



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I can't believe this year is passing so quickly.

On March 21 we received a 15-year renewal for the SAA charter. This is quite good news for SAA as it means the school can make more definite plans about improving and expanding the school facilities. Thank you to all of the staff, students and parents who have contributed to our success.

This week the Kindergarten through sixth grade classes will have speakers from the Child Protection Team on topics relating to personal and Internet safety. They will speak to the seventh and eighth graders the following week. Also that **Wednesday (April 11)** Mr. Thomason, SAA Technology Coordinator, will be speaking to parents about Internet and social media safety. Childcare will be provided. You can see the exact dates and times on the school calendar.

Save the dates for the following events: Spring Book Fair on the 11th and 12th, sixth grade play on the 12th, Drama club presentation on the 21st. There are several field trips scheduled as well. We also begin testing with the 3rd grade reading on the 10th and 11th, followed by 3rd, 4th, 5th grades math, and 6th, and 7th grade language arts assessments the week of the 16th.

Have a great 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!

Monday - 4/2/18

- Spring Picture Day!!

Saturday, 4/7/18

- Footloose Fundraiser

Tuesday - 4/10/18

- 3rd Grade FSA
- 8:00am Board Meeting

Wednesday - 4/11/18

- 3rd Grade FSA
- Book Fair
- 5:00pm Internet Safety Night

Thursday - 4/12/18

- Book Fair
- 6:00pm 6th Grade Show

Saturday, 4/14/18

- Footloose Fundraiser



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:

APRIL 13TH

MAY 4TH

COST: \$2



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

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Internet Safety Night

When: Wednesday, April 11th

Time: 5:00pm Hot Dogs / 6:00pm Presentation

Where: SAA Middle School Building

Who: Open to all SAA Kindergarten through Eighth Grade parents

PARENTS: Please join us for an information session which focuses on Social Media and Internet Safety for parents. We will have parent resources, tips, tricks, and tools to help you navigate this complex topic and establish safe internet habits for your children. Parents may bring a Smart Phone if you have one. There will be childcare provided if needed. Hot Dogs will be served before the presentation so please RSVP below to indicate your attendance/dinner/childcare needs. Please RSVP on the front page of the school website.

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 sign up 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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