



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Can you believe we've come to the end of the first year??? This letter will be short - just a recap of last week and a few reminders then I'll post again later in the week.

MONDAY IS A SCHOOL DAY! The buses will run at the regular times and there will be after-school care through JRA for those that need it! Breakfast and lunch will be available through the cafeteria as usual..

Reminders:

- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM "Moving Up" ceremony for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. Parents are invited.
- Please complete the survey at the link sent in an earlier email. Results will be compiled Wednesday evening.
- Elementary report cards will be given out tomorrow. Middle school report cards will be mailed.

Every student kindergarten through seventh grade has a reading assignment to complete over the summer. Some students have already received their bag of books and/or information. This will be the first grade of the new school year and you can look online at the SAA website if you lose what was sent home. The theme is "Pop open a good book" so remember to send in the popcorn bag or completed reading log along with the project/report to take part in the popcorn party on the first Friday back.

Last week was amazing! The kindergarten graduation on Tuesday was lovely. Thank you to Mrs. Curulla, the kindergartners, and Mrs. Julie as well as all of the parents who participated. We have an awesome kindergarten - excuse me, first grade - class! Thursday night was the first eighth grade class graduation. It was a wonderful evening with student performances and speeches. What a great group! Thank you to the teachers who spoke and the board members who were present. Good luck to our 16 graduates! We know you can be successful! Finally, Friday was the luau. Everyone looked like they were having a great time. Thank you to Mr. Kolowith who organized the event and to all of the teachers and parents who helped cook, serve, collect tickets, sell leis, facepaint, supervise bounce houses and clean up. We have wonderful parents. no wonder we received the Golden School Award!

Summer hours will be 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM this week and next. Then 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday from June 16 - July 25. July 28 we will be back to 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM until school starts on August 18. Look for announcements about the summer picnic and other events. Have a great week! but, remember - **one more day of school!**

Upcoming Dates:



- June 2nd - Last Day of School
- Family Picnic (To be announced in a few weeks)
- Monday, August 18th - First Day of School!

GOLDEN SCHOOL AWARD!

Sarasota Academy of the Arts achieved Golden School status for the 2013 - 2014 school year!

The Florida Department of Education gives the Golden School Award to schools that show evidence of exemplary volunteer programs. Only two charter schools in Sarasota County achieved this status this year and we are one of them!

Thank you to all of our incredible parents and volunteers for their part in making this happen!

Sarasota Academy of the Arts Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Julie Rohr Academy office

Board members present:

- Rob McLain
 - Joe Solano
 - Kelly Marsh
 - Bill Mariotti
 - Julie Henry
 - Denise Gagne
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- Call to order at 8:06am
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- Minutes dated 4/3/14 unanimously approved.
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- Treasurers Report for April 2014
 - Added additional funds to reserve account.
 - Discussed collateral for Letter of Credit
 - Federal Grant reimbursements
 - Motion unanimously approved Treasurer's Report
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- Principal's Report
 - Enrollment. Currently at 220 students for next year.
 - Over enrolled for 2nd Grade and 3rd. Two 5th Grades, two 6th grades and two 7th Grades planned for 2014-2015 school year.
 - FCAT scores to come out at the end of May.
 - Middle School Curriculum letter sent to incoming middle school families (advanced classes, enrichment classes, electives)

- May lose some students to other schools, including new SMA prep school.
Won't know final numbers until June.
- Honor roll / recognition ceremony

- Old Business
 - Van still needs to get evaluated by a mechanic, and possibly take the vehicle to a dealer to obtain appraisal and value.
 - Waiting on architect to obtain drawings/plans in order to get estimates for new construction. Once bids are obtained, will need to get board approval to move forward.
 - Carport area is still an issue because of rezoning.

- New Business
 - 2014-2015 Budget – discussed referendum dollars, staff & teacher salaries
 - Discussion regarding safety/security issues
 - Traffic Control / School Zone – a traffic study is being requested for the county to evaluate traffic issues/school zones
 - Bank Accounts – possible bank fees to be charged to secondary accounts.
Looking to change banks for that reason.
 - Teacher appreciation week
 - PTO for 2014-2015

- Meeting adjourned at 9:57am.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Marsh