



THE SHOOTING STAR



Sarasota Academy of the Arts

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Principal's Newsletter



Another busy week coming up.... But first a special thank you to all of the volunteers at the Book Fair! We sold a lot of books and made \$675.00 cash that will be used for books for classroom libraries. We would like to run it for two days in the

spring. Also, many thanks to the Barron-Moreno family and Mr. Mandujano for the help they gave Mr. Upholz with the science garden. And thanks to Mr. Kolowith, Kristie Bryan, and Sharon and Clara Boyas for their help this weekend with the new garden areas and cleaning the roof.

Please remember to check the online calendar often. Scroll over the entry to expand it to get all of the information. **This week Kindergarten through 3rd grade have "Back to School / Open House" night on Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. 4th and 5th grade parents will come on Wednesday, and 6th through 8th grade parents are scheduled for Thursday.** Parents will follow an abbreviated schedule of their students' days and 1st quarter progress reports will be distributed. Julie McHugh will meet with parents going on the Tennessee trip after the Thursday meeting. Parents receive volunteer hours for this and each student whose parent attends will receive a homework pass. We hope to see all of you there.

It has been brought to our attention that not everyone is getting all of the information we send home. To increase communication, here is the first edition of "The Shooting Star" that will sent out every Monday. This will contain important information you need for the upcoming week. The principal's newsletter is also published on the SAA website every Sunday night. We will also continue to send emails as needed. One feature of the mass email program we use is that it lets us know right away when someone opens our email. So if we see only 33% of parents/guardians open the email, we know most of you are missing out on information. **Please open the emails.** You will be able to see from the email subject line what the email is about. Then you can choose to open it if it pertains to you. Another means of communication is ConnectEd which will be up and running soon. And you also have the agenda book and teacher websites to help keep you informed. Please let Kelly Marsh or me know if you are still not getting enough information or if you would like it sent in Spanish or another language. We'll try to make it happen!

We are also forming the SAC and writing our SIP (School Improvement Plan). The plan will be presented to all parents on October 3rd at the first PTO meeting.

Student Advisory Council

Are you looking for ways to become more involved? Do you want to be a part of helping to make our school great? If you answered yes to those questions, then being a member of Sarasota Academy of the Art's School Advisory Council (SAC) might be for you! The purpose of a SAC is

to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. Additionally, SAC receives funds "to be used at the discretion of the School Advisory Committee. A portion of the

money should be used for implementing the school improvement plan."

Please contact Kelly Marsh via her email at KelBelleFL@aol.com if you are interested. The first SAC meeting will likely be held in the next week or so.

Upcoming Dates:

- Open Houses (Tuesday—Thursday) - see schedule.
- Tennessee Trip Meeting (after Thursdays Open House)
- Fall Picture Day: Monday, 9/23/13
- Family Fun Night at Stardust Skate Center Tuesday, 10/1/13 from 6:00pm—8:00pm
- 1st PTO Meeting: Thursday, 10/3/13
- SPIRIT DAY! 10/6/13 Don't forget to wear your SAA T-Shirt

SPIRIT DAY is coming up! Have you purchased your student's SAA T-Shirt?



Get yours today for only \$10.



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Be sure to check the Parent's Corner frequently on the SAA website. There are ongoing volunteer opportunities listed on that page where we need help!

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