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Principal's Corner

Thank you to the parents who worked at the Applebee's breakfast yesterday and to all of the families that came to eat and support the transportation fund. We made \$470.00 for the fund. And thank you to the teachers and parents who planned and produced the lunar event last Wednesday. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, we had a great turnout. Finally, thank you to the teachers and parents who organized and supervised the volleyball carwash yesterday. The team raised \$370.00 to help cover the cost of referees and gym rental. We have a wonderfully supportive group of teachers and parents at Sarasota Academy of the Arts.

This week we have the first concert with performances by the kindergarten through fourth grade music classes on Monday evening. The Book Fair is Wednesday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Two of the middle school choruses and the 3rd/4th grade chorus will be performing in area retirement and assisted living facilities this week during the day. And, the kindergarten through third grades will be visiting the Bishop Planetarium on Wednesday. PTO is Thursday night with entertainment provided by the middle school drama classes. We hope you will stop by the Book Fair and attend the PTO meeting.

Directions for Glenridge Performing Arts Center:

Kindergarten arrives at 5:30, performs at 6:00
 1st/2nd arrive at 6:00, perform at 6:30
 3rd/4th arrive at 6:30, perform at 7:00.
 Admission is \$5.00 for adults; children are free.

Directions to Glenridge: South on I-75 to Clark Road. Turn right at the exit and south on Honore Avenue. At Palmer Ranch Blvd., turn left. You will immediately see the sign for Glenridge. Turn left, go through the guard gate. The theater is directly ahead with parking on the left, right and in front of the theater.

The second Box Tops for Education campaign starts tomorrow and goes through October 31. Send in your box tops in a baggie with the student's name and grade for credit. The class with the most box tops gets to throw a pie (actually a paper plate of whipped cream) at Mr. Matt at the fall festival on November 7. He's a good sport about it and the third graders who won last year had a great time! The box tops money is going towards improvement of the art room and

Upcoming Dates:

Be sure to check the SAA Calendar for up to date information!

- 10/13: K - 4 (Show at Glenridge)
- 10/14: Good Vibes Field Trip to Crossbreeze & Heartland Care
- 10/15: Book Fair (7:00am - 6:00pm)
- 10/15: K - 3 Bishop Planetarium Field Trip
- 10/15: High Voltage @ Hawthorne Village & Desoto Beach Club
- 10/16: 3rd & 4th Grade @ Fountains & Venetian Gardens
- 10/16: PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 10/20: Stellar Force at Consulate Health Care and Cabot Reserve
- 10/21: Chilis Fundraiser



(Principal's Newsletter continued) Last week I wrote about academic endurance, especially as it relates to math. This week, I want to share with you about literacy. In the weekly packet being sent home tomorrow, you will see a chart referring to the correlation between reading and academic success. We have a Literacy Team that will be planning events to increase awareness and involve parents in helping their children to be successful readers. The team is also planning ways beyond the classroom to improve vocabulary and reading comprehension of our students. Literacy extends beyond the reading or language arts classroom. It impacts everything we do, whether it is reading for an assignment or pleasure, reading the directions for assembling a bicycle, reading a recipe, or even understanding what a math question is asking. Look for notices about literacy from our team throughout the year.

Have a great week!

K - 5th Grade T-shirts are in!

If you have pre-paid and placed an order for a blue SAA shirt, please stop in the office any-time after noon on Monday, October 13th.

We have ordered some extras as well so if you didn't pick one up yet, here's your chance. We have a limited supply so stop in and get yours today. They are \$10 each!

We use these shirts on Spirit Days and field trip days for our elementary students.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! We only have 5 of 20 spots filled for volunteers for our Book Fair this coming Wednesday, and ZERO spots filled to help with set up on Tuesday after school. We are in desperate need of help and can't put on the book fair and events like these without parent volunteers. This is a perfect way to meet some of your required volunteer hours!

Click go directly to this link to sign up:

<http://vols.pt/Wz2tcj>



SAA is pleased to announce our SAA Business Partner Coordinators for the 2014 - 2015 school year, Danielle Beatt and Mitzi Lumsden. We thank them for helping to connect our community with Sarasota Academy of the Arts. If you would like to become an SAA Business Partner, please stop by the office and pick up a Business Partnership packet.

PTO Meeting this week!

Come join us this coming Thursday at the next PTO meeting at 6:00pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Drama classes.

Also, Cecilia Blankenship, will be presenting the annual School Improvement Plan (SIP) to all of our parents. This is important information to be shared with our SAA families regarding the direction of our school and we look forward to your attendance!