



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Bye, Bye Birdie is here! All of the students from kindergarten through eighth grade have been busy learning lines, songs, and dances in preparation for the Spring musical. Please be sure you have sent in the permission slips for the rehearsals and reserved your tickets for the night(s) your child performs. This is an exciting time for the students! Kindergarten through 5th grades will be going to SMA Monday and Tuesday morning to rehearse. The middle schoolers will go in the early afternoon and finish at 7:00pm. Students may be picked up from school at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The buses will not run until the regular times if bus service is needed. Students who need to do so may, of course, stay until regular dismissal time (4:00 PM) and be picked up, take the bus, or go into after-care. If you need information or tickets, please call the office.

Please remember to turn in your class choices for next year for enrichments, math, Spanish and chorus if you will be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. We would like to have these by May 12 so we can start scheduling and hiring extra staff for next year.

Last week was busy with the mock trial for fifth grade, pajama days and parties for 3rd and 4th grades (hosted by the teachers - Mr. Koci and Ms. Garabedian), and the K-3 trip to see *Junie B. Jones*. The PTO was Thursday night and we were entertained by Bianca Thomas (4th grade) and Haley Craft (5th grade) playing their guitars. They have been taking after-school classes with Mr. Upholz. We'd love to see more students take advantage of these types of lessons next year. There is no cost to students, but they do have to provide their own instruments. Bianca is a great example - she so wanted to learn guitar that she earned all the money she needed to buy her guitar. Thank you, Bianca for being so responsible!

Watch for news about EOCs in civics and algebra and SAT 10 reading comprehension test for some 1st and all 2nd graders. Go online to Crosspointe to check on mid-quarter grades. Students having less than a C in a class will be receiving a progress report this week. You will also be receiving information about the May 23 assembly and the May 30 luau.

Upcoming Dates:

- May 5th & 6th - Bye Bye Birdie Rehearsals
- May 7th, 8th & 9th - Bye Bye Birdie at SMA
- May 23rd - Recognition Ceremony
- May 26th - Memorial Day
- May 29th - 5th Grade Trip to Zoo School
- May 29th - 8th Grade Graduation & Dance
- May 30th - School Wide Luau (12:00pm - 4:00pm)
- June 2nd - Award Ceremonies
- June 2nd - Last Day of School

Need Volunteer Hours?

Here is the Volunteer Spot Group Page that lists many opportunities until the end of the school year.

Please sign up today!

<http://vols.pt/jginqw>



BRING TO SCHOOL!!

Don't forget costumes tomorrow and Tuesday!!

K - 5th Grade girls - white Keds and white socks. If you do not have white keds, please be sure and wear white socks.

K - 5th Grade Boys - wear sneakers and long blue jeans

Middle School Girls: Need the black character shoes and keds / or mary janes type of shoes.

The "Adult Women" should be wearing Adult Women's shoes.

Middle School Boys - Need to wear black dress shoes and black socks. And blue jeans if they are teens. Also, if the boys have a jacket or a coat, they can bring that too.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Moving Sets and Props back to SAA: We will need help getting everything back to SAA at the end of the last show (May 9th) <http://vols.pt/iqhxV9>

Ushers: Could you help take tickets and help people to their seats during the shows? <http://vols.pt/bjTDvX>

Office Help: Kathy will be out of the office on May 6th from 8:00am - 12:00pm. We need 2 people to help out during that time frame. <http://vols.pt/zCanXW>

Lunch Help: During the week of May 12th - 16th, we will need help serving lunch in the lunch room. We would like a couple of people to help out from 11:30am - 1:00pm. <http://vols.pt/YqpAVQ>

Office Help: Kathy will be out of the office on May 30th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. We need 2 people to help out during that time frame. <http://vols.pt/ZzjTmt>