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Principal's Corner

Happy Monday:

This past week we had several opportunities for parents to participate in school activities and it was great to see the turn-out we had. Wednesday and Thursday we had a very successful Book Fair due to the efforts of Ms. Bryan (technology teacher) and Ms. Marsh (volunteer coordinator) and many parent volunteers. Thank you all for helping us get books into the hands of the students and raising Scholastic Bucks that can be used to purchase more books for teachers and summer reading. Wednesday parents came together to hear from Mr. Thomason (IT coordinator) and discuss internet safety and awareness. It can be a tricky area for parents in today's digital world. Thursday night we finished the activities with the sixth grade musical "Dig It", a cross-curricular activity between music and world history. It was a fun way to learn and hear about life in many of the ancient civilizations through song and dance. It was an opportunity for the students to approach the topic through an avenue other than reading the social studies book. Thank you to Ms. Bergin, Mr. Koci, and Ms. Julie and all the students for putting the time into learning lines, songs, and dances.

This Thursday the third graders will be presenting their social studies project, "An Evening at the Museum" with living history presentations of famous people they have researched. Then on Saturday the drama classes and after-school drama club will host an afternoon with drama, dance, and food. We hope you will join us for these two events.

As a reminder - this week all 3rd through 7th graders need to be sure they are on time for school. Third, fourth, and fifth graders will be having the math FSA from 8:00 - 10:00 Monday through Friday, while the sixth and seventh graders have the English/Reading FSA Thursday through Friday from 8:00 - 10:00. Each assessment lasts 80 - 90 minutes administered over two days. Next week we add the eighth graders to the schedule.

The Governing Board will meet briefly Monday morning to finalize approval of the charter renewal contract. The process should be completed by the School Board in May with the new charter for 15 years going into effect July 1. The SAC meets Wednesday afternoon in the administration building.

Please continue to enter your volunteer hours. Be sure you have activated this year and have a Level 2 clearance if you plan to participate in field trips.



Upcoming Dates:

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

Monday, 4/16/18

- 4th FSA Math
- Honor Roll 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
- 4:15pm SAC Meeting

Thursday - 4/19/18

- 3rd FSA Math
- 8th FSA ELA
- 6pm 3rd Grade Wax Museum

Friday - 4/20/18

- 5th FSA Math
- 7th FSA ELA

Saturday, 4/21/18

- 12:00pm Drama Picnic



Music Program Information from Ms. Julie:

Tomorrow (Monday) is the La Musica concert at Payne Park. Students in 2nd, 5th, advanced chorus, and girl's chorus will be attending. Please be sure students have returned their permission slips and dress nicely. We have additional chaperone seats if any parent would like to go but please be sure you have activated your PALS volunteer approval. We will leave SAA at 9:30 am and return at 12:30 am.

All fundraisers should have been returned by now but some have not. Please either purchase the Savearound book or return it tomorrow. We will still accept orders for book or Flower Power.

T-shirt orders for the Broadway shows must be in by this Tuesday morning. We will order them Tuesday afternoon.

The first of our spring Broadway musicals is Monday, April 23rd when the Kindergarten class will present "Winnie the Pooh" at Glenridge Performing Arts Center. You may purchase tickets by returning your ticket order form.

Tickets are on sale for the middle school production of "Footloose". You may purchase them at www.theplayers.org or by calling the Players box office. Please purchase your tickets in advance. We want all of our parents to see this terrific show. The Players only seats 480. Also please publicize it by putting up posters and sharing the poster that is on the SAA Facebook page.

Thank you for your support and a special thanks goes to the wonderful parents and students who worked in the hot sun Saturday building and painting props for our Broadway shows. It was greatly appreciated!

Have a wonderful week,

Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

Volunteer Hours Report

Letters went home last week regarding your volunteer hours. If you believe the hours are incorrect, make sure that your student is listed in your volunteer account, as that's how hours are linked (by family) and reports are pulled by student.. It's a simple fix to update your volunteer account information. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Kelly Marsh at kmarsh@sarasotaacademyofthearts.com



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.

Honor Roll Ice Cream Social

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

If you signed up to volunteer, you must already be Level I approved for the current school year. Be sure to sign in at the front office. :-)