



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

So many words of thanks have to go out to Mrs. Julie and Mrs. Sally Williams for organizing the Disney Performance trip this weekend. I cannot thank the wonderful parents and grandparents and teachers who gave up their time - and sleep - to chaperone the students Friday and Saturday. I am so proud of the way our students performed - on the stage and in the audience. It was gratifying to see the results of the time and effort they have put into rehearsals. It was even nicer to hear the compliments regarding their behavior. Thank you, middle schoolers; great job! I'm glad you're a part of SAA!

As always, please check the school calendar for events of this week. The Kindergarten through 4th grade will perform their Holiday Show tomorrow (Monday, Dec. 8) at the Glenridge Performing Arts Center. There is a \$5.00 charge for adults to cover the rental costs.

Here are the arrival times:

Kindergarten - arrive 5:30 PM; perform at 6:00 PM

1st/2nd grade - arrive 6:20 PM; perform at 6:45 PM

3rd/4th grade - arrive 7:10 PM; perform 7:30 PM (ends about 8:15 PM)

Directions to Glenridge: Located south of Clark Road off Honore Avenue. Turn left at Palmer Ranch Parkway. Glenridge is the next left turn.

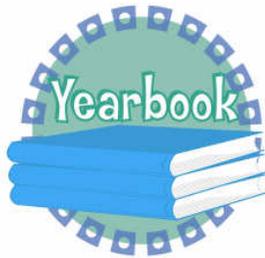
There are only two weeks until Winter Break and we have lots to do in the way of testing. The Algebra mid-term EOC is Thursday, December 11, from 8:05 - 10:00 in the computer lab. It is very important that students are on time to school for the testing. Middle school students will have to choose their second semester exploratory classes this week so we have them registered by January 12. Students who did not take PE first semester must be enrolled second semester.

As a reminder - the flu mist immunization provided by the Health Department will be available for students Thursday, Dec. 11 in the SAA administration building. If you are planning for your child to participate, be sure to return the form sent home last week.

Upcoming Dates:

Be sure to check the [SAA Calendar](#) on the school website frequently as that has the most current information!

- 12/8: Holiday Show (Kindergarten - 4th)
- 12/9: Good Vibes @ Consulate Health & Cabot Reserve
- 12/10: High Voltage @ Sarasota Pines & SRQ
- 12/11: Free Flu Shots
- 12/12: Stellar Force @ Sunshine Meadows & Hawthorne Village
- 12/13: High Voltage at Oakwood Manor & Camelot East
- 12/15: Holiday Show (5th - 8th)
- 12/16: Civics Jam (4:00 - 5:30pm)
- 12/16: High Voltage at Sunnyside (4:30pm - 7:15pm)



It's time to order yearbooks! Be on the lookout for the flyer coming home this week! The order forms are due December 12th! The yearbooks are hard cover, full color books filled with lots of memories throughout the school year and will be handed out the last week in May. Be sure to pre-order yours as we are only ordering the number books that are paid for ahead of time. The books are worth every penny, and will be treasured for years to come, so be sure not to miss out!

Want to help spread some holiday cheer?

New, unwrapped toys needed for the kids in the Pediatric Unit of Sarasota Memorial Hospital. **Toys needed now through December 12, 2014**



The needs of the pediatric unit at Sarasota Memorial Hospital are year-round as illnesses do not just happen around the holidays. Many children spend all kinds of holidays, birthdays, and special occasions in the hospital. While a toy does not make up for that lost time, it does help them forget about their illness for a little while and escape into play-time.

This drive is of the few sources of toys for the pediatric unit for their year-round supply. Please help us make a difference, donate a new unwrapped toy and bring some smiles year-round to the kids at SMH!

SRQ Airport Art Contest

SAA has four students' artwork chosen to be in the highly competitive SRQ Airport Art contest and exhibit. Kennedy Cole (kindergarten), Joseph Sprouse (4th grade), Annelyse Swain (5th grade), Bryan Jorge (7th grade) Joseph won 2nd prize for grades 3-5 in Sarasota County and Bryan won 2nd prize for middle school Sarasota. The amount of work submitted to this contest is over 1,000 so we are VERY proud of these students and their well deserved recognition.

Their work is framed and hanging in the airport until next December 2015. Please go see the exhibit. There is so much talent shown for our community!



Be sure and check out the photo gallery page on the Sarasota Academy of the Arts website. We try to update it regularly with past and current activities.

We've just uploaded some pics from the Disney trip, so if you have some you'd like to add, we'd love to have them, not just for the photo gallery, but also for the yearbook. Please send photos to kmarsh@sarasotaacademyofthearts.com.