



THE SHOOTING STAR



Sarasota Academy of the Arts

October 23, 2017

2017 - 2018, Volume 5, Issue 9

Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe we are entering the last full week of October.

This week the 5th through 8th graders start their benchmark tests in social studies and science. These are important because they mimic the end-of-year tests, giving the students a preview of the types of questions they will be asked. They also provide information to the teacher regarding gaps that need to be addressed. The Civics test for 8th graders will be Tuesday morning from 9:00 - 11:00. The science tests will be given later this week and next.

On a lighter note, the middle schoolers will have their Fall Dance this Friday evening from 7:00 - 10:00 PM. At the first dance of the year, we limit participation to our current students only. We do this because of space and for safety reasons. Since it is close to Halloween, students may wear their costumes, but faces should not be covered and the costumes must be within the guidelines for the dress code. The cost of admission is \$5.00 plus an item of food for the Mayors' Feed the Hungry campaign. Students should enter through the side gate as the back gates will be locked for security reasons. Please pick up at the same gate.

We have begun sending home letters to parents of students with excessive tardies and/or absences. It is so important that students are at school for the whole day. Academic classes at all grade levels are scheduled from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. At the middle school level, student attendance is recorded by the period of the day. Please have your child here in time to gather supplies and be ready to start on time.

Our SAA School Advisory Council will meet this Wednesday at 4:15 PM in the administration building. We will be reviewing the School Improvement Plan. When we receive feedback from the district, we will share our goals for this year with all of you. This year we are also working on our Charter Renewal application. After five years, every charter school must be evaluated in light of the progress made in the first five years. There may be members of the Charter Review team on campus visiting the classrooms over the next few months.

We are celebrating the students who made Honor Roll for the first quarter this week. You can see a list of names of honor roll students on our website. Congratulations to these students. Parents are welcome to join us for the awards.

Have a wonderful week! Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

Upcoming Dates:

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

Tuesday - 10/24/17

- 9:00am - K-5 Florida Studio Theatre

Wednesday - 10/25/17

- 1:00pm - 4:00pm Honor Roll Ice Cream Social
- 4:15pm - SAC Meeting

Friday - 10/27/17

- 7:00pm - 10:00pm - MS Fall Dance

Tuesday - 10/31/17

- Halloween

Wednesday - 11/1/17

- 4:00pm Book Fair Setup

Thursday - 11/2/17

- 8:00am - 6:00pm Book Fair

Saturday - 11/4/17

- 8:00am - 3:00pm

Inspire Sarasota





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).

Thank you for all your support!



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!



SAA will have a booth downtown at the Inspire Sarasota event showing off the work of some of our students on Saturday, November 4th. Please come out and support our talented students!





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 Thursday, November 2nd 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!

Monday Morning News

Check out this week's news on our YouTube channel!
<https://youtu.be/UmyOETerYjw>