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Principal's Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying the three-day weekend - last one until the October Professional Day!

It looks like the construction on the new classrooms is winding down. The sidewalks will be poured Tuesday and interior will hopefully be completed by Friday afternoon. Then we can take possession as soon as the final inspections are done. We would like to have some parents help with putting together the tables and shelving for the rooms as well as hanging the white boards if you can volunteer. Tentatively this will be next Saturday. But I can't let you know definitely until I have the okay from the contractor. Kelly Marsh will post it on the volunteer sign-up as soon as I know.

If you would like to volunteer for the School Advisory Committee (SAC), we would love to have you. The SAC looks at where we are academically and as a community and tries to find ways of improving SAA. The members also help to write the School Improvement Plan each fall. The committee would like to have more parent input as to how we can make SAA the best school for our students and families. Meetings are once a month after school. Please send me an email or call if you would like to be involved.

Sarasota Academy of the Arts, as a public charter school, follows the Sarasota County Reading Plan and the Florida Standards as a basis for our curriculum. We are continuously working to develop our curriculum maps and grading policies to reflect these and our own mission statement based on the infusion of the arts into all subject areas. If you have questions about any of these, please read the information on teacher websites and be sure to attend the Back-to-School nights coming up in the last week of September. The information that was to be shared on the canceled technology nights will be incorporated into these nights.

There is a wealth of information available at the [SAA website](#). I encourage you to check it out. You can find information on the music and visual arts programs, on the sports we offer, on family events, and on the teacher websites. There is a place to volunteer for special events or in classrooms. You can even respond to my letter with questions or concerns. Please be sure to check out the Parent's Corner as well.

Watch for information on the "origami" Assembly, Picture day, WCTDYWB (try to guess that one!), and family events. Have a wonderful week!

Cecilia Blankenship,
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

- 9/1: Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 9/5: Charleston Wrap Fundraiser DUE
- 9/4: SAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 9/5: Spirit Day
- 9/9: Rays Ticket Order Form Due!
- 9/11: Picture Day
- 9/18: PTO Mtg @ 6:00pm
- 9/21: Day with the Rays (Forms due on 9/9)



Did you know we have a Facebook page? "Like" us on Facebook and keep up to date with all the happenings at SAA.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be held on **September 11th**. Be sure and keep a lookout for the order forms you'll need to send in with your child.



Origami Assembly



On September 8th, we are having a visiting artist (Kuniko Yamamoto) who will share the story of 1000 paper cranes with our elementary students

and then we will learn origami. Parents can come and see the presentation from 10:00am - 10:45am. but we will need volunteers to help students with the art activity.

Please make sure you are PALS approved if you are able to volunteer. Please click on the following link to sign up: <http://vols.pt/hdyvDm>



RUN CLUB

Run Club is starting again! There will be a Run Club orientation meeting on Monday, September 9th at 4:20pm. Hope to see you there!

Business Partnership Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer to handle and coordinate Business Partnerships. Please contact Kelly Marsh at 941-350-3767 if you are interested.

2014 Volleyball Team

Volleyball tryouts were last week. Congrats to all who made the team!

- Coach Ms. Figel
- Co-Captain Carmela Moedano
- Co-Captain Emma Burg
- Jade Kemp
- Tatum Basista
- Haley Craft
- Brook Christensen
- Molly Boyas
- Natalie Marino
- Nadia Lugo
- Tylah Morrison
- Manager: Kiersten Mulkey
- Manager: Victoria Aquino



Charleston Wrap

Don't forget to turn in the Charleston Wrap fundraiser order forms and money by Friday,

VOLUNTEER INFO /PALS

Have you seen the Volunteer Spot group page? It lists upcoming volunteer opportunities at SAA. <http://vols.pt/jgjnqw> - Stay tuned as this list will get updated throughout the year.

We still have open slots for help with Picture Day on the 11th! Can you lend a couple of hours? Click on this link to sign up: <http://vols.pt/pTh6KN>

You must have ALL of your paperwork and physicals complete by September 4, 2014 to be eligible to play.