



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Last week was a big success thanks to the help and support of so many of the parents and staff! The Scholastic Book Fair raised over \$1300 in scholastic book dollars to supplement the classroom libraries for the students. Many thanks go out to the parents and staff who worked the fair on Wednesday and Thursday! On Thursday night Mrs. Quattro and her students displayed their outstanding artwork and treated us to a recycled materials fashion show. Thank you to all of the students, parents, and staff who made this possible. Many of the art pieces will be displayed at an upcoming arts festival. And everyone who had ordered from Lee Roy Selmon's seemed to enjoy their dinners. Thank you to all of the parents who helped with that event, too. And thanks go out to the parents who helped with the carline, brought and spread mulch in the reading garden (quite unexpectedly!), and helped in classrooms.

This week has more events that we hope you will enjoy. Monday night is Chick-Fil-A night for SAA families. You should bring your flyer with you. Staff members will be helping out with the serving during the evening. Thursday, we will have a redemption day for students having "Star Bucks" from the box top campaign. Students can "buy" pencils, pencil toppers, erasers, trinkets, and popcorn. Some students will have a popcorn invitation in their report card envelope. Bring the invitation for a free bag of popcorn to thank you for participating in the Computers for Education campaign. Friday night from 4 - 7 is the Hispanic Heritage Fair. All of the students from kindergarten through 8th grade have been working on dances or songs, artwork, or projects to celebrate and display what they have learned this year. We hope you'll join us in the reading garden for this festival.

Since students in grades 5 through 8 will be taking at least one of their FCAT tests on the computer, they will be participating in ePATs this week to prepare them for the test. This will give them an opportunity to become familiar with the test format and to use the tools available on the site. Tomorrow, Monday, the ePAT will be given to 1/2 the 8th grade, the 7th grade, 6B, and 5A. Tuesday will be 5B, 1/2 the 8th grade, and 6A. Wednesday will be 6B reading and Thursday will be 6A reading. Students who are absent will make up the practice tests later in the week because we are required to give the practice tests to all students taking the CBT version of the FCAT. Please be on time for class because we cannot admit a student once the directions are given. On Wednesday, the teachers and I will check the percentage completed on the FCAT explorer and award "Star Bucks" based on those %. These "Star Bucks" can be used on Thursday at the redemption center.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 7th - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- April 8th - Order Deadline for the RAYS tickets.
- April 11th - Hispanic Heritage Fair 4pm - 7pm
- April 18th - Mini Break
- April 19th - Rays vs. Yankees @ 7:00pm
- April 25th - Honor Roll Ice Cream Social
- April 30th - Van Wezel Field Trip
- May 1st - 8:00am SAA Board Meeting
- May 1st - 6:00pm PTO Meeting & 2014-2015 Committee Sign Ups

Elementary (K-5) report cards will be sent home Monday, April 7. The Middle School ones have not been received from the district printing office yet, but we will send them home as soon as we get them.

Have a wonderful week!



RAYS vs YANKEES:

Please remember that the deadline to order tickets for the Rays will be on Tuesday, April 8th. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to attend a fun-filled night at the ballgame with the Rays on Saturday, April 19th.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT:

If there were any discrepancies in your hours report last week, please contact Kelly Marsh. There were many families that had not inputted their hours in PALS, and also did not have their student's information entered in PALS, therefore the hours were not tied back to them. Another report will be pulled on April 15th.

SPECIAL KUDOS:

We would like to thank all of our wonderful families who have completed their volunteer hours, and then some! You will find a link on the Parent's Page of families who have completed their hours. If you did not receive a certificate this week stating that you have completed your hours, you can check back often as we will make every attempt to keep this list updated on the SAA website. Thank you again for supporting Sarasota Academy of the Arts!

PTO ELECTION RESULTS:

We are so excited to announce the following PTO officers for the 2014 –2015 school year! We would like to thank them for their time, support and commitment to Sarasota Academy of the Arts and look forward to an awesome year ahead!

President - Jill Hutton
Co Vice-Presidents - Giustina Solano & Kristina Swain
Secretary - Sharon Boyas
Treasurer - Elizabeth Thomas

We welcome any and all of our families to be part of PTO and will have committee sign ups for the next school year at our next PTO meeting on May 1st at 6:00pm. Hope to see all of our returning families attend that last meeting.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT, BOOK FAIR & STUDENT ART FAIR:

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week at the Book Fair, the Student Art Fair, and our Family Fun Night, A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped us as well. Your time and support of our school is very much appreciated and we couldn't have put on these events without you!