



THE SHOOTING STAR



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Principal's Corner

Thank you to the parents who helped students with the solar eclipse activities last week, the volunteers that have helped with the elementary garden classes, and the parents who helped serve lunches Thursday and Friday. It means so much to the students when they see their parents and grandparents on campus being a part of the activities. In fact, research has shown that parental involvement definitely has a positive effect on achievement. Thank you!

This week there is another opportunity for parents who want to be involved. The first meeting of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) will be Wednesday, August 30 at 4:15 in the administration building. Parents or community members interested in supporting the mission and vision statements of SAA are invited to participate. Meetings last 45 minutes to an hour once a month. Our immediate chore is to examine and revise the School Improvement Plan for 2017-18.

As reminders, the sixth graders are sponsoring a pancake breakfast at Applebee's from 8:00 - 10:00 this Saturday. The students are raising funds to cover the cost associated with the sixth grade trips and activities. Saturday night SAA has a reserved section for the Marauders Baseball Game and Fireworks. This is not a fundraiser but an opportunity to spend time with other parents and students outside of the school. We hope to see you at these events. Please remember, though, that while there are many fundraising events throughout the year, you are certainly not expected to participate in them all. Choose the activities/events that mean the most to you and your children and record your hours of involvement on the Volunteers Count website.

SAA wants to recognize and thank the Home Depot store for their generous donation of marigolds and vegetable plants for the elementary student gardens. Mrs. Howard (4th grade) is working with the students in kindergarten through fourth grade on a weekly basis to incorporate the science of gardening into the general science curriculum. Parents might want to put "bug repellent" on their children on gardening day.

Next week we are closed on Monday for the Labor Day holiday. Wednesday night will be the "Back to School" night for elementary (K-5) parents to follow the students' schedule. This is not an open house so do try to arrive at the beginning of the evening and stay through to hear all of the teachers. Thursday night we will repeat for the Middle School parents.

It's supposed to continue to be a wet week so students may want their umbrellas or rain gear. If it is raining at dismissal, we will hold students in the classrooms so please be patient with the carline. We will get the students out as quickly and safely as we can. Dismissal does seem to be flowing more quickly since we started the earlier dismissal for K-4 car riders. Thanks for using your car name tags - they do help. Have a wonderful week!

Upcoming Dates:

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

Monday - 8/28/17

- Volleyball Practice @4:15pm
- Student Council @4:15pm

Tuesday - 8/29/17

- Volleyball Practice @4:15pm

Wednesday - 8/30/17

- Volleyball Practice @4:15pm
- SAC Meeting @ 4:15pm

Thursday - 8/31/17

- Volleyball team leaves @2:45pm
- 4:00pm Volleyball Game: SAA @ SKY Englewood

Saturday - 9/2/17

- 8:00am Applebees Fundraiser
- SAA night at Marauders Baseball

Monday - 9/4/17

- Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - 9/5/17

- Volleyball team leaves @3:20pm
- Volleyball Game - Imagine School of Northport @4:00pm

Wednesday - 9/6/17

- Volleyball Practice @4:15pm
- **K - 5 Back to School Schedule Night @ 6:00pm**

Thursday - 9/7/17

- Volleyball Practice @4:15pm
- **Middle School Back to School Schedule Night**



Student Council

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want your voice to be heard? Then come to the interest meeting, Monday, August 28th in Mrs. Howard's room from 4:15-4:30pm.

Student Council is open to 4th-8th grade students.

Back to School/Schedule Night

Please come and learn about the exciting plans our teachers have in store for your students this year. Schedule Night is a very important evening as it gives you the opportunity to learn more about your student's school, teacher, and the curriculum.

Teachers will go over

- Classroom Expectations
- Curriculum
- Homework Expectations
- Classroom Policies and Procedures

You will follow your student's schedule on an abbreviated scale and will start promptly at 6:00pmso please arrive early.

You are strongly encouraged to attend these informative evenings!

Wednesday, September 6th for Kindergarten thru 5th Grade - 6:00pm

Thursday, September 7th for Middle School (6th - 8th Grade) - 6:00pm

Garden Club

- Monday - K 10:00 am
- Tuesday - 1st 10:00 am
- Wednesday - 2nd 10:00 am
- Thursday - 3rd 10:30 am
- Friday - 4th 10:30 am

If you would like, please spray your child's legs with bug spray on their gardening day. This will hopefully help keep down on the bug bites. Your students have been having so much fun learning how to take care of a garden. They have learned about composting, garden maintenance, garden bugs, and how to germinate seeds. If you would like to volunteer to help in the garden on your child's day, please let their teacher know. Your help would be welcomed! Also, please take a look at our garden wish list. We are still in need of a lot of items. Next week we will need A LOT of river rocks. They will be making garden signs with them. If you have some at home you can donate or are able to buy some, we would appreciate it.



A huge Thank You goes out to Home Depot for their donation to the school garden. They just donated Marigold plants and some pre potted vegetables