



# THE SHOOTING STAR



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## Principal's Corner

This week is full of events for students and parents. We have seven full weeks of classes before the last week with graduation and end of year field trips. Be sure you have your calendars marked for all the upcoming events. Report cards were sent home last week to any student whose parent does not regularly use the parent portal. If you still need a copy, please call the office.

Tuesday, April 10 the book fair materials are being delivered. If you need volunteer hours, this is a chance to earn a couple after school to help set up the fair. It will run two days instead of one to give parents a chance to shop for summer reading books during the evening events. Volunteers are needed for set-up (4 - 6 PM), helping at the Fair during the day both Wednesday and Thursday, and breaking down the displays on Thursday night (6 - 7 PM). Also on Tuesday, the Governing Board will hold its April meeting at 8:10 AM in the administration building.

Tuesday is the first day of the FSA reading test for 3rd grade. The second part of the assessment is given on Wednesday. Please have your child get plenty of rest the night before and be on time in the mornings. Students are encouraged to eat a protein-rich breakfast at home but we will have yogurt and granola bars available for students in the classroom.

Wednesday the Book Fair will be open 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. On Wednesday evening, we will serve hot dogs from 5:00 - 6:00 PM for parents and students attending the Internet Awareness workshop at 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Childcare is provided. We have a number of parents signed up but there is certainly room for more. **PLEASE RSVP!** Last week the Child Protection Team talked to the upper elementary and 6th graders about Internet safety and will continue with presentations to the seventh and eighth graders later this week. We hope you can join us Wednesday evening. We do need you to RSVP so we know how many teachers we need to stay with students and how much food to buy.

The Book Fair continues on Thursday from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. In the evening there will be a special presentation by the sixth graders of the musical "Dig It!" In sixth grade the social studies class focuses on world history with emphasis on ancient civilizations. Earlier this year the classes took a field trip to a local archaeological dig. Just a few weeks ago, the students presented their own plays on Egyptian culture. As a culmination, Mr Koci, Ms. Bergin, and Mrs. Julie have worked together on the musical as a way of infusing more art into the core class. The students will present their production at 6:00 PM on the Reading Garden stage. There is a sign-up sheet on the website for anyone wishing to come early (5:00 PM) for hot dogs. Please bring a side dish to share. (Continued on page 2)



## Upcoming Dates:

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

### **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

### **Monday, 4/16/18**

- 4th FSA Math
- Ice Cream Social

### **Tuesday - 4/17/18**

- 4th FSA Math
- 6th FSA ELA

### **Wednesday - 4/18/18**

- 3rd FSA Math
- 6th FSA ELA
- 8th to Holocaust Museum



The Musical Theater Department had the first of three donation days at Publix Markets. It was very successful and made nearly \$800 which will go toward expenses for the Broadway Shows. The middle school students and their parents who worked at the event did a fantastic job and had many opportunities to tell people about SAA and the shows we do.

Please remember the Savearound and Flower Power fundraisers end this Wednesday. These are great products so please give them your attention.

Tickets for all Broadway shows are now on sale. All elementary shows can be purchased by turning the form in at school but "Footloose" tickets for middle school must be purchased on line at [theplayers.org](http://theplayers.org) or by calling or going to the box office at the Players Theater. We do expect to sell out so PLEASE get your tickets in advance. The last time we were at the Players Theater we had 50 people try to get seats at the door the night of the show who could not get in. Posters and post-cards for "Footloose" are now available. I will begin to hand them out in carline and to students in class. Be sure you let your child know how many you need. We will email you one that you can put on social media sites too. Thanks for your help.

FSA testing continues the week of April 16 for third through seventh graders. Also on the calendar are the Honor Roll Ice Cream Social, 3rd Grade Art Museum, and Drama Club picnic and show. More information to come! If you are planning to chaperone end-of-year trips, be sure to get your level 2 background clearance.

Have a great week!  
Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

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## Volunteer Hours Report

Be on the lookout this week for letters coming home showing your volunteer hours to date and those you have yet to complete.

Don't wait until the last minute. **All hours MUST BE LOGGED IN to the Volunteers Count computer (located in the office) by May 1st** at the latest, so take advantage of the 2 day Book Fair (this week) coming up as well as the Honor Roll Ice Cream Social (next week).



## Book Fair

**The Spring Book Fair is taking place next week, Wednesday, April 11th & Thursday, April 12th from 8:00am - 6:00pm!**

If you are volunteering, please be sure you are an APPROVED VOLUNTEER, and sign in to the Volunteer's Count computer BEFORE you begin, and obtain a Raptor name tag. Then when you are done volunteering, please sign out and record your hours.

We have time slots available to volunteer in 2 hour increments and we need volunteers all day long for BOTH days. We also need help with setup on Wednesday, the 10th, and then tear down the evening of the 12th. Please click on the link <http://signup.com/go/thHmKSk> to sign up to volunteer!

## Honor Roll Ice Cream Social

**On Monday, April 16th we will host the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Ice Cream Social.**

We need help with set-up, scooping and passing out ice cream and clean up. Volunteers are needed from 12:45pm - 4:00pm and **must be Level I approved for the current school year**. This is a great way to fulfill some of your volunteer time while celebrating our honor roll students. Volunteer spots are filled on a first come, first served basis so please click the link to sign up! <http://signup.com/go/EkGfdOK>