



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

When Sarasota Academy of the Arts was first founded, the underlying principle was that all students would be able to participate in extended performing and visual arts classes. There is research to show that participation in the arts not only enriches the curriculum but also supports it and makes it accessible to more students and we know that children and adults learn through many different ways. One of the learning styles we want to tap into is the "aural" or auditory-musical style. Another is the "visual" or spatial as in the visual arts.

This past summer I was invited to send teachers from SAA to become trained in and partnered with the Arts Integration League. Four teachers, Mrs. McHugh, Mrs. Quattro, Mrs. Tirota, and Mr. Upholz have been involved in the project. They have tried to bring the arts into the classroom by sharing what they have learned with the rest of the SAA staff and by integrating it into their own lessons.

This week we have examples of both aural and visual strategies being used to enhance the core subjects of math, language arts, social studies, and science. The K-5 music classes have been singing about topics from those subjects and are ready to share what they are doing with the parents. You will have an opportunity to see just what they've been practicing at the performances Monday through Thursday evenings. (Please check the calendar and Mrs. Julie's letters home for specific times and dates.) Mrs. Quattro's K-5 art classes have been studying Georgia O'Keefe's works. They not only painted flowers in her style, but also wrote poetry about their work. Many of the students will have their work displayed at Selby Library through the month of February. Please try to visit the exhibit. It means a lot to the students who were chosen.

This past week everyone took part in a very successful Literacy Week. My thanks go to the Literacy Committee (Mrs. Graddy, Mrs. LaRose, Mrs. Howard, and Mr. Kolowith) who organized it so well and to the parents who volunteered. Students read every day, dressed as book characters, and performed dramatic readings. I wish you could have "heard" the silence when all of the students (200+) and teachers gathered on the playground to silently read for 25 minutes last Tuesday. It was amazing!

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the 2015-16 enrollment forms. We sincerely thank you for entrusting your child's education to us!

Have a wonderful week!

Upcoming Dates:

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

- 2/2/15 - Kindergarten Music Program @ 6:00pm

- 2/3/15 - 1st/2nd Grade Music Program @ 6:00pm

- 2/4/15 - 3rd/4th Grade Music Program @ 6:00pm

- 2/5/15 - SAA Board Meeting at 8:00am (open to the public)

- 2/5/15 - 5th Grade Music Program @ 6:00pm

- 2/6/15 - Jump Rope for Heart (K-5)

- 2/6/15 - Advanced Chorus at Pelican Cove @ 5:45pm



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Selby Library 2nd Annual Art Exhibit

50 students from elementary school will have their Art hanging at Selby Library for SAA's 2nd annual art exhibit. We will also display selected poetry the students' wrote about their paintings. We are thrilled to once again partner with Selby Library for this fantastic opportunity.



The art opening will be Thursday February 5th from 5:00-5:30.

The exhibit will be up in the lobby of the library for the month of February. Please join us to celebrate our talented students.

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Go to the PTO page on the SAA website for the link to start shopping. It's that easy!

STAR GRAMS!!

If you ordered a STAR GRAM, they will be available for pickup after each grade's performance at the shows (K - 5th grade) that are taking place this week at SAA!



Thank you to everyone who participated!



Family Fun Night!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 24th for our Annual Family Fun Night at Stardust Skate center. Details are coming home this week.