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Principal's Corner

Even though we have a short week coming up, I want to take the time to thank each of you who sent me cards and offered condolences. And, of course, to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you to all of the parents and students who participated in the Hispanic Fair. I was sorry to miss it but heard it was a wonderful event with plenty of scrumptious food as always. I had heard the singing and dance practices from my window leading up to the event so I know that was well done. Also, while I was away Ms. Bryan put on her annual Book Fair, raising over \$2000 that our teachers can use to buy books for the students. Thanks to the parents who helped her out!

Last Monday, I was pleased to participate in the Beta Club Induction ceremony for the 15 middle school students who want to belong to a service club focused on community service and leadership. Mr. Bryan Egan inducted Abigail Leftwich, Riley Scofield, Nicholas Egan, Grayson Andrasi, Joseph Ciffarelli, Sophia Drews, Raina Romisch, Catarina Ciraolo, Anahit Badalyn, Kamryn Palan, Sage Scrimale, Kristy Herbon, Anna Smith, Neritan Selaj, and Ardit Selaj into the first Beta Club in this area. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average overall throughout the year. Congratulations to all of you!

Next week, we have only two days of school and you can start your Thanksgiving holiday with the Family Fun Night at the skating rink. The cost is just \$10.00 per family so come on out and skate with us. Don't forget picture retakes on Tuesday, Nov. 21 as well. Photos start at 8:15 and you must bring in your old pictures if you are having retakes. Anyone not already photographed will have his/her picture taken.

Just to give you a heads up, we have several events the week of the 27th. Tuesday, Nov. 28 the PTO is sponsoring a Parent breakfast from 7:30 - 8:30 AM. Stop by to say hi and grab a doughnut and coffee for the road or stay awhile and visit with other parents and the staff. Flu shots will be given to students who have registered on the 29th. You must sign up your children before the 29th. We also have a SAC meeting on the 29th at 4:15. The Drama Club will be presenting their one-act plays on Saturday, Dec. 2. Look for more information on these events next week.

As December approaches, we get into the performance and testing seasons. Please read your memos from Ms. Julie carefully so you know what is going on. She'll be sending home lots of information that you need. Also testing...The fifth graders and middle schoolers have mid-term or benchmark exams the weeks of December 11 and 18.

Upcoming Dates:

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

Tuesday - 11/21/17

- Picture Retakes
- 6:00pm SAA Skate Night

Thanksgiving Break **11/22 - 11/24**



Tuesday - 11/28/17

- 7:30am - PTO Breakfast

Wednesday - 11/29/17

- 10:00am - Flu Shots
- 4:15pm SAC Meeting

Saturday - 12/2/17

- 7:00pm - SAA Drama Showcase





- Dec. 12 - Spanish 1. (High School course)
- Dec 13 - Algebra 1 and Geometry (High School courses)
- Dec 14 - Science - HS Physical Science and 8th grade
- Dec 15 - Science - 6th grade and 7th grade
- Dec 19 - Science - 5th grade; Civics - 8th grade

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If you have already made plans and are leaving early, please let me know so I can reschedule individual tests.

Once, again, have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.
 Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

SAA Drama Club Showcase

On Saturday December 2, 2017 the SAA Drama Club is proud to present a theater showcase of scenes and short plays featuring the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade acting class students, The show will be staged as a black box theater experience in the Middle School building. The show will begin at 7 P.M.

The Drama Club will provide food and beverages at intermission in the outdoor classroom, and although this is free, they will be very happy to accept donations toward the purchase of new wireless microphones for theater use.

Please come out and support our acting classes. They are ready to give you a wonderful evening of theater.

Seating is first come first served so make sure you come early. See you there!

SRQ Art Contest

Congratulations to Steward McClain who placed 3rd in the SRQ Airport Art Contest. His artwork below was chosen to be displayed



at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport for a whole year!

- Rylee Wallace -2nd grade
- Roxy McGuire -3rd Grade
- Skylar Chojnacki - 5th grade
- Ella Swartz - 8th grade

Picture Retakes

If your student missed Picture Day back in October, we will be taking a photo of your student Tuesday first thing in the morning. If you would like to order photos, there are order forms in the office so be sure and pick one up and return it with your child that morning.

Volunteer Hours

We will be pulling a report of volunteer hours on Friday, December 1st, so if you need to input any hours you have completed so far, please do so by Thursday, November 30th.

Inputting your volunteer hours is CRUCIAL for us to receive the Golden School Award and retain our 5 Star status, and to complete your volunteer hours for the school year. The parent volunteer requirements at SAA are a minimum of 10 hours / 5 hours for single parent households. A letter will be sent home a week or two later, indicating the hours you have volunteered so far, and the hours still yet to complete by April of 2018.

Thank you so much for your understanding and your assistance in bringing your hours up to date!

Kelly Marsh, Volunteer Coordinator