



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Last week was hectic! We survived the School Board review of our charter renewal application, the 8th grade NAEP testing, and all the spring musical pictures. This week should be calm and totally focused on learning as we approach the beginning of FSA testing and the end of 3rd quarter. There are no activities or field trips planned for this week.

Wednesday we have our February SAC meeting at which we will review our progress towards our SIP goals for 2017-18. We are concentrating on reading and science improvement this year as well as continuing to work on math fluency. We ask that you continue to encourage your child to read on a regular basis and, especially in middle school, keep up with the homework assignments. Quite a few of our eighth graders are taking classes for high school credit. It's important that they maintain their high grades because they certainly don't want to enter high school with less than a 3.0 GPA. You can always know where your child stands academically by checking the parent portal. All classes 3rd through 8th grade will show up to date grades this week since we are nearing the end of the quarter on March 13. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly or call the office for a conference.

Along the same line...all eighth graders need to check the high school of choice to be sure they do not miss any deadlines. School choice (without application to a special program) is open until 4:30 PM, March 16. This is completed online. Go to the school websites for specific instructions for programs such as VPA, IB, AICE, MAST, and Suncoast Polytechnic High School.

Important dates:

March 3 - Applebee's Fund Raiser Breakfast to support the spring musicals

March 6 - FSA Writing Assessment for grades 4-8, beginning at 8:15 AM.

Have a wonderful week

Sincerely,

Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

Upcoming Dates:

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

Wednesday -

2/28/18

- 4:15pm SAC Meeting

Saturday - 3/2/18

- Applebees Fundraiser

Wednesday -

3/7/18

- PTO Meeting

Thursday - 3/8/18

- 6pm Stardust Skate Night





Pajama Day Fundraiser

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.

See the schedule:

PAJAMA DAY DATES:

FEB 9TH

MARCH 2ND

APRIL 13TH

MAY 4TH

COST: \$2



MONEY COLLECTED BY 1ST PERIOD TEACHER

PAJAMAS MUST FOLLOW SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Pasta for Pennies

Parents,

We are extending Pasta for Pennies until Tuesday, February 27th! Our school goal is \$500 and we are at \$275.40 as of now. Please help us reach our goal by donating \$2 on Monday to your child's homeroom class. The winning class will receive pasta, salad, and bread sticks from Olive Garden, as long as our school reaches the \$500 goal. The money collected goes directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fight childhood cancer. Please help us reach our school goal and help make a difference in a child's life.



Thank you,