



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Hello everyone! Parents of kindergarten through 5th graders should have received the first quarter report cards last Thursday. I understand there are some comments where the number and legend do not agree with what the teachers entered. If you have questions, please let me know. We have not received the middle school report cards yet but will send them home as soon as we do. Please call if you need a conference or have questions.

The first award ceremonies for academics and attendance will be this Thursday in the afternoon. Kindergarten and first grade students will not be eligible for honor roll because they do not receive letter grades this time. Students in 2nd through 5th grade could earn "A" or "A/B" honor roll certificates and tokens. All K-5th students who have had exemplary attendance (no absences or tardies OR no absences and 3 or less tardies) will also receive certificates and tokens. The middle schoolers will be recognized based on grade point averages of 3.5 and higher. Second quarter we will also recognize those students who show overall improvement.

We received word that the Spring FSA Writing assessment will be paper and pencil for 4th through 7th graders. The eighth graders will have to complete the assessment on the computer. We are delighted that the Department of Education responded to the concerns of administrators, teachers and parents regarding this assessment. The assessment is in March.

We are looking forward to the Literacy Night event on Tuesday. On Wednesday the November WCTDYWB birthday cake will be shared by all of the students with November birthdays. I hope everyone receives their post card invitation on time this month. Then Friday night is the first middle school dance. The cost of admission is \$5.00 plus a canned item for the Mayors Feed the Hungry Campaign that starts this week.

Be sure to check out the schedule of events for this week. Finally, congratulations to the Girls' Basketball Team who won their first game last Thursday!

Have a great week!

Upcoming Dates:

- 11/10 - 11/21 - Mayor's Feed the Hungry Campaign
- 11/11 - Parent Literacy Workshop (6:00pm - 7:30pm) - [RSVP HERE](#)
- 11/12 - Picture Retake Day
- 11/14 - Van Wezel Field Trip (7th Grade Civics)
- 11/14 - Middle School Dance
- 11/17 - High Voltage Field Trip (10:30am - 1:30pm)
- 11/20 - PTO Meeting

Report Card/Grades:

The Sarasota County Parent Portal link is on our website, under the Parent's Corner Page. Use this link to access your student's grades, etc. You will need your student's "N" number to set up your username and password.

Want to sign up to volunteer your time at SAA? Please follow the link below to see spots available. There are TONS this time of year so don't delay meeting your required hours.

<http://vols.pt/Jgjnqw>



Office Help Needed - November 13th & 14th
Kathy will be out of the office on November 13th and 14th and we need help answering phones and helping students in the clinic. Thanks so much for helping out. Click here to sign up!

Family Yard Sale & Art/Craft Class



**Saturday, NOVEMBER 22
8:00am - 12:00pm**

SAA is having a yard sale! :-) It's a great opportunity for our families to sell their own garage sale items, and make some money for the upcoming holidays. You can either sign up for a 6x8 space to sell your items (\$15 per space) or donate clean, already priced, ready-to-sell items, back to the SAA PTO for us to sell that day. Proceeds from donated items will go towards Teacher Appreciation. We will put a notice on Craig's List to advertise the event as well as place signage along Fruitville Road. Donations can be brought in starting Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Please the garage sale link on the SAA website for the registration form.



Mayor's Feed the Hungry Food Drive

The Food Drive will be running from November 10th - 21st.

Please send in non-perishable food items!

Items include

Art/Craft classes are at 10:00am and 11:00am and are \$5.00 each.

Limited spots available for both the Art class and the rental space so be sure and register ASAP.

Honor Roll Ice Cream Social
On Thursday, November 13th, we will have the 1st Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream Social. We need help with set-up, passing out ice cream and clean up.

Volunteers are needed from 12:45pm-4:00pm and must be PALS approved prior to volunteering. Sign up through the following link at Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/n9cy8L>

We have many volunteer time slots available, and many items needed. If you sign up to donate an item, please make sure we have it in the office THE DAY BEFORE so that we can plan accordingly.

Literacy Workshop
November 11th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Please RSVP on the SAA website!

- Join the SAA Literacy Leadership Team to find out how to help your child become a better reader.
- Literacy Activities for Children
- Get advice from SAA staff on how to help your child find the right book!
- Interact with other parents and find out how they help their children be GREAT readers!
- Dinner and Dessert Provided