



# THE SHOOTING STAR



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## Principal's Corner

First of all, I want to thank all of the students, parents and teachers who have participated in the campaigns to raise money for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Hearts and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Pasta for Pennies Campaign. Thanks also goes to the parents, teachers, and especially the students who worked and patronized the pancake breakfast at Applebee's Saturday. The students who worked were wonderful at seating patrons and serving. The teachers and parents bussed tables, cleaned dishes and worked in the kitchen. I know the students are appreciative of your support. All of the students who sold tickets will received \$6.00 credit per ticket towards their field-trip fees. Any extra money earned will go towards the general cost of transportation. There will be another Applebee's breakfast fundraiser on Saturday morning, March 28th. This one will assist the 8th graders for their 8th grade trip. 6th and 7th graders will also have an opportunity to sell tickets again. They would greatly appreciate the support of any SAA family and will make tickets available for them.

Tomorrow we have the first of the Florida Assessments for this school year. The eighth graders will complete the writing assessment on the computer. The tests will begin at 8:00 and last two hours. The fourth through seventh graders will test on Tuesday on a paper-based writing assignment. They also will begin at 8:00 and work for two hours. Please be on time. Students who arrive late either day will have to wait in the office and test later in the week. All students 4th through 8th grade must complete this test this week.

The kindergarten through second grade will complete the iReady monitoring tests Wednesday through Friday during their computer class times.

Everyone in grades 4 through 8 should have brought home a progress report for third quarter. Please return the signed slip so we know you are aware of your child's grades. You can indicate on the form if you want a conference and a teacher will contact you.

## Upcoming Dates:

**Be sure to check the [SAA Calendar](#) on the school website frequently as that has the most current information!**

- 3/5/15 - SAA Board Meeting @ 8:00am (Open to the public)
- 3/6/15 - Spirit Day
- 3/9/15 - 3/13/15 - Spirit Day
- 3/17/15 - Spring Portraits & Group Photos

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The March Governing Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 5 at 8:00 in the administration building.

Mrs. Julie has asked that I remind you of the following:

T-shirt orders for all spring musicals are due this Wednesday. There is a T-shirt for middle school students for Once Upon A Mattress and a T-shirt with all four logos for kindergarten through 5th grade-Winnie the Pooh, Jungle Book, School House Rock, and Annie. Artwork for the shirts can be viewed in the SAA office.

Information on ads for both playbills and sponsorships went home last week. They can be turned in any time but must be turned in right after spring break. Call Julie for additional information.

Costume information will go home this Wednesday. Please watch for it.

Tickets for Once Upon A Mattress are currently available online at the Players Theatre on their website at theplayers.org or by calling their Box Office. All seats are reserved. This is a middle school production but ALL SAA families are invited to attend. Tickets are also available to the general public. There are 488 seats in the Players Theatre and we want all of them filled so don't forget to get your tickets soon for the best seats!!

Don't forget that Spring Break is next week, March 9 through 13. Have a great week! Encourage your fourth through eighth graders to be rested for the writing assessments, think about what they have been taught, and do their best to write a cohesive and meaningful manuscript.

Have a wonderful week!

Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

### Garden Club Plant Sale

Get your pre-potted plants today! For a great cause and price, you can get organic fruit, vegetable, and flower plants to start your own garden at home. Click here for the order form.

All order forms are due by April 24, 2015.

For any questions, please contact Lauren Howard at :

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We want to thank everyone for their participation and help with Jump Rope for Heart. We are proud to say that SAA raised \$2,356!!!! The kindergarten raised the most money out of any grade! Thanks for helping!

