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Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe it is October already with only two weeks left of the first quarter. While it's nice we don't have to make up the missed days, it does put pressure on the teachers and students to complete the expected lessons. Everyone seems to be taking it in stride and keeping up with the schedule. I hope everyone has recovered from the storm at home. The free breakfasts and lunches continue here until October 20. I know some of our families have relatives in Puerto Rico and our prayers and thoughts are with them.

This week parents will have a number of opportunities to participate in activities at school. There are field trips as well as the "back to school" nights and a fundraiser for the music department. Tuesday and Wednesday parents have the opportunity to follow their students' daily schedules. Since the program mimics the student's day, it is important to be there for the entire time. It is especially important as we move more to digital delivery of information regarding news home, schedules, and grades. If you haven't signed into the parent portal, google classroom, or the teacher method of sharing information, this will be an opportunity to find out how. Kindergarten through fifth grade parents should come Tuesday evening and middle school parents should come Wednesday. Parking will be available in the front lot, the car lane and in the field. Please come!

There are several field trips this week which fit well into our curriculum. Monday the kindergarten and first grade students will have a unique opportunity to interact with the characters from Sesame Street. Then on Tuesday, the third, fourth, and fifth graders will travel to the Van Wezel for the annual Children's Concert performed by the Sarasota Orchestra. Thursday, the fifth and sixth graders will go to Myakka State Park for an interactive program on the ecology of the park with emphasis on the wildlife. This trip is part of an EdExplore program and will tie the science to reading with the novel *The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo*. The students will take part in a native plant walk, alligator game, and water sampling activity.

Other events include the kindergarten class having their annual hearing screening on Thursday and the music department having their first fundraiser Saturday at Applebees. The pancake breakfast runs from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Applebees on Fruitville Road. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be bought from any music student or at the Back to School Night event. Please check for more information on the website.

Looking forward - the fall music performances start the week of Oct. 10. You can find more information in the letters Ms. Julie sends home and in the music section of the website. The October meeting of the Governing Board will be Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 8:00 AM.

Have a wonderful week. See you either Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Upcoming Dates:

Be sure to check the SAA Calendar on the school website frequently as that has the most current information!

Monday - 10/2/17

- 9:30am K/1st to Sesame Street

Tuesday - 10/3/17

- 9:30am 3rd/4th/5th Van Wezel
- 6:00pm K - 5 - Back to School/
Schedule Night

Wednesday - 10/4/17

- 6:00pm Middle School Back to
School/Schedule Night

Thursday - 10/5/17

- 8:30am 5th/6th Grade Field Trip
- 9:30am K Hearing Screening
- 1:15pm 6th Grade Music
Practice

Saturday - 10/7/17

- 8:00am - 10:00am Music Dept
Applebees Fundraiser Breakfast

Monday - 10/9/17

- K/1st/2nd Fall Show

Tuesday - 10/10/17

- 8:00am Governing Board Mtg

Wednesday - 10/11/17

- 9:00am 1st to Van Wezel
- 9:30am MS Chorus Field Trip

Thursday - 10/12/17

- 6:00pm MS Chorus Fall Show



Back to School/Schedule Nights - October 3rd and 4th

Please come and learn about the exciting plans our teachers have in store for your students this year. Schedule Night is a very important evening as it gives you the opportunity to learn more about your student's school, teacher, and the curriculum.



Teachers will go over

- Classroom Expectations
- Curriculum
- Homework Expectations
- Classroom Policies and Procedures

You will follow your student's schedule on an abbreviated scale and will start promptly at 6:00pm so please arrive early.

You are strongly encouraged to attend these informative evenings!

- Tuesday, October 3rd for Kindergarten thru 5th Grade - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, October 4th for Middle School (6th - 8th Grade) - 6:00pm

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Picture Day -

October 19th



Be on the lookout for school portraits order forms that are coming home this week. Picture Day has been rescheduled and will take place on Thursday morning, October 19th.

Photos will be taken of all students for the yearbook, whether you purchase any or not.

Please note that you must send in the envelope/order form with your child that day and a check, credit card information, or pre-pay confirmation if you wish to purchase pictures. Additional order forms/envelopes will be available in the office.