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Principal's Corner

Hello everyone! I want to use this space this week to get a head start on the things I am thankful for since Thanksgiving is coming up soon!

First of all, I am thankful for our students. We currently have 208 students, with 116 in grades K through 5 and 92 in middle school. There are very few discipline problems, for which I am very grateful! The seventh graders attended a program at the Van Wezel on Friday, after which the teachers praised them for their exemplary behavior. Most of the middle schoolers attended the dance Friday night and, again, their behavior and enthusiasm were outstanding. Mrs. Julie constantly receives compliments about the manners and respect the students show when they perform at the area retirement centers and assisted living facilities. So, thank you to our students!

Secondly, I am thankful for the parents who entrust their children to us. We all love it when you are involved in your child's education, whether it is attending programs, helping out in the office, the costume house, the library, the classroom, chaperoning field trips, driving to basketball games, and even getting your child to school on time and making them read nightly! A special thanks to Kelly Marsh, parent, Board Member, and parent liaison for all the many things she does. Thank you to the parents who are involved in PTO, SAC, and school committees. We couldn't do it without you!

The third group for which I am thankful is the SAA staff. This week, I want to especially recognize our Literacy Team who organized the program last Tuesday: Ms. Graddy, Ms. LaRose, Ms. Figel, Ms. Howard, and Mr. Kolowith. Also helping out were Ms. Diaz, Ms. Tirotta, Ms. Bryan, Mr. Pascuzzi, Mr. Matt, and Mrs. Julie. With the complete integration of the new Florida Standards and our particular emphasis on math, all of the teachers have been involved in taking classes and participating in professional development to help them become the best teachers your children can have. They do stay busy!

Check the calendar for upcoming events. We don't want you to miss anything!

Have a great week!

Upcoming Dates:

Be sure to check the [SAA Calendar](#) on the school website frequently as that has the most current information!

- 11/10 - 11/21 - Mayor's Feed the Hungry Campaign

- 11/17 - High Voltage Field Trip (10:30am - 1:30pm)

- 11/17 - Middle School Honor Roll Ice Cream Social (1:00pm - 2:00pm)

- 11/20 - PTO Meeting at 6:00pm

- 11/21 - High Voltage Performance at Der Dutchman (7:30am - 9:00pm)

- 11/22 - SAA Family Garage Sale (8:00am - 12:00pm)

- 11/22 - Carrabas Luncheon (11:00am - 12:30pm)

- 11/24 - ESOL Night

Want to sign up to volunteer your time at SAA? Please follow the link below to see spots available.

<http://vols.pt/Jgjnqw>



Spirit Cups are in!

The Spirit Cups arrived and are sorted and are ready for pick up! Please be sure and stop by the main office to get them. There are also leftover orders from Charleston Wrap & Yankee Candle so please pick up your orders ASAP!

Thanks so much for your support!!



Mayors Feed the Hungry Food Drive!

The Food Drive will be running from November 10th - 21st.

Please send in non-perishable food items!

Items include

Family Yard Sale & Art/Craft Class



Saturday, NOVEMBER 22
8:00am - 12:00pm

SAA is having a yard sale! :-) Stop by and show your support.

Also, if you would like to donate baked goods for the Bake Sale table, we'd appreciate any help we can get! Please drop items off at the main office on Friday.

PTO Meeting

Thursday, November 20th

Please join us Thursday at 6:00pm for updates on what's happening on campus, and for a very special presentation.

Honor Roll Ice Cream Social

On Monday, November 17th, some of our Middle School students will be invited to attend the Honor Roll & Attendance Recognition ceremony from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Parents of these students were emailed information last week and are welcome to join us.

Please note that some of the students in the High Voltage performing group, will join the Ice Cream Social when they return from their field trip. If any of our PALS approved volunteers can help out in anyway to help scoop and serve ice cream or send in needed items, we always appreciate the help! Please click the link to sign up and choose Monday's available slots! <http://vols.pt/n9cy8L>

Why Volunteer?

Whether your children are just starting kindergarten or entering middle school, there are many good reasons for parents to volunteer. It's a great way to show your children that you take an interest in their education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause. Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start

Below you will find a link to a great article on what research has shown about parent involvement in schools.

<http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/754-5-reasons-to-get-involved>