



SPARKY'S SCOOP

January 8, 2021

BEF Matching Grant!

Sexton Mountain Elementary striving readers need your help! **Striving readers** are K-3 readers working to build time-in-text and increase reading fluency with **just-right leveled books**.

Each week our striving readers visit Sexton Mountain (curbside or our Book Bus!) to pick up a new batch of just-right, leveled books. We know that books are magic you can hold in your hand - especially in our current world of digital learning. Unfortunately our collection of leveled books is woefully inadequate, both in overall number and in content. Our readers need access to more titles that are high interest and representative of our wonderfully diverse community.

To bring our collection up to date and ensure critical representation, we need to purchase more books for our 300 striving readers! Books books books!

Specifically, we're looking to purchase IRLA leveled books in the **Yellow**, **Green**, **1Blue**, **2Blue** and **1Red** categories. We want to build a library of early leveled books that captivate our striving readers' attention while also providing crucial mirrors and windows in text.

Check out our BEF Grant page here: [SME Ready Readers!](#) BEF will now match your contribution - so if you are able to help, now's the time to do so!

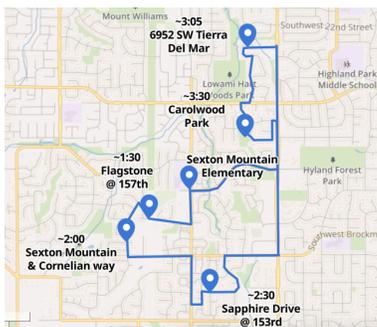
Thanks for helping us build ready readers in a digital world!

SME Library To Go!

Don't forget about our book bus!

Coming to your neighborhood every Wednesday afternoon!

- 1:31 to 1:56 -- SW Flagstone Drive at 157th Ave
- 1:58 to 2:23 -- SW Sexton Mountain Drive at SW Cornelian Way
- 2:27 to 2:57 -- SW Sapphire Drive at 153rd Ave
- 3:03 to 3:27 -- 6952 SW Tierra Del Mar
- 3:30 to 3:55 -- Carlsbad Drive and Carolwood Park



Dining For Dollars

Our next dining for dollars will be held at the Murrayhill Joe's Burgers on **January 18th from 5-8pm**. For more information on how to support our school or order ahead check out website at <https://www.sextonmountainptc.org/dining-for-dollars>.



Have you joined the PTC?

You are invited to join the Sexton Mountain Elementary PTC!

All parents/guardians of current SME students are welcome to join, as are all SME teachers/staff. Members are invited to attend general membership meetings and vote on PTC business such as officer elections and annual budgets. Membership is free - just fill out the form below.

Going forward, an invitation to join the PTC will go out at the beginning of each school year. Membership is open throughout the year. Come join us!

[PTC Membership Form](#)

Also, be sure to check out the PTC [website](#)!

Upcoming Events

Jan. 18	No School - Holiday
Jan. 18	Dining for dollars@Joe's
Jan. 20	Synchronous Learning Day
Jan. 26@6:30	Quarterly PTC Meeting
Feb. 5	No School - Grading
Feb. 15	No School - Holiday
Feb. 17	Synchronous Learning Day
Feb. 24	No School - Staff Development

Safe Routes to School

Beaverton Safe Routes to School 2nd Annual Walk + Roll Art Contest

Beaverton Safe Routes to School invites all students in grades K-5 to enter the 2nd Annual Walk + Roll Art Contest during the month of January.

Theme: Places We Love to Walk + Roll

Grand Prize: New Bicycle from WashCo Bikes!

Deadline: All entries must be received by January 29, 2021

Visit www.beaverton.k12.or.us/safe-routes for full contest details.



Meet Our Third Grade Team



Hi! I'm Mrs. Shoemaker. This is my first year at Sexton Mountain, I taught at Springville K-8 before coming here. I have a 2-year-old daughter that keeps us all very busy along with my 7-year-old stepson! I went to Linfield College and then Concordia to receive my masters. My family enjoys being outdoors- we enjoy fishing, camping, and going up to the mountain. We also like to watch sporting events; we are always rooting for the Blazers and Ducks! I feel so fortunate to be at Sexton Mountain this year and can't wait to meet all of you!

My name is Kristin Hiatt and I have taught first grade, kindergarten, and currently third grade all here at Sexton Mountain. I also have 4 elementary aged children ages 6, 6, 8, and 10. To escape the madness, I love to head outside to observe and photograph nature. My husband Jim is the best and always supportive. I can't forget to mention our dogs Ted and Ziggy and our backyard resident hummingbird, Mr. Featherbottom. It's a lot of work, but together we are one big, happy family. Remote teaching is challenging, but I'm having fun making memories with my amazing class.



Hello Sexton Mountain Families! My name is Robyn Tanksley. I've been at Sexton Mountain teaching third, fourth and fifth grade for 15 out of my 16 years of teaching. I am a mom to two amazing sons, Zander who is 10 and Silas, who is 4. I love to be out in nature, walking and daydreaming. I love to stargaze with my telescope. I love to read and write poetry. I love animals-we have a classroom pet tortoise named Igor who comes with me to school. I will take on anyone in a Just Dance competition and I have a small obsession with all things Harry Potter or ninja theme related. I love my job as a teacher, and I have so much fun working at Sexton Mountain.

