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Principal's Corner



We were very pleased to see so many parents at the PTO meeting Thursday. We hope even more will join us in February, on the 6th when we'll have a special program for parents. You'll be receiving information soon about the speaker for that night.

You received a lot of information last week... re-registration forms, music program news, information and permission form for the spring musical, and information about Literacy Week. I trust you received all of these, but if you didn't, please call the office and we'll resend them. The permission forms for the spring musical were sent home Friday with the students; it should be returned this week.

Next week is Literacy Week. Remember that there is an activity for the students everyday with special activities on Thursday for the students during the day and parents and students in the evening. We hope you'll join us. We can still use some volunteers to sort books and help on Thursday. We start with kick-off assemblies Monday and 'read-a-thons' on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thursday is character day. Students are invited to dress as their favorite book character and bring a copy of the book to share if they can. We're also part of the the Million Minute Event going on throughout the state as students read extra minutes during the week. Thursday evening is the book exchange, hotdogs for all, and a speaker for the parents. Please come out!

You should have received student IDs and passwords for FCAT Explorer if your child is in grades 3 through 8. Please encourage your child to use the website to review skills. FCAT dates are on the website calendar.

Have a wonderful week!

Literacy Night Details . . .

We need help organizing the donated books for the book exchange (there are 8 volunteer slots available for this on Monday and Tuesday (we will add hours on Wednesday if needed), supervising the book exchange on Literacy Night (3 volunteers needed), cooking hotdogs, selling chips and soft drinks (3 volunteers needed), and distributing dessert and helping with cleanup (3 volunteers needed). If you want to bring a dessert to share, please do so (there are 10 slots available), and we still need more books for any and all ages. We also have an opportunity to pick up literacy tickets to be cut and distributed to the classrooms. . . A link to Volunteer Spot was provided in your email last week, but in case you've misplaced it, this link will take you to the invitation page where you can choose which area you would like to help with: <http://vols.pt/kLWvhvW>

The tentative schedule is:

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| 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Dinner and book exchange |
| 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Speaker |
| 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Dessert and book exchange |

We'd also love to have volunteers come read to the children in grades K-4 anytime during the week. We're looking forward to seeing you here!

Upcoming Dates:

- Enrollment Period:
Jan. 1st - Feb. 14, 2014
- January 13th - 17th -
Literacy Week
- January 16th - Literacy
Night at 5:30pm
- January 20th - MLK -
No School
- January 21st -
Professional Day - No
School
- January 23rd - Play
Auditions
- January 23rd - School
Advisory Council
(SAC) Meeting at
5:30pm



Literacy Week Details!

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Monday

K - 3 8:30-9:00

4th-5th 9:15-9:45

6th-8th 10:00-10:30

Kick off Celebration and Pep rally

Classes will come to the reading garden in groups at different times during the day to hear about the week's activities and get excited about our theme of reading.

Tuesday

1:45-2:45

All school Outdoor* Read

Our entire school will converge outside on the playground to take part in the largest independent reading activity in the history of the school.

***weather permitting**

Wednesday

8:00-8:45

Page-A-Thon competition

For the first 45 minutes of the day each class will read and record how many pages they read. The class that completes the most pages will earn a fantastic prize. So don't be late – every minute and every page is important.

Thursday

All Day **Storybook Character Dress-Up**

Dress up as your favorite character from a book. Bring the book along so you can show off your costume.

Please keep costumes safe and tasteful.

Thursday Evening

5:30-7:30 PM

Literacy Night & Book Fair

This is the main event! Come back to school at 5:30 to get your books. Students can use StarBucks or Literacy week tickets to trade for free books! Parents come to hear presentations on helping your students become better readers. Best of all free Hot Dogs for everyone in attendance!

Friday **Book Buddies**

Each student in the school will be paired up with an older or younger student to get the chance to read or be read to. A great chance to interact with and learn from students in other grades.

Be a part of our Million Minutes of reading at home each night. Read at home and log your minutes. Fill out the Literacy week reading form and get a free book for each 20 minutes read! The reading form starts Monday, Jan. 13th and runs through Thursday, Jan. 16th.