



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Hello Parents:

We are now entering the last two full weeks of school - hard to believe! Last week we enjoyed the first and second graders performing in *Seussical* and the third and fourth graders in *The Little Mermaid*. They did a wonderful job learning all the lines and songs. We have some very talented students in the elementary program and look forward to them becoming even better through middle school. Thanks to Ms. Julie for her tireless dedication to bringing out the best in our students and to Mr. Bryan for the set design and building. Thank you also to the parents who helped chaperone and move sets. We couldn't do without you!

Thursday night was the Art and Reading Fair. It was a very successful event showcasing the art work by every student in the classes. Pieces of two-, three-, and digital artwork were on display. The fourth and fifth graders also shared their projects on favorite books they had read this year. Thank you to our visual and digital art teachers, Ms. Tippet, Mrs. Walter, and Mrs. Bryan. Once again I must recognize the many parent volunteers who helped with the concessions and supervision of students. Mrs. Howard and Ms. McDonald add their thanks for the support for the fund-raising projects to supplement the cost of the end-of-year trip.

A special thanks goes to Ms. Carrie Davis, mother of Jackson, who took the time to enter the Box Top Sweepstakes last fall and won \$10,000 for the school. The money will be used for special projects on campus.

Since the change in temperature, we have accumulated quite a few jackets and sweatshirts that continue to go unclaimed. They have been displayed on the carline fence and the back fence for two weeks. Any unclaimed articles will be taken to Good Will at the end of this week, May 11.

Testing continues this week for the sixth and eighth graders. Sixth grade math is Monday and Tuesday. Eighth grade math and algebra tests are on Wednesday and Thursday. The Spanish I exam (high school course) is Tuesday.

The May meeting of the Governing Board will be Tuesday at 8:05 AM in the Administration Building. Friday the sixth graders will go to the Embracing Our Differences exhibit and visit the Ringling Museum.



Upcoming Dates:

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

Monday, 5/7/18

- 6th Math
- 8:30am 5th Grade Reh.
- 6:00pm - 5th Grade/ Peter Pan Spring Musical

Tuesday, 5/8/18

- 8:00am Gov. Board Mtg
- 2:15pm Footloose Reh.

Wednesday, 5/9/18

- 8th FSA Math
- Algebra EOC
- 10:15am FST K-5
- 2:15pm Footloose Reh.

Thursday, 5/10/18

- 8th FSA Math
- Algebra EOC
- 2:15pm Footloose Reh.

Friday, 5/11/18

- 7:30am Kindergarten Mother's Day Breakfast
- 9:00am - 6th Grade Field Trip
- 2:15pm Footloose Reh.



Notes from the Music Department

The last of the Publix Donation Days was Saturday and brought the total to \$1800 raised through this fundraiser. We thank all the parents and students who worked a shift for this event. It was greatly appreciated.

Monday, May 7th, the 5th graders will present *Peter Pan Jr.* at Glenridge Performing Arts Center. Parents, please be sure students wear their first costume to school and bring all other costumes and a change of clothes in their costume bags. Also, please be sure they pack a lunch and have turned in their permission forms. The 3rd and 4th graders will go to the dress rehearsal during the day. Please be sure those permissions have been returned as well.

We are fast approaching the middle school show, *Footloose*. Full rehearsals will begin Tuesday. Every student in leading cast (those that have stayed for after school rehearsals) will have daily rehearsals until 5:30 pm in preparation for their show on Friday, May 18th. Please be sure you have purchased tickets by calling the Players Theater or going on their website. Also please be sure posters have been put up and please share the poster on social media sites. We definitely want a full house but we want to be sure all of our parents get their seats ahead of time so they can be sure to see this wonderful production.

Have a wonderful week!

Cecilia Blankenship, Principal

Important Information for Volunteers/Field Trips

Currently the Safety & Security admin team is overloaded with work and will be closing daily to get caught up. We have many field trips coming up, so I need you to **be aware that at this point there is no guarantee volunteers can be approved in time for the field trips at the end of the month, especially those seeking Level 2 clearance.**

Next week's Safety & Security hours are as follows:

Monday – Closed for fingerprinting

Tuesday – 8:30am to 12:00pm

Wednesday – 8:30am to 12:00pm

Thursday – 8:30am to 12:00pm

Friday – Closed for fingerprinting

Please note, all volunteers must first be approved as a Level 1 volunteer before being fingerprinted. In addition, all volunteers **must make an appointment** to be fingerprinted **during the times presented above**. To make a Level 2/Fingerprinting appointment please call Emily Frankford at 927-9000 x31127 or Wendy Martucci at 927-9000 x31128 from Safety & Security.

PTO Meeting & Elections

We are going to have our last PTO meeting at 5:00 On Tuesday May 15th. Dinner will be served. We will be talking about last day celebration and elections for next year.