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Principal's Corner

Another short week! But this will be another busy one!

Tomorrow (Tuesday) is Picture Day. Envelopes were sent home last week, however, if you need another one, please see Kathy in the morning. We are taking class, sports team and clubs, Girl Scouts, Kindergarten and 8th grade graduation, Student Council, and the panorama. Basketball team members should bring their uniforms. We are also doing make-up photos for anyone who has started since October.

Thursday there is a SAC meeting from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. Also on Thursday is the Family Fun Night at Jumpin Fun Sports and Trampoline Park from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. A flyer was sent home last Thursday and there is more information on the attached page. We hope to see many of the SAA families there. Friday is the Honor Roll Ice Cream Social. And, of course, the 4th and 8th graders are busy putting the finishing touches on their preparation for the FCAT Write assessment which is Tuesday, February 25. Parents of those students should have received a letter sent home on Friday regarding the assessment. It is important that you read it carefully and return the bottom portion with your signature.

A special thank you goes out to Juan Villagomez who greeted students in the car line for the last two weeks. If there is anyone who can help out between now and the end of the school year, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Robin Stafford and Christina Sanders who volunteered in the office when Kathy was out at district training.

Last week students were busy with Valentines Day preparations and the parties on Friday. Thank you to all of the parents who provided treats and came to help. Friday evening was the Middle School Valentine's Day dance, sponsored by the Student Council. Most of our middle schoolers were present and all seemed to be enjoying themselves. Students voted earlier in the week for king and queen, and prince and princess for the dance. Congratulations to those who were crowned: Martin Leone and Lauren Weble, and to Dominic Garcia and Delaney Swain!

Please remember to register to vote prior to February 24 if you are a Sarasota county resident and have not done so. This will allow you to vote March 25 on the upcoming referendum. SAA would receive approximately \$191,846.00 next year if the referendum passes. This money would be used for staff salaries and to extend the art and music program.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 18th - Class / Groups / Teams & Panorama Picture Day
- February 20th - SAC Meeting from 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- February 20th from 6:00-8:00pm: Family Fun Night at Jumpin Fun!
- February 21st: Honor Roll Ice Cream Social
- February 25th: 4th & 8th Grade FCAT Writing
- March 4th –Spring Fling
- March 6th - Play Pictures
- March 6th - PTO Meeting at 6:00pm
- March 7th –Spirit Week
- March 10th-14th: SPRING BREAK!

Need Volunteer Hours?

Here is the Volunteer Spot Group Page that lists many opportunities now through the end of April.

Please sign up today!

<http://vols.pt/Jgjnqw>



Family Fun Night is this Thursday, February 20th!

We invite you to join us for a fun night out with your family from 6:00pm— 8:00pm. It will be held at Jumpin Fun Sports and Trampouline Park located at 7321 Trade Court, Sarasota, FL 34240



It's \$12 per person for one hour, or \$20 for two hours of jumping fun. Only those that will be participating in the trampouline activities will be required to pay. Also, food & drinks will also be available for purchase.

Parents, please note that you are required to stay with your child and this is not a drop off situation. They will need your supervision at all times. Thank you for your understanding.

It will be a great evening to connect with other families as well as staff and faculty and we are looking forward to seeing our SAA families there!

Volunteer Opportunity - Honor Roll Ice Cream Social!

On Friday, February 21st we will have the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream Social.



We have 15 time slots available for volunteers, but we also have a TON of items needed such as ice cream (regular & vegan), bowls, spoons, sprinkles, M&Ms, cherries, whipped cream, chocolate syrup, and lots more. Please check the list and if are able to donate or volunteer your time, please sign up <http://vols.pt/7JZAv1>.

If you sign up to donate an item, please make sure we have it in the office THE DAY BEFORE (by February 20th) so that we can plan accordingly. *You will also get one hour of volunteer time for donating items for the ice cream social.*

Volunteers are needed from 1:00pm-4:00pm and must be PALS approved prior to volunteering. Here is the volunteer schedule for the afternoon, and classes will the staggered in 30 minute increments.

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
- 3rd - 5th Grade: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- 6th - 8th Grade: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

This is a great way to fulfill some of your required volunteer time for the year while celebrating our honor roll students. Thank you for all your support!