



# THE SHOOTING STAR



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## Principal's Corner

Thank you again to all of the parent (and grandparent!) volunteers who help out at

SAA. Last week volunteers were on campus for FCAT breakfasts, classroom events, library help, costume help, and office help. We couldn't do all we do without you.

It seems like I always say it, but this is another activity-filled week. Since today is Dr. Seuss's birthday, some of the classes will be celebrating that tomorrow with special activities. Monday the 4th graders will be going off-campus to perform their spring show at two assisted living facilities and Tuesday the 5th graders will do the same. Mrs. Julie reported that the kindergarten and first graders on Thursday and the second and third graders on Friday were so well behaved and put on an excellent show. We like hearing that! Tuesday evening is the "Spring Fling" performance by each music section at Payne Park Auditorium. You were sent information about this, but if you are unsure of the time your child performs, please call Kathy at 377-2278 for the information. Thursday is the monthly Governing Board meeting at 8:00am - topic will be preparation for next year. Then at 9:00am, the play pictures begin. Each group from K - 8 will have pictures taken in costume for Bye Bye Birdie. If you need the information again for this, please call Kathy. Thursday night is PTO at 6:00pm followed by performances by the afternoon drama group. Everything should be over by 7:30. Children are welcome. Friday is the last day before Spring Break (March 10 - 15).

Because the school district is switching to a new data system, the parent portal for Cross Pointe will be unavailable between 4:30 PM March 7 to Monday morning, March 17. Teachers will be unable to enter grades during this time. If you received the progress alert indicating low grades were due to missing assignments, it is imperative that the work be made up and submitted. The grading period ends March 26. Please check agenda books daily to ensure assignments are completed. Remember that the library is open until 4:30 for students to work on assignments and I have started a "Homework Club" where students can work in the administration office until 5:00. Also, please encourage your child to complete the FCAT practice work online. You were sent the information last month, but call or email if you need it again.

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## Upcoming Dates:

- March 4th –Spring Fling
- March 6th - Play Pictures
- March 6th - SAA Board Meeting at 8:00am
- March 6th - PTO Meeting at 6:00pm
- March 7th – Spirit Day
- March 10th-14th: SPRING BREAK!
- March 17 – 20th: SPIRIT WEEK!! Stay tuned for details.
- March 25 - Voting Day
- March 26th: Florida Studio Theatre Field Trip (Kindergarten - 5th)
- March 28th: Professional Day
- March 29th: Children's Consignment Sale

## Need Volunteer Hours?

Here is the Volunteer Spot Group Page that lists many opportunities now through the end of April.

Please sign up today!

<http://vols.pt/Jgjnqw>



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FCAT days are April 16 for all students 3rd through 8th grade, April 17 for 3rd - 6th grades + 8th grade then on April 21 (3rd - 5th), 22, 23, 28 and 29. Some are computer-based and some are paper and pencil. Please do not schedule doctor or dentist appointments for those days. Testing is done in morning and afternoon sessions.

The spring boxtop collection ends tomorrow. We were able to install a sink in the art room with the funds earned from the fall campaign. The sink was donated by the Barron-Morenos and installed by Coach Swilley. Thank you! We also had enough funds to purchase blinds for the art room. These are expenditures that were not included in the original budget so we are thankful as much money was raised. We are hoping to raise enough this semester to do some other things in the art room. Thank you to all who have sending in the box-tops. Coupons will be distributed to the students soon.

The Student Council reported that the school collected over \$1300.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation through the Pennies for Pasta Campaign. Thank you for your generosity. The kindergartners were the winners of the Olive Garden luncheon with over \$380.00 donated. Good job, kindergartners! The fourth graders raised over \$200.00. Fourth graders, you did a great job, too, and Ms. Confer promises something special for you!

Don't forget to add March 25 to your calendar so you remember to vote of the 1 mill referendum. Have a great week!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:**

Office Help: We need help on Tuesday as Mrs. Kathy Bechtel will be at training on Tuesday. We have 2 slots available from 1:30 - 3:30pm. Click to sign up! <http://vols.pt/ii3KEE>

Photographers for Spring Fling: We desperately need parents/grandparents to take photos of each of the groups of students performing on Tuesday night. Here is the link to sign up for each grade with 2 photographers per grade. . . <http://vols.pt/Gz92JE> We need these photos for the yearbook so please be sure and upload them by the end of the week so we can work on putting it together during Spring Break.

We also need photos of previous performances, especially of our middle school students, from Fall Follies, Frosty Follies and the Disney trip!

Also, if you would like to participate in the children's consignment sale planned for the end of the month, then please contact Kelly Marsh as the planning is already starting to take place and she need lots of help! We will need at least 15 families participating to make it worthwhile. Details are being sent home this week!