



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

This week is a big one for the Middle School music classes. Tonight (Mar. 18) the girls and advanced choruses are performing at the Sarasota County Fair from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Next Sunday, the SAA Musical Theater Program will be the beneficiary of the Baltimore Orioles "LOCASH" concert. Tickets ranging from \$15 - \$40 are available to the public at www.orioles.com/LOCASH. The concert is at 7:00 PM at Ed Smith Stadium.

Tuesday is the March Governing Board meeting at 8:05 am. Among other things, the Board will be recognizing the four high-impact teachers for the 2016-17 school year. The teachers are recognized throughout the state for their impact on student learning as evidenced by the FSA testing. Because it is based on FSA reading and math scores, only 4th through 8th teachers of those two subjects are eligible. Mr. Pascuzzi and Mrs. LaRose are third-time recipients and are joined this year by Mrs. Howard and Ms. McDonald. Congratulations to all of them. The SAC meeting will be Wednesday at 4:15.

And don't forget to vote on Tuesday on the referendum to continue the local option property tax that funds all Sarasota public (traditional and charter) schools. This is not a new tax but a continuation of the currently assessed \$1.00/\$1000 of assessed value.

Last Wednesday a number of our middle schoolers stood respectfully and silently to remember the shooting victims at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas HS on February 14. Students will address the Board this week to share their concerns about school safety. The Board itself will be discussing how we can improve the safety and security of our campus, especially given the legislation recently signed by Gov. Scott.

Thursday afternoon the charter renewal will be voted on by the Sarasota County School Board. At that meeting we will find out the number of years for the new charter. We will let you know as soon as we know.

Upcoming events: The 4th and 5th graders have a field trip to the Ringling Museum on Friday, March 23. We are closed for spring break March 26 - 30. School resumes on April 2 which is also spring picture day. That week we will have speakers from the Child Protection Team visiting all of the K-6 classrooms to discuss personal and internet safety. Save the dates of April 11 and 12. On the 11th we have a speaker for the parents on internet safety. April 12 is the 6th grade musical presentation for parents at the school in the evening. The Spring Book Fair will be running April 11 and 12 until 6:00 PM so parents attending the evening events can shop for books.

Have a wonderful 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 - 3/20/18
- 8:00am Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday - 3/21/18
- 4:15pm SAC Meeting

Friday - 3/23/18
- 9:30am 4th/5th to Ringling

SPRING BREAK
- March 26th - 30th

Monday - 4/2/18
- Spring Picture Day!!





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.

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See the schedule:

PAJAMA DAY DATES:

FEB 9TH

MARCH 2ND

APRIL 13TH

MAY 4TH

COST: \$2



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MONEY COLLECTED BY 1ST PERIOD TEACHER PAJAMAS MUST FOLLOW SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Picture Day

Don't forget that Spring Portraits will take place on **Monday, April 2nd**. That's the day school resumes after Spring Break so mark your calendar! Order forms went home this past week, so be sure and fill them out and send with your student on April 2nd if you wish to have their portrait taken.

Science Garden

By now you have all heard that our principal Cecilia Blankenship is retiring after a long and distinguished career as an educator and administrator. We would love to honor her with a science garden on campus. This garden would be a Florida Xeriscape garden which includes all native plants. It will have an area for a class to be held outside. We are looking for donations to make this happen. Included is a signup genius link (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4ca8a828a1f94-cecilia>) that outlines the plants and items that we need to complete the garden which will be located against the fence by the parking lot.



If there are any questions please let me know

Thank You

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