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Principal's Corner

There are lots of things going on this week, so please be sure you check the calendar and read the weekly information packet coming home tomorrow.

First of all, a heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents and family members who worked in the garden area yesterday. There is still work to be done, but you can see the improvements already! It's a BiG job! Also, thanks to those who helped out in the costume house and with the animal shelter visit. Our parents (and the teachers who spearheaded these activities) are invaluable to SAA. The student government and student gardening clubs have been very active.

The third and fourth graders will have the language arts (reading) portion of the FSA this Tuesday and Wednesday. The test is given in two 80-minute sessions, one each day. If your child typically does not eat breakfast before leaving for school, the PTO will have a protein-rich breakfast beginning at 7:30 AM both days for these two grades. They can also get breakfast from the "cafeteria" until 8:00. Testing will run from 8:00 to 10:30 with designated breaks and extended time if required by an IEP or ELL Plan. Please be sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and is at school on time. (I am sending a separate letter home to parents of third graders with tomorrow's packet.)

Mrs. Julie is sending home another form for parents regarding the spring play sponsorships and/or ads for the playbill. They must be turned in no later than Tuesday.

Mr. Matt will be sending a letter to parents of 7th and 8th graders in the packet regarding a planned trip to Tallahassee for the "Rally in Tally" on April 7. All charter schools in the state are being asked to participate to show support for the charter schools and choice programs as an alternative to traditional public schooling. Matt and Mrs. Larson (middle school social studies teacher) will be taking a few students up to Tallahassee to participate in the rally and attend a session of the Florida Legislature. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in our state government, but it is limited to certain students. Civics is a required course now for 7th graders and this trip gives the

Upcoming Dates:

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

- 3/24/15 - FSA ELA Testing (3rd & 4th) @8:00am

- 3/24/15 - Run Club & Student Council Group Photos

- 3/25/15 - FSA ELA Testing (3rd & 4th) @8:00am

- 3/25/15 - SAC Meeting @ 4:15pm

- 3/27/15 - Multicultural Fair (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

- 3/28/15 - Pancake Breakfast (Saturday)

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current and past civics students a chance to see in action what they have studied. Please read the letter carefully and send in your response if you are interested. We hope to make this an annual event. This is also a chance for parents, students, and teachers to participate by writing letters to the legislators thanking them for their support, share a charter school success story, and urge them to continue their support for the more than 650 charter schools in Florida. If you want to send the letter to school, we will mail them as a group by April 1st to ensure they arrive before the rally.

The foreign language teachers (Mrs. North and Mrs. Tirota) with the assistance and input of many of the teachers and their students will be hosting a multi-cultural fair with food, project displays, and music from 4PM to 6PM this Friday in the reading garden. Last year's fair was a huge success and we hope to make it even better this year. We have a diverse population and want to celebrate the heritage of all of our students. Please come out and support the students as they share what they have learned about different nations. You can sign up on the SAA website or send a note in with your child. You received a flyer last week, but another one will be included in the tomorrow's packet.

This Saturday, March 28, the middle school students will be hosting a pancake breakfast at Applebee's to help fund their spring trips. All families are welcome and tickets can be obtained from the middle school students or in the JRA office after school until Thursday.

Have a wonderful week!

Multicultural Fair

Friday, March 27th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Please join us in celebrating the cultural diversity of our amazing world. Students in grades have prepared dances, art projects, reports, or other wonderful examples depicting various cultures. We would love to taste foods from various countries. If you are able to attend and/or able to supply a dish for tasting, please RSVP by Tuesday, March 24th by filling out the RSVP form on our website.



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