



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Thank you to the students, parents, and staff who volunteered this past week in ESOL night activities (Evan's mom - 1st grade), the prop and costume house clean-up, and the reading garden. We couldn't have accomplished as much without the help of the Beta and Behind the Scenes students (Joseph, Nick, and Dana) and the families of Phoenix (1st), McKenna (4th), Kylie (3rd), Katie (4th), Makayla (3rd), Brooks (K) and Macy (2nd) in the Reading Garden. Ms. Julie sends a heartfelt thank you to the parents who worked with her for five hours getting ready for the musicals.

Sarasota County Public Libraries are joining with the Baltimore Orioles to promote reading through the Big League Reader contest. (A flyer is on the SAA website.) All the students have to do is visit the library to get an entry card, read three books and get the card stamped at the library before March 1. Students can even enter for a chance to be chosen to throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the March 10 game with the Pittsburgh Pirates at Ed Smith Stadium! Take advantage of this soon as there are a limited number of seats available..

We have had quite a number of students and some staff members out with illnesses this past week. A few have indicated they were "officially" diagnosed with the flu, pneumonia, or strep throat. Please encourage your children to wash their hands often, use the hand sanitizer, and keep hands away from their face. If they have a fever they should, of course, stay at home. We are disinfecting constantly and trying to send students home as soon as they show symptoms.

This week is the first Pajama Day fundraiser for middle school spring trips, Look for more information on the school website. The fifth graders reported a successful bake sale on Friday and will be doing more to raise money to offset the cost of the bus to Universal Studios. These trips can be expensive and we want all of our students to be able to attend.

Also on Friday the middle schoolers have their Valentines Dance from 7:00 - 10:00 PM. Any student may bring one friend who does not attend SAA as long as the friend is in at least 6th grade and not more than 9th grade.

The elementary students who won awards for the Attendance Counts poster contest will be recognized at Circus Sarasota Friday evening as well. I'm looking forward to watching the show with the families of Jackson Win (K), Mabel Lansdale (1st), Willow Robinson (2nd), Roxy McGuire (3rd), Cora Ly (4th), and Olivia Solano (5th). Parents should have received their tickets and parking vouchers from Ms. Tippett. The event, sponsored by the Patterson Foundation in support of better reading and attendance is a chance for our students to be recognized as part of the

Upcoming Dates:

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

Tuesday - 2/6/18

- Group Photos (class/ graduation/clubs/sports)

Thursday - 2/8/18

- 4:00pm Rehearsal for SAA's Got Talent

Friday - 2/9/18

- *Pajama Day Fundraiser*
- 7:00pm - Valentine's Dance

Saturday - 2/10/18

- 5:00pm SAA's Got Talent

Tuesday - 2/13/18

- 8:00am - Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday - 2/14/18

- Valentine's Day

Thursday - 2/15/18

- 8:00am 8th Grade Trip to Dali Museum

Friday - 2/16/18

- 9:15am - K/1st Jungle Gardens Field Trip
- Middle School Career Showcase



larger Sarasota community . Winning posters from 16-17 and 17-18 are hanging in the office and hallway leading to the kindergarten room. Check them out!

Saturday is the 1st SAA Variety Show from 5 - 7 in the reading garden. There is no admission cost but PTO will be selling hot dogs, chips, soda, and baked goods for \$1.00 per item. Mr. Matt will be cooking the hot dogs then students and teachers will be showing off their talents. It truly is a "variety"! Please join us and cheer on the students.

Coming up soon is the 2nd annual Career Day for the middle schoolers. This was a huge success last year and we expect the same caliber of presenters again. Eighth graders will go to the Dali Museum on the 15th. Kindergarten and 1st have field trips on the 16th.

Mark your calendars for February 21st (K - 5th shows) and February 22nd (middle school show) for the play pictures! You will need to have those costumes together by then. :-)

Have a wonderful week. Stay healthy!

Sincerely,
Cecilia Blankenship

SAA's Got Talent

Make sure to save the date! This is a FREE event!
WHEN: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10th at 5pm
WHERE: READING GARDEN

Talented students from Kindergarten through 8th grade will be performing

Hot dogs, soda, chips and baked goods will be for sale!

Hope to see everyone there!

Please sign up to volunteer if you can help out. We are also looking for baked goods (store bought or homemade). If homemade, please wrap individually and it is required that you label items with the ingredients.

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

Please note that there will is a rehearsal scheduled for SAA's Got Talent on Thursday, February 8th after school from 4:00pm - 5:30pm (snacks will be provided).

Pajama Day

Wear your favorite Pajama's to school on various days. This fundraiser will help to raise money for the 5th/7th/8th grade end of year field trips.

PAJAMA DAY DATES:

FEB 9TH, MARCH 2ND, APRIL 13TH, MAY 4TH

Class/Group Photos

On Tuesday morning, February 6th, we will be taking class group photos, as well as the group pictures for the Volleyball team, clubs, etc. and Kindergarten and 8th grade graduation group photos.

Students: If you were on the the Volleyball team, be sure to wear your uniform to school that day. We will be providing the cap and gowns for the graduation group photos.