



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. This week will be a busy one so please read all the information in the weekly packet and check out the calendar.

Spring pictures for individuals and classes will be Tuesday, March 17. Please call the office Monday if you need another order form. Play pictures will be Wednesday for the middle schoolers, Thursday for 1st/2nd graders and 5th graders, and Friday for kindergarten and 3rd/4th graders. The advanced chorus has a concert Wednesday evening. FAIR (reading) assessments will be Tuesday through Friday for 3rd through 8th graders.

The third and fourth graders will be doing a final review this week for the FSA tests in language arts and math that will begin March 24. The language arts, or reading, assessment is the "gateway" test for third graders. We do not know what the score must be for students to "pass" since this is a new test this year. In the past students had to score a 2 or better on the FCAT2.0 Reading to pass from 3rd to 4th grade. Mrs. Graddy, our reading specialist, has been assisting daily in the third grade classroom and will continue to do so until the test date. Ms. Diaz has been sending home review material in math and reading and has been doing daily reviews for math in class. Please continue to review with your children and encourage them to work on raz kids. Ms. Confer and Mrs. Howard have done the same with the fourth graders. Continue with IXL for the math review. Hopefully, you have visited the fsassessments.org site to preview the tests. These tests are important but please discuss them in an encouraging way so students will not be overly stressed. Remind them to just do their best. You will receive a mailed letter regarding the testing later this week.

We had work done over the break on the sewer connection to the office but it was not finished. Please be careful when pulling through the carline and when parking in front of the office. The project should be completed very soon. Then we will be asking for help fixing up the reading garden. This will be an opportunity to get your volunteer hours in if you still need to do so.

Have a wonderful week!

Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

Upcoming Dates:

- 3/16/15 - PTO (Jelly Belly) Fundraiser Due!

- 3/16/15- 3 /19/15
Testing

- 3/16/15 - Student
Council Meeting from
4:00pm - 4:45pm

- 3/17/15 - Spring
Portraits & Class
Photos

- 3/18/15 - Middle
School Play Pictures

- 3/18/15 - SAC
Meeting at 4:15pm

- 3/18/15 - Advanced
Chorus to Park East
(5:45pm - 8:45pm)

- 3/19/15 - 1st/2nd &
5th Play Pictures

- 3/19/15 - PTO
Meeting @ 6:00pm

- 3/20/15 -
Kindergarten
& 3rd/4th Pictures



SPRING PORTRAITS AND CLASS PICTURES

We will be taking Spring Portraits and class photos on Tuesday.

The packet you received before Spring Break contained a two-sided sheet with a tear-off envelope at the bottom. The envelope is if you would like to order a class photo (e.g. the Kindergarten Class). Please tear off the envelope and put your payment in the envelope and return it on Tuesday morning as the photographer will be here to take photos of our students.

The spring portraits will be taken and then sent home at a later date so that you can review the photos and decide if you want to purchase them.

As for the class photo, there will NOT be another chance to purchase it, so please send in your envelope, with payment, on TUESDAY morning.

Get your pre-potted plants today! For a great cause and price, you can get organic fruit, vegetable, and flower plants to start your own garden at home. Click here for the order form.



All order forms are due by April 24, 2015.

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