



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner Happy Mother's Day!

It was a busy week with all of the Bye Bye Birdie rehearsals and performances. Thank you and congratulations to all of the students who worked so hard - from the kindergartners to the leading cast. You're to be commended for hanging in for all three shows and still getting to class every day! I think you were wonderful! Thank you also to the parents and teachers who volunteered so much time and energy. Thanks go out to Mr. Jeff for his assistance in directing and backstage and Mr. Matt for the final number. And, of course, a tremendous thank you to Mrs. Julie for all of her time and direction. It takes so many people to put on a performance like this. We couldn't have done it without any of you. That's what SAA is about - performing arts in a small, family-centered school where every student has an opportunity to shine.

Because it happened the same week, many students were unable to attend the receptions at the student art exhibit at the Art Center of Sarasota. Twenty-nine students had their art displayed. Those students did receive an invitation to the receptions and the exhibit that was open from April 29 through May 10 so I hope some of the families were able to visit the exhibit. The students will be recognized at the May 23 Recognition Assembly.

On Wednesday of this week, Aaron Whitley (5th grade) and Brianna Hair (6th grade) will represent SAA in the county-wide speech contest. All of the students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades prepared and gave a speech on a topic of their own choosing then were judged by staff members according to the contest guidelines. SAA can send one student to represent 4th and 5th grade and one to represent 6th grade. We wish them well on Wednesday!

Please remember that the 2nd graders and six of the first graders will be taking the SAT 10 Reading Comprehension test on Tuesday and Wednesday. The 7th graders will take the Civics EOC on Tuesday and the algebra students will take the Algebra EOC on Wednesday.

Please send in the course choices for middle school for next year if you have not done so. We need those to begin scheduling. You will receive a letter later this week outlining after-school sports options for next year.

Have a wonderful week!

Upcoming Dates:

- May 23rd - Recognition Ceremony
- May 26th - Memorial Day
- May 27th - Kindergarten Graduation
- 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!

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