



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Please remember that the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will perform at the Glenridge Performing Arts Theater Thursday evening. Admission is \$5.00 for each adult. The first show starts at 6:00 PM. Parents of students in those classes should check the emails and letters home from Mrs. Julie for more specific information. Everyone is welcome to come watch the performances - they are always delightful.

Check out Kelly's list of all the events this week. We are trying the PTO meeting at 3:30 on **Tuesday** at the request of parents at the last 2016-17 PTO. We'll see how it goes. **Wednesday we have scheduled an additional meeting of the Governing Board.** It should be short as we only have to approve sending the draft copy of the annual audit to the district. Also this week is "Picture Day" on Thursday for all students and staff. Be sure to send in the envelope with payment if you wish to purchase photos. We will start with kindergarten at 8:20 AM.

I was very pleased to attend a business plan proposal by the sixth grade students Friday. It was well-thought out and had all of the questions covered. I can't tell you what it is, though, because they want to release the business information through their own marketing plan. This is a long term project relating to math, language arts, and economics standards.

Tuesday the after school students will be working in the reading and office gardens on a school beautification project. Mr. Brian welcomes any parents and staff members who want to help until 6:00 PM. Donations of bags of mulch are being solicited from parents to help defray the cost of the project.

Thank you to all of you who help out in any way at school. You are so appreciated!

Sincerely,

Cecilia Blankenship
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

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

Monday - 10/16/17
- Professional Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - 10/17/17
- 3:30pm PTO Meeting
- 4:15pm - Basketball Tryouts

Wednesday - 10/18/17
- 9:30am 3/4/5 to Nursing Homes
- 4:15pm - Basketball Practice

Thursday - 10/19/17
- 4:30pm - Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm 3/4/5 Fall Show

Monday - 10/23/17
- 4:15pm - Basketball Practice

Tuesday - 10/24/17
- 4:15pm - Basketball Practice

Wednesday - 10/25/17
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm Honor Roll Ice Cream Social
- 4:15pm - SAC Meeting

Thursday - 10/26/17
- 4:15pm - Basketball Practice

Friday - 10/27/17
- 7:00pm - Fall Dance



Honor Roll Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, October 25th we will host the 1st Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream Social. Students in 2nd through 5th grade, who earned straight A's (Principal's Honor Roll), and A/B Honor Roll (all As & Bs) as well as students in middle school who earned Principal's Honor Roll (Straight A's) and Star Award Honor Roll (GPA of 3.50 - 3.99) will be invited to attend.

*Only the elementary students are eligible for A/B honor roll, our **middle school students need a GPA of 3.5 and above ((Star Award)) to qualify.***

We need help with set-up, scooping and passing out ice cream and clean up. Volunteers are needed from 12:45pm - 4:00pm and **must be Level I approved for the current school year.**

- 2nd/3rd Grade - 1:00pm - 1:30pm
- 4th Grade - 1:30pm - 2:00pm
- 5th Grade - 2:00pm - 2:30pm
- 6th Grade - 2:30pm - 3:00pm
- 7th Grade - 3:00pm - 3:30pm
- 8th Grade - 3:30pm - 4:00pm

This is a great way to fulfill some of your volunteer time while celebrating our honor roll students. Volunteer spots are filled on a first come, first served basis so please click the link to sign up! <http://signup.com/go/pOPPOAC>

We are also asking for donated items such as ice cream, disposables bowls, spoons, sprinkles & various toppings (to see which specific items we need and to sign up to donate, please click link above) to make this a spectacular event for our students who have worked so hard this quarter. Please be sure to drop off these items to the office the day before (October 24th).



Volunteer Opportunities

There are lots of volunteer opportunities coming up in the next few weeks. Please visit the Volunteer page on the SAA website and you will see a list of slots where we are asking for help! Sign up through the link, and secure your place for the Ice Cream Social, Book Fair and The Hispanic Fair, along with help with the garden class and the car line after school. Thank you so much for your support!

Picture Day - October 19th

Be on the lookout for school portraits order forms that are coming home this week. Picture Day 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 are available in the office.



Spanish Department is looking for donations:

The Hispanic Fair is taking place November 9, 2017 4:30-6:00 pm. We have set up a volunteer opportunity to help out that day. Please click here to sign up! <http://signup.com/go/TrCrrxN>

Mrs. North is also asking for donations (by November 1st) for the Silent Auction to benefit the Spanish Department.

Items for the following gift basket and craft ideas would be appreciated:

- "Kids Rainy Day Basket"
- "Parents Night Out Basket"
- "Spa Basket"
- "A Night Out On The Town- Adult Basket"
- "Kids sport Basket"
- "Kid's Cook Dinner Tonight"

Looking for:

New items(Spa items, cooking items, art/craft items, sporting goods)

Gently used items: (framed art, gift baskets, wood stool, chair small table to be painted by students)

Gift Cards: (restaurants, bakeries, stores, tickets to theater/museum venues, grocery stores, movie theaters, mini putt, golf course, art and craft studios, bowling,)

Contact for more information: Betsy North

enorth@sarasotaacademyofthearts.com

Book Fair:

The Book Fair will be held Thursday, November 2nd! Can you lend a few hours to volunteer? See the link below.

We will need help setting up on Wednesday, November 1st from 4:00pm - 6:00pm and all day on Wednesday from 8:00am - 6:00pm. We will also need some help taking it all down at the end of the book fair. Please remember that you will need to be an **approved Level I volunteer for the 2017 - 2018 school year**. If you haven't already done so, please stop in the office and sign up to become a volunteer or simply reactivate your volunteer account.

Signing up to help is easy . . . just click on the Sign Up link <http://signup.com/go/Cqaoue> and select a time slot that works for you. Thank you in advance!

PTO Meeting

Please attend our first PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 3:30pm! We look forward to having you join us and hear all about what we have planned for the school year!