



# THE SHOOTING STAR



Sarasota Academy of the Arts

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## Principal's Newsletter



Last week was another busy one! Thank you to all of the volunteers we had for morning car line, the Fall Festival, Boxtops, basketball, and the elementary grades' "icie" sale. I appreciate so much your continued involvement.

Congratulations to all of the students who made the "Straight A Honor Roll" and Honor Roll and to those who achieved "Honorable Mention." There will be a list of names published on the SAA website next week and a special event is planned for November 22nd. We look forward to even more students achieving these levels second quarter. Please check assignments in the agenda book and on the websites. And if you need assistance, please let us know. We all need to work together to ensure the students get the most out of their education. You can help by reading to your children or having them read to you (or themselves) on a nightly basis. Please call if you want a conference or email the teachers directly if you have questions.

It is the teachers' responsibility to have lessons and assignments posted and papers graded in a timely fashion. It is the student's responsibility to complete assignments both in class and at home. Homework is given for practice and it's a good indicator of how well the student has mastered the daily material. If your child is having a very difficult time with the homework assignment, and you know he or she has been really trying, write the teacher a note in the agenda book or send an email. That way the teacher knows that is something that has to be

re-explained or taught in a different manner. It is the parent's responsibility to check the agenda books and see that the assignments are completed. Parents could set up a timeline for completing long-term projects - it not only avoids the last minute rush, but it also teaches responsibility.

We have completed the benchmark tests for math and science. Teachers will now be able to look at the results to plan intervention or enrichment where needed. The results of the FAIR test were included with the report cards. Please sign and return the envelope by Wednesday.

All teachers are now able to access Crosspointe so you should be seeing grades regularly. Let Kathy know if you can't...she may be able to help. If you do not have internet access at home, or know someone who doesn't, please let me know. We have some resources that may help you in these areas.

Congratulations to Hana Knowlton, second grade. Her piece of artwork won second place in the SRQ Airport art contest and will be displayed at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. Her prize was \$50.00.

The first basketball game was last Friday against Imagine Lakewood Ranch. Although both teams won, the scores were close and Coach Swilley said they played hard! Next week there are two games scheduled. Come out and support the team if you can.

Have a great week! !

Cecilia Blankenship

## Upcoming Dates:

- November 11 - 22nd: Mayors Feed the Hungry Food Drive
- November 12th - Basketball Game against Suncoast School of Innovative Studies
- November 14th - Basketball Game against SKY Academy
- November 18th - Basketball Game against Imagine School Palmer Ranch
- November 19th -FST Field Trip
- November 19th - Basketball Game against Imagine School North Port
- November 22nd - Honor Roll Ice Cream Social (stay tuned for details)



## Mayors Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 11- 22, 2013

See details on Page 2.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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Parent Teacher Organization  
Sarasota Academy of the Arts



**Our Meetings will be held the 1st  
Thursday of every month  
at 6:00pm**

*Sarasota Academy of the Arts  
Middle School Classrooms*

***Why come to a PTO Meeting?***

***Because we rely exclusively on parent involvement  
and volunteer time.***

***With your help, we can make a difference!***

Thank you to everyone who came out to our PTO meeting last week. For future reference, our meetings are held every month on the first Thursday at 6:00pm at school.

We encourage all of our SAA families to come out and hear all about the exciting things we have in store this year and would love your input and love the help as well.

All of our meeting dates, as well as our PTO Meeting Minutes are posted on the SAA website within a week of each meeting, so that you can be in the loop.

We also list the areas where we are needing help so your time and involvement with our school is crucial to its success. Hope to see you next time!

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Have you checked out the SAA website lately? We have several new drop down fields under the Parents Tab, such as the PTO Page, the SAA Photo Gallery of some of our recent events, our Business Partner Program, all the past issues of the SAA Shooting Star Newsletter, and the Sports/After School Activity pages . . . so be sure and visit and check it out often to get up to the date information on what's happening at SAA.

## Mayors Feed the Hungry



### Food Drive

**November 11 – 22, 2013**

Thanksgiving is a time to share our blessings. We are collecting food for the less fortunate in our community. Please bring non-perishable food items to school that you would like to donate:



### Canned Foods



Soup, Meat, Tuna, Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Pie Filling, Condensed Milk, Dessert, Cranberry Sauce, Etc.



### Packaged Foods



Rice, Noodles, Dried Beans, Spaghetti, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Powdered Milk, Pie Crust Mix, Etc.

