



# THE SHOOTING STAR



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## Principal's Newsletter



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

November was "kindness" month for our

character education program. The first through 5th graders have daily classes devoted to character education led by Ms. Rastelli (1st) and Ms. Garabedian (2nd - 5th). The middle school teachers try to infuse the trait into their daily lessons which they start off with an opening assembly. At the end of the month, each class chooses the person who best displays the trait. The following students were chosen by their classmates:

1st - Melania Gonzalez, 2nd - Roy Thompson and Aurora Newcomb, 3rd - Riley Scofield, 4th - Jessica Bennington and Willow Schwartzwald, 5th - Hunter Helmig and Desiree Rodriguez, 6th - Delaney Swain and Donli Hughes, 7th - Sarah Squire, 8th - Stephen Ritchie. Congratulations to all of these students. We are very proud of you! The trait for December is "forgiveness."

A number of the middle school students will be performing at the Ringling Museum this Thursday evening and at Downtown Disney on

Saturday. We wish them well and know they will do a good job.

Progress reports were sent home last Tuesday. If you did not receive one from your child, please call and we can send a duplicate. Also, call if you would like to schedule a conference with one or more teachers. 7th grade will have their online mid-term exam for Civics on Monday, Dec. 16 and the 8th grade Algebra class will have their mid-term exam on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Don't forget PTO this week. And there are two basketball games, Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a wonderful week!

Cecilia Blankenship

## Our PTO Needs YOU!

Our next PTO Meeting has been changed to December 4th because of several conflicts on the 5th. It will be held at school at 6:00pm in the middle school building.

Our meetings cover all kinds of topics, not just fundraising efforts, and we discuss many things happening at school, future plans, and how YOU can be a part of it. Hope to see you on the 4th!

## Upcoming Dates:

- December 3rd - Basketball Game against Palmer Charter
- December 4th - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm - NOTE: DATE CHANGE! It was originally scheduled for the 5th.
- December 5th - Basketball Game against SSAS
- December 6th - Spirit Day!
- December 9th - Basketball Game against Palmetto Charter
- December 16th - Frosty Follies



## TOY DRIVE for SMH

If you'd like to participate, please donate a NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY for this drive. A collection bin is available in the SAA office, and toys will be collected now through **December 13th!!**