



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Newsletter



Last week was busy, wasn't it? Thank you to all of the parents and students who came to Family Skate Night. I think everyone had a great time; I know I did. We're going to do it again soon. And thank you to

those who attended our first PTO meeting Thursday night. Lots of information was shared. Please remember to let Kelly or me know if you want to be part of the SAC. We will take nominations as required then form the actual committee. And send in those Box Tops Friday!

October 4th, was the first monthly Spirit Day. Congratulations to second grade, lead by Mr. Kolowith. 64% of the students wore their blue SAA t-shirts. Don't forget that "Spirit Week" started today. Check the list on the Parent Page for special days the rest of this week.

This past Friday was also the parent breakfast for kindergarten through 3rd grade parents. We had a very nice turn-out. Thank you to the elementary teachers and to Mrs. Solano for all they did. Next month there will be a speaker at 8:00 after the breakfast. I hope we'll see more events like this in the future.

We will complete the FAIR testing on Tuesday for 5th grade and Thursday for 4th grade. On October 14th we will do make-up for any who have missed testing. Please try to stop by the Art Show and reception this coming Thursday at Selby Library. Parents who have already seen it have been very pleased with the display. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Quattro for putting it all together.

The PALS computer should be up and running by tomorrow! An IT technician from the district is

coming out to install the necessary programs.

Also, everyone should be able to access student grades on Crosspointe now as well. All of the teachers now have access and have been entering grades. If you cannot find your child's grades, please email us so we can help. Also, by Wednesday you should have received codes for elementary reading, elementary math, K-8 science, and K-8 social studies programs online. Again, let us know if you need help.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Ms. Garabedian is tackling this topic with the 2nd through 5th grades in her character education classes. And there are many wonderful resources online that you can access at home. Please take some time to discuss the topic with your children. It's important for them to know what is and what isn't bullying and how to both avoid being a bully or being bullied.

Congratulations to Mr. Upholz who received a \$500.00 grant for his gardening program. I'm sure he will put it to good use as a resource for the middle school science program.

Have a wonderful week!



The "Tree of Life" paintings, by Sarasota Academy of the Arts students (Kindergarten through 5th grade) will be on display at the Selby Library Children's Room on Thursday, October 10th from 5:00pm—6:00pm.

These are inspired by the artist Gustav Klimt and Shel Silverstein's book The Giving Tree.

Upcoming Dates:

- Spirit Week is this week!
Monday: Crazy Sock Day
Tuesday: Tacky Tourist Day
Wednesday: Mismatch Day
Thursday: Neon Day
Friday: Jersey Day
- October 9th/10th: Cookie Dough Orders should be in!
- October 15th: Yankee Candle Fundraiser due!
- October 17th: Student Health Visit to SAA for vision tests
- October 19th at 7:00pm: Sarasota's Got Talent Show, held at Sarasota Military Academy (come out and see & support all the amazing talent Sarasota has to offer!
- October 22nd: Fall Follies at Sarasota Military Academy
- October 29th: Run Club Orientation



PARENTS:

School Health will be at SAA on Thursday, October 17th to do vision testing for Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 6th graders, and new-to-the-state, 2nd, 4th and 5th graders.

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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