



# THE SHOOTING STAR



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## Principal's Corner

Can you believe there are only two more weeks left in this school year?!? SAA has almost finished its first year! It's really hard to believe the time has passed so quickly. Thank you for being a part of Sarasota Academy of the Arts.

The 2nd graders had a parent and student picnic last Friday in the reading garden. Congratulations to Elena Lugo who conceived the idea and planned the event. It was very well attended and everyone looked like they were enjoying themselves. Most of the eighth graders are on a trip to Universal Studios today and tomorrow. They performed excerpts from *Bye Bye Birdie* with the chorus students from SMA at Universal Studios.

In our mission statement, we state that every child who is a part of SAA can be a star. This Friday we'll recognize students for the unique way they are stars. Some will be recognized for academics, some for the arts, and some for character traits. I apologize for the late notices and know that so many of our parents have a hard time getting off work during the day. I also know parking is difficult, but if you can come, we'd love to have you. If you can come share this time with us, please do. (Next year we're going to do this differently with monthly recognition.)

The fifth through eighth graders will convene in the reading garden at 11:00. There will be a guest speaker who will talk to the students about citizenship and present the citizenship awards. Students in fifth grade will perform a rap they learned in their character education class and the middle schoolers will sing. Teachers will recognize students for their special qualities. You may have lunch with your child following the assembly (bring your own!) or, if you have a younger child in K through 4th grade, you can stay for their assembly which begins at 12:15. Parents of K through 4th graders are welcome to have lunch with the students between 11:30 and 12:15. Students will assemble in the reading garden at 12:15 to be recognized. There will not be a speaker during the second assembly.

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## Upcoming Dates:

- May 23rd - Recognition Ceremony
- May 26th - Memorial Day
- May 27th - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 29th - 5th Grade Trip to Zoo School
- May 29th - 8th Grade Graduation & Dance
- May 30th - School Wide Luau (12:00pm - 4:00pm)
- June 2nd - Award Ceremonies
- June 2nd - Last Day of School

## Need Volunteer Hours?

Here is the Volunteer Spot Group Page that lists many opportunities until the end of the school year.

Please sign up today!

<http://vols.pt/jginqw>



## Principal's Corner (continued)

Next Tuesday, the kindergartners will "graduate" at 5:00 PM in the reading garden. They will perform songs and receive their "diplomas." It will be followed by refreshments.

Then, the eighth graders will graduate on Thursday, May 29 at 6:00 PM at Sarasota Military Academy. The graduation will be followed by pizza and a dance for the middle school students back at SAA. Parents are welcome to stay for pizza and cake. All middle school students are expected to attend the graduation.

May 30 will be a regular school day and we will have the whole-school luau from 12:00 to 4:00. You have received information about this, but if you need another copy, please call the office. Thank you to all of the parents who are sponsoring the luau.

June 2 is the last day of school. Report cards will be distributed to the elementary students on Monday morning. Middle school report cards will be mailed home in June.

Please remember to return the middle school enrichment forms by Tuesday. Mrs. Julie will begin auditions for advanced choir on Friday, May 23. If we do not have the form, students will be unable to audition.

Have a great week!

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



**Office Help:** Kathy will be out of the office on May 30th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. We need 2 people to help out during that time frame. <http://vols.pt/ZzjTmt>

**Luau Help:** We have a whole afternoon of celebration for our students on May 30th, and need a TON of help from our volunteers including set up, volunteering for games, the moon walk, obstacle course, face painting, cooking on the grill, food distribution, ticket booth, and helping with tear down. We have over 100 slots available for volunteers in one hour increments. You can sign up for one hour or several hours depending on your availability. <http://vols.pt/Jgjnqw>