: Eight Hour Course Minnesota Safety Council

Improve your driving skills, and if you're 55 or older, get a discount on your personal auto insurance. The Defensive Driving Course, developed by the National Safety Council, teaches basic crash prevention techniques and has a proven record of reducing traffic violations and incidents. The class consists of lecture, films and discussions. There is no behind-the-wheel driving and there are no tests.

**Class#: 5301-S13A • Wednesday & Thursday, August 28 & 29 • 5:30-9:30 p.m. • Community Center • Fee: \$25**

### Defensive Driving 55+: Refresher Course Minnesota Safety Council

If you have taken a state approved eight-hour Defensive Driving Course (55+), you can renew your 10%, three-year car insurance discount by taking the state-approved, four-hour refresher course. There's no driving and no test. You will receive a certificate of completion to provide to your insurance company. Please include your driver's license number when registering. If you are 50-54 years old, you need to check with your own insurance company regarding a senior citizen discount. Refresher course pre-requisite: successful completion of state approved eight-hour course.

**Class#: 5300-S13B • Wednesday, August 7 • 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Community Center • Fee: \$22**



## Trips for Senior Citizens

### MN Landscape Arboretum and Tram Tour

There is nothing better than spending a summer day at the beautiful Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Filled with over 1,000 acres of flowers, gardens, shrubs and trees, our excursion begins with a narrated tram ride tour. Sit back and relax as the shaded, open-air tram winds down several gorgeous paths that will show off many of the Arboretum's highlights. After the tour, we will re-energize with a gourmet box lunch and cookie inside the visitor's center. There will be time after lunch to browse the gift shop, walk a few gardens or relax in the shade. Coach transportation, admission, tram tour and a gourmet box lunch are included (gift shop purchases are on your own). Register by July 2.

**Class#: 5286-S13A • Wednesday, July 10 • Fee: \$57 includes transportation, admission and tour, and lunch**  
**Depart: 9:00 a.m. from upper parking lot • Approximate Return: 3:00 p.m.**

### Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals

Wrap up the summer months by catching a baseball game at beautiful Target Field! This trip includes transportation to Target Field where you will watch your hometown team take on Central Division rivals Kansas City. We will arrive early so you can enjoy the sights of the park before the game starts at 12:10 pm. Seats are in Section 101 (main floor), Rows 36-40. Come enjoy America's Favorite Pastime with friends! Register by August 5.

**Class#: 5287-S13A • Thursday, August 29 • Fee: \$56 includes transportation and ticket**  
**Depart: 10:30 a.m. from upper parking lot • Approximate Return: 4:15 p.m.**

### Become a Volunteer in our Schools

Gloria Sorsoleil describes it as her favorite time of the week, "When I walk in the front door, I just feel happy!" Every Thursday, Sorsoleil volunteers at Wilshire Park Elementary School for one hour with Mrs. Beall's second grade class. Sorsoleil, a retired computer programmer and resident of St. Anthony since 1978, began volunteering seven years ago and has fond memories of her time spent with the kids. Sorsoleil recalls helping a child with math and watching as the light bulb went on in the child's head, "It was so exciting." Sorsoleil enjoys learning from the kids and what their life is like. "There is such diversity at Wilshire Park that it's an education for me. I'm so drawn to that school. It's a safe and happy place to be and the teachers are excellent." Her two daughters and son attended Wilshire Park Elementary School and graduated from St. Anthony Village High School. "Whenever I see a new family in the neighborhood, I always tell them, 'Oh, you're going to love the schools.' And they do!"



There are several opportunities available for volunteers to work directly with children, help with office tasks, or assist with the preparation of classroom materials. Volunteers are needed at Wilshire Park Elementary School, St. Anthony Middle School, St. Anthony Village High School, and to assist with early childhood and senior citizen programs at St. Anthony Community Services. To learn more about the flexible options available to volunteer in the schools, contact Cassie at St. Anthony Community Services at 612-706-1171.



During the 2012-2013 school year, 200 volunteers worked alongside staff and students at Wilshire Park for a total of 7,900 hours. Some volunteers assist a few times per year while others come in as often as once or twice per week. Jean Johnson was inspired to volunteer four years ago when her granddaughter began kindergarten at Wilshire Park. A former teacher and librarian, Johnson volunteers with Mrs. Behm's third grade class every Tuesday. "I love working with the students. They are wonderful. The kids are engaged in learning; they truly are." Jean Johnson is pictured with Myles Root.

## SANBE Foundation

### SANBE School Supplies Fundraiser

We lead busy lives and as a new school year approaches, we could all use a little help with the items on our to-do list.

SANBE would like to help you cross one item off your list! We're providing the convenience of pre-packaged school supplies. No more hassles running from store to store trying to find the proper items!



In coordination with the teachers and staff of the ISD 282 school district, SANBE will provide you and your family with the most cost effective, high quality, name brand school supplies for Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Hurry! Order before July 2nd for the 2013-14 school year! Each package price includes a modest donation that will support innovative educational experiences for the students of ISD 282. Don't need school supplies? Use the form below to donate directly. We appreciate your support!

**Order School Supplies for K-8th Grade NOW!**  
**WWW.ORDERMYPACK.COM (school #: 106694)**

Pick up dates will be scheduled for the first two weeks of August, we will contact you with specifics after you place your order. Home Delivery is available! If you have any questions, please contact: sanbefoundation@gmail.com, 612-220-6342 or [www.tinyurl.com/sanbe](http://www.tinyurl.com/sanbe).

The SANBE Foundation's mission is to provide additional resources that enhance the quality of educational programs in Independent School District 282.

THANK YOU! YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION **WILL** MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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**Join us** this summer for a community reading program as we bring people together to read books about Minnesota or by Minnesota authors. Our goals are to foster a lifelong love of reading by sharing books, ideas, and experiences across generations while encouraging the entire St. Anthony community to read.

## **Readers in the Park**

### **Central Park Pavillion**

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

June 17, 24

July 15, 22, 29

August 5, 12

Meet and listen to Star committee members read aloud from two of the picture books each week.

## **Picture Books**

### **Early Elementary**

**Nalah and the Pink Tiger**

Anne Sawyer-Aitch

**Larry Gets Lost in the Twin Cities**

Michael Mullin

**Nighttime Ninja**

Barbara DaCosta

**It's a Tiger!**

David LaRochelle

**Mercy Watson Fights Crime**

Kate DiCamillo

### **Upper Elementary**

### **Middle School**

**Last Shot (A Final Four Mystery)**

John Feinstein

**The Runaway Friend**

Kathleen Ernst

**The Mystery of the Third Lucretia**

Susan Runholt

**Goblin Secrets**

William Alexander

## **Young Adult**

**Frozen**

Mary Casanova

**Shadow on the Mountain**

Margi Preus

**Mr. Was**

Pete Hautman

**Switched**

Amanda Hocking

**Chasing AllieCat**

Rebecca Fjelland Davis

## **Adult**

**Iron Lake: A Novel**

William Kent Krueger

**Monkeewrench**

P.J. Tracy

**False Mermaid**

Erin Hart

**The Fate of Mercy Alban**

Wendy Webb

**Bullwhacked**

Kathy K. Cohen