



THE SHOOTING STAR



Sarasota Academy of the Arts

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Principal's Newsletter



Halloween is over and according to the stores, the holiday season is upon us! But not here...we have lots to do before the second quarter is over. The Halloween parties were enjoyed by all. The

kindergarten through fifth graders exuberantly displayed their costumes, sang songs, and ate! Pumpkins have been the source of much learning this past month. The kindergartners decorated pumpkins to look like a character in their book for October reading. I saw some very interesting ones getting out the cars with their artistic owners! The first graders used pumpkins to investigate "sink or float" for science and both grades painted pumpkins on Halloween and will grow plants with the seeds. The second graders were excited to film the full length movie written about the characters they represented in their costumes. One student told me it has 18 scenes! I can't wait to see the final cut! The week ended with the middle school dance on Friday evening. I wish I had their energy!

We're almost finished with the benchmark tests. We will be testing 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math and 5th grade science Monday through Thursday. Make-up tests will be given Friday. The fourth and eighth graders had their second FCAT writing practice essay last week. Students will take home the report cards on Friday, Nov. 8. Look for them in a small manila envelope that you should sign and return. The FAIR test results will be included as well.

Wednesday the kindergarten through 5th grade will attend the play Androcles and the Lion at the Florida Studio Theatre. This is part of the "Under Six" Write-a-Play program. Each class - even the kindergartners - will write a group play or individual plays that will be submitted in March to FST. Winning plays will be performed in May. It's always exciting if your play is chosen.

Wednesday afternoon will be the Fall Festival from 1:00 to 6:00. More about that in Kelly's note. She and Jenn Reeves have been working hard to make this a success. Please let me know if you have concerns about participation.

Thursday morning the 5th through 8th graders will participate in an assembly honoring our veterans. Mrs. Ortiz and Ms. Jardin have something special planned. Thursday evening is the PTO Meeting here at the school at 6:00pm. We will meet in rooms 8, 9, 11, 12. Please try to attend.

Friday is the first girls' and boys' basketball game. We wish them luck! They've been practicing every afternoon throughout October! Also on Friday, the elementary students will sell "icies" to raise money to help defray the cost of renting the buses for field trips.

Have a wonderful week!

Cecilia Blankenship

Upcoming Dates:

- **November 4th – Fall Festival Forms are due!**
- November 5th - Student Government Elections
- November 6th - Fall Festival from 1:00pm – 6:00pm
- November 7th - Flag Ceremony @ 9:00am in the Reading Garden
- PTO Meeting - November 7th at 6:00pm at SAA
- November 8th - Basketball Game against Imagine School Lakewood Ranch
- November 11 - 22nd: Mayors Feed the Hungry Food Drive
- November 12th - Basketball Game against Suncoast School of Innovative Studies



Mayors Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 11- 22, 2013

Please bring in non-perishable food items to school that you would like to donate.

Be sure to check the SAA website frequently, especially the Parent's Corner page and the School Calendar. It is updated weekly with important information!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sarasota Academy of the Arts
Invites you to our 1st Annual

FALL FESTIVAL

Wednesday, November 6, 2013
1:00pm - 6:00pm



Goods are 2 for \$1.00. Nachos will be \$2.00 = 2 tickets. Drinks will be \$1.00 = 1 ticket.

Tickets will be used instead of cash and may be purchased in advanced for \$1.00 a ticket An order form was sent home last week and is due on Monday, Nov. 4th. The forms will also be available in the front office for purchase of tickets. Please return it in a labeled envelope with payment. Tickets and arm-bands will be placed in your child's message center. Additional tickets may be purchased the day of the festival. Also volunteers are needed, so please fill out that section of the order form. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!

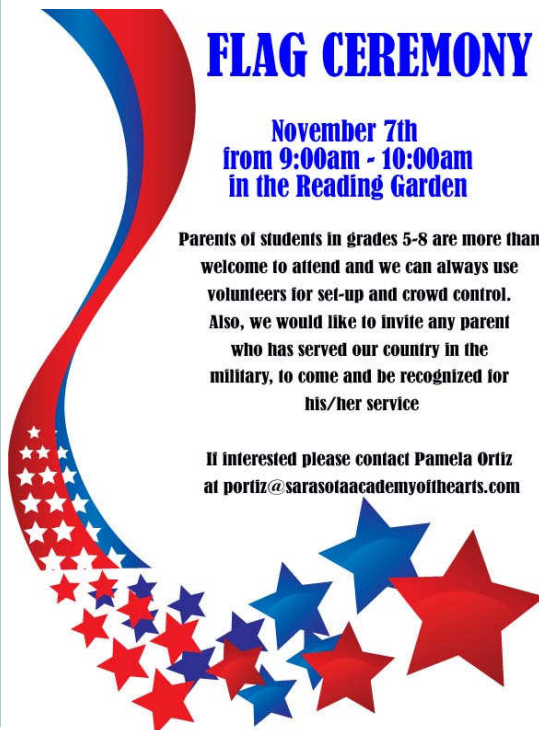
Fall Festival is coming!! Join us for a fun-filled event on
Wednesday, November 6th.

Our middle school students will be in charge of the booths during the first half of the afternoon and parent volunteers will take over the remainder of the time.

Armbands will be available at \$10 for an "all day play" pass to play Festival games, otherwise it will be \$1.00 a game/activity. The armband will also include 1 food ticket. Face Painting is an additional \$3.00. Food items like popcorn, cotton candy are \$1.00 a piece = 1 ticket. Baked

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FLAG CEREMONY

November 7th
from 9:00am - 10:00am
in the Reading Garden

Parents of students in grades 5-8 are more than welcome to attend and we can always use volunteers for set-up and crowd control. Also, we would like to invite any parent who has served our country in the military, to come and be recognized for his/her service

If interested please contact Pamela Ortiz at portiz@sarasotaacademyofthearts.com

Basketball Season is starting!!



The basketball schedule has been posted on the SAA website under the Parent's Corner tab.

Here are a few dates for upcoming games, but please check the rest of the schedule and come and show your support for the very first SAA Basketball team!

- 11/8: SAA / ISLWR **St. Johns United Methodist**
6611 Proctor Rd, Sarasota, FL
- 11/12: SAA / SSIS **SSIS Gym**
4311 Wilkinson Rd, Sarasota, FL
- 11/14: SAA / SKY **The Venice YMCA**