



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner We have two big events this week - Halloween on Tuesday and the Book Fair on Thursday. You can see details on the SAA website. The elementary students may wear costumes Tuesday and will parade through the school and end with a sing-along on the basketball court. Parents are welcome to attend the festivities that start at 8:15. Please check with individual teachers about activities that may be taking place in classrooms during the day. The middle schoolers had their fall dance last Friday evening and were able to wear their costumes then if they wanted.

The Book Fair is an annual event that provides an economical way for students to buy books. At the same time SAA can accumulate points from the sales that can be used by the teachers to "buy" books as gifts for their students. We use these points to buy the summer reading books as well. Please support the Book Fair by volunteering time to help and by allowing your child to purchase an item from the Fair.

This week we will be having the i-ready growth monitoring assessments for reading and math in all grades and the standards mastery assessments for reading in the middle school. While these do not count as "grades" for the students, they are important. The scores give us one more piece of information that can pinpoint gaps to be addressed and whether progress is being made as expected. Please encourage your child to take these seriously.

The sixth graders will finish their science benchmark test this week. Last week the 8th graders completed the Civics and science benchmarks and the Algebra and Geometry students completed theirs. Once science is over, we will have no more until December exams.

There are several fundraising activities going on at this time. Student Council is finishing the Nature's Vision fundraiser and starting the Der Dutchman pie fundraiser. Several other groups are selling bracelets, water bottles, or drawstring bags. As always, choose what is important to you as a way to support our students; no one is expected to do everything.

I will be out of the office from tomorrow through midday November 13 due to the death of my father in Virginia. Dr. Kopacz will be available to assist you in any way she can. Please do not hesitate to call on her.

Have a great 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 - 10/31/17

- 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

Monday - 11/6/17

- Food Drive Begins
- Der Dutchman Pie Fundraiser Starts

Wednesday - 11/08/17

- 9:00am - 3/4/5 to Van Wezel

Thursday - 11/09/17

- 4:30pm - 6:00pm - Hispanic Fair





Book Fair

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

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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.

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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!

Pulsera Sale

The 8th graders are having a Pulsera Sale to benefit Guatemalan and Nicaraguan artists. The sale is October 30th - November 13th after school 4:00-4:20pm, during Middle School Lunch and during the Hispanic Fair on November 9 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

Mayor's Feed The Hungry Food Drive

The Mayor's Feed the Hungry Food Drive is underway from November 6 - 15, 2017. Student Council will be collecting food for the less fortunate in our community. Please bring nonperishable food items to school that you would like to donate:

Canned Foods: Soup, Meat, Tuna, Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Pie Filling, Condensed Milk, Dessert, Cranberry Sauce,

Packaged Foods: Rice, Noodles, Dried Beans, Spaghetti, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Powdered Milk, Pie Crust Mix, Etc.



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!

Der Dutchman Fundraiser

Get your fresh baked pies, cake rolls and cookie dough for the holidays!!! Sales will be November 6th-13th

Pie vouchers are now good until December 2018!



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!