



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Congratulations are in order for the first graders! They brought in the most box tops and will have their ice cream party in the reading garden this coming Friday afternoon. And they won the Spirit Day competition for September with the most students in SAA T-shirts. The Spirit Award plaque is hanging in their classroom for this month. Kindergarten was close behind them in both events. Way to go, kindergartners and first graders!

Tomorrow is an exciting day for the K through 5th graders. They will attend an assembly and workshops presented by Kuniko Yamamoto on Japanese folktales and origami. The students will then make 1000 paper cranes to be carried to Japan and the Hiroshima Museum. She will Skype with our students to share her visit. Thank you to Mrs. Quattro and the Community Foundation for making this possible through a special grant.

The Leadership Team at SAA is starting a monthly recognition program with different themes and rubrics each month. September is Attendance Awareness Month nationally. So this month we'll start with attendance because of the importance of being in class all day ready to learn. We know, of course, that there will be times when an absence is unavoidable, but this month we are recognizing those who are here on time every day, staying all day. We'll start tracking student attendance on Tuesday, September 9. Next month there will be a different goal which will be announced the last week of September. The goals may have to do with reading or character traits or homework. We hope everyone will try to reach the goals every month.

If you get a chance, check out the new garden area in the back of the school. We were awarded a grant through which two master gardeners work with the students on a regular basis. Two classes of middle schoolers have been working to build the raised beds and have started planting herbs and vegetables. The program will be expanded to the elementary science classes in the near future. Watch for announcements about the "crops".

You may be receiving notices from teachers about the "Remind" program through which you can receive short reminders about class events, tests, etc. or school events. If you want to join the school group, go to remind.com. Our code is saraso. You'll have the opportunity to join individual teacher groups as well. I have spoken with parents at other schools and they find this very helpful. I hope it can help in our parent and teacher communication as well.

Don't forget Thursday is picture day for all students!

Upcoming Dates:

- 9/9: Rays Order Form Due!
- 9/9: Run Club Mtg / 4:20pm
- 9/11: Picture Day
- 9/18: PTO Mtg @ 6:00pm
- 9/21: Day with the Rays
- 9/25: Rosh Hashana
- 9/29 - 10/3: SPIRIT WEEK
- 9/30: K - 2 Back To School Night
- 10/1: 3rd - 5th Back To School Night



Did you know we have a Facebook page? "Like" us on Facebook and keep up to date with all the happenings at SAA.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be held on **September 11th**. Be sure and keep a lookout for the order forms you'll need to send in with your child.



Origami Assembly



On September 8th, we are having a visiting artist (Kuniko Yamamoto) who will share the story of 1000 paper cranes with our elementary students

and then we will learn origami. Parents can come and see the presentation from 10:00am - 10:45am. but we will need volunteers to help students with the art activity.

Please make sure you are PALS approved if you are able to volunteer. Please click on the following link to sign up: <http://vols.pt/hdyvDm>



RUN CLUB

Run Club is starting again! There will be a Run Club orientation meeting on Monday, September 9th at 4:20pm. Hope to see you there!

Business Partnership Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer to handle and coordinate Business Partnerships. Please contact Kelly Marsh at 941-350-3767 if you are interested.



VOLUNTEER INFO /PALS

Have you seen the Volunteer Spot group page? It lists upcoming volunteer opportunities at SAA. <http://vols.pt/jgjnqw> - Stay tuned as this list will get updated throughout the year.

We still have open slots for help with Picture Day on the 11th! Can you lend a couple of hours? Click on this link to sign up: <http://vols.pt/pTh6KN>

Office Help Needed:

Week of September

15th: We are in desperate need of Office help the week of September 15th as Kathy, our office administrator, will be out of town for a week. We only have 14 of the 24 spots filled! If you can help, and are PALS approved, please sign up through the Volunteer Spot link. <http://vols.pt/zfB5bw>