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Principal's Corner

I hope everyone has enjoyed the time off. Your teachers spent the day in professional development classes to improve how and what they teach because we all know we can never stop learning. Teachers were involved in math, reading, writing, arts, and student engagement classes throughout the district. They also spent time computing final grades for the semester so you should be able to check them in crosspoint. You will receive hard copies of the report cards next week.

We are in the process of interviewing for a new teacher in middle school social studies. Mrs. Figel, who is leaving for family reasons, had her final day with the students last Friday. The students will have a substitute and some "auditioning" teachers this week. We hope to have a new teacher in place by the end of next week.

Our big event coming up is Literacy Week. You will be receiving emails and flyers describing each day. We are counting on you to attend the parent activities and to encourage your child to participate in the daily activities. Reading and the love of reading is so important!

Testing this week involves math. Students in grades three through eight will have computer-based tests on material covered throughout first semester. Please be on time as some of the grades begin testing at 8:00am.

Have a wonderful, short week!

Cecilia Blankeship, SAA Principal

Upcoming Dates:

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

- 1/21/15 - SAC Meeting (School Advisory Council) @ 4:15pm
- 1/22/15 - Chick-fil-a Fundraiser (5:00pm - 8:00pm)
- 1/26/15 - Student Council Meeting @ 4:00pm
- 1/29/15 - Literacy Night & Book Exchange (6:00pm - 8:00pm)





Literacy Week

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- Monday** **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** **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** **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** **Literacy Night & Book Fair**
This is the main event! Come back to school at 6:00 to get your books. Students can use Literacy Tickets to trade for free books! Parents, come to hear presentations on helping your students become better readers and writers. Best of all free Hot Dogs for everyone in attendance.
- Friday** **Dramatic Reading Competition**
Students will select a passage to read in front of their peers. The winner will be determined by a vote of the students and our panel of expert judges. Students can get official rules and sign-up sheet in the front office.

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!

Student Council Meetings

The Student Council will meet on specific Mondays, from 4:00pm - 4:45pm. See the dates below. If your student is a Student Council Member, they are required to attend.

1/26/15	4/6/15
2/9/15	4/13/15
2/23/15	5/04/14
3/16/15	

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