



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Brrr! This week is shaping up to be our first chilly one so remember those sweaters.

We continue this week with our Holiday music programs. The girls' and advanced choruses started us off with rousing holiday music last Thursday. Then the advanced chorus traveled to Disney Springs this weekend to perform their Holiday program. Tomorrow the kindergarten, first and second grade classes perform in the morning at Heron House and Alderman Oaks then at Glenridge Performing Arts Theatre in the evening. The show begins at 6:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 for adults. The third, fourth, and fifth grades perform Wednesday morning at the Brookdale and Hawthorne Villages. Their Dec. 14 concert has been postponed until Dec. 19 due to a scheduling conflict at the theater. Finally, on Thursday, Dec. 14, the advanced chorus performs at Bay Village and the Longboat Key Club. These programs are part of the community service of our students. Look for Ms. Julie's letters for more information.

The holiday store is returning this year for four days, Tuesday through Friday. Look for more information in flyers that were sent home last week and on the website. This is a good opportunity to get your parent volunteer hours in because we can use helpers. Contact Kelly Marsh or Guistina Solano for more information.

5th through 8th graders should remember they have midterm exams this week in Spanish 1, algebra and geometry, and science. All classes are taking the second iReady diagnostic in reading and math. The grading period ends December 21.

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent survey and I'll share the results with you soon. There is a Governing Board meeting on Tuesday at 8:00 AM in the administration building..

Have a wonderful week!

Cecilia Blankenship
Principal



Winter Break
December 22 - January 5th

Upcoming Dates:

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

Monday - 12/11/17

- 9:15am 1st/2nd Field Trip to Heron House
- 10:45am Kindergarten @ Alderman Oaks
- 6:00pm 1st/2nd Grade @ Glenridge

Tuesday - 12/12/17

- 8:00am Governing Board Mtg
- 10:00am - 4:30pm Holiday Store

Wednesday - 12/13/17

- 7:30am - 4:30pm Holiday Store
- 9:30am -3/4/5 Grade Field Trip

Thursday - 12/14/17

- 7:30am - 4:30pm Holiday Store
- 10:00am Adv Chorus Field Trip

Friday - 12/15/17

- 7:30am - 4:30pm Holiday Store

Tuesday - 12/19/17

- 6:00pm 3/4/5th Grade @ Glenridge

Thursday - 12/21/17

- End of 2nd Grading Period

Friday - 12/22/17

- PROFESSIONAL DAY - NO SCHOOL



Wonderland Gift Shop

Students will have the opportunity to choose their own, inexpensive quality gifts for family and friends during school hours. Wonderland Gift Shop is designed to be a safe, kid-centered environment where they can learn to budget and spend wisely, who also experience the 'gift of giving'. Gift prices range from .25 cents and up with 70% of gifts priced under \$6 and all gifts under \$19.



You child will bring home an envelope which will allow you and your child to decide together how much to spend on gifts.

See you in Wonderland!

Gift Shop Hours:

December 12th (10:00am - 4:30pm)
December 13th - 15th (7:30am - 4:30pm)

Exam Weeks

- Dec. 12 - Spanish 1
- Dec 13 - Algebra 1 and Geometry
- Dec 14 - Science - HS Physical Science and 8th grade
- Dec 15 - Science - 6th & 7th grade
- Dec 19 - Science - 5th grade; Civics - 8th grade!

Volunteer Opportunity

We would love some help with the Gift Shop this week. We have volunteer spots in 2 hour shifts throughout the hours of the gift shop, as well as a spot to help with the breakdown and clean up on Friday. Please sign up if you can help!

<http://signup.com/go/vUpPLYP>

Holiday Toy Drive Underway

We are participating in the Annual Toy Drive for Sarasota Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Unit.

The needs of the pediatric unit at Sarasota Memorial Hospital are year-round as illnesses do not just happen around the holidays. Many children spend all kinds of holidays, birthdays, and special occasions in the hospital. While a toy does not make up for that lost time, it does help them forget about their troubles for a little while and escape into playtime.

Please help us make a difference, donate a new unwrapped toy and bring some smiles year-round to the kids at SMH! Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

There is a collection box in the office and we are looking for NEW & UNWRAPPED TOYS (NO stuffed animals).

Donations accepted now through December 15, 2017.

