

Principal's Newsletter

October 21, 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

This week SMS participated in Kindness Week. Our students and staff filled in Bingo cards on which they had to complete various acts of kindness. Students searched for orange rocks which held messages of kindness and were hidden around campus, and we ended the week by wearing orange - the color of safety. Students and staff received small prizes for their participation in the activities. Mrs. Kaiser, pictured at right, won for filling her Kindness card. As a part of the week's activities, our counselors held grade-level forums to review antibullying presentations. We would love for parents to follow up with their children regarding this information as we continue to address inappropriate language related to race and religion at SMS and we need your help. Please see the presentation attached at the end of this newsletter.



The last piece of our Kindness Week activities is that we held a school-wide fundraiser for All Faiths Food Bank's Autumn Harvest Campaign. Sarasota Middle has set a goal of \$1300. There is still time to make a donation at:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/AllFaithsFoodBank/HelpEndHungerwithSarasotaMiddleSchool>

Finally, we were so pleased to induct over 100 seventh grade students into our National Junior Honor Society on Thursday night. Current NJHS members spoke about each of the NJHS pillars at the induction – scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. It was a beautiful ceremony and we want to congratulate all of the new inductees.

We wish you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Nzeza



Important Dates

Please mark your calendars

- 11/1 - NJHS Meeting - 8:30 in the Media Center - New Date!!**
- 11/2 - PTSO Meeting
- 11/10 - SAC Meeting
- 11/13 - Basketball @ SMS
- 11/15 - Basketball @ Booker
- 11/20 - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 11/29 - Basketball @ SMS
- 12/4 - Basketball @ HCMS
- 12/6 - Basketball @ SMS
- 12/7 - PTSO Meeting
- 12/8 - SAC Meeting

What's Happening Around Campus?

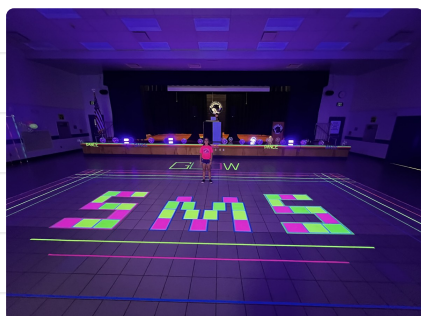
Not a Lab Rat

The SMS SWAT Club held a “Not A Lab Rat” activity on Wednesday, October 18, to stop the spread of misinformation and give SMS students facts about the dangers of e-cigarettes. SWAT is a youth, statewide organization with a mission to end Big Tobacco and promote a tobacco free future.



6th Grade Glow Party

Sixth graders enjoyed their first grade-level social for the year, the 6th Grade Glow Party. Our amazing PTSO sponsored the event and we had so many wonderful volunteers who made sure our students had fun while staying safe. Thank you to our PTSO and volunteers!



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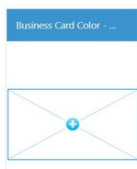
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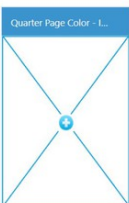
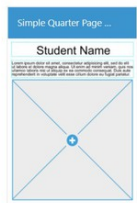
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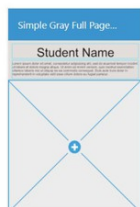
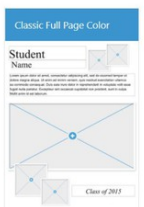
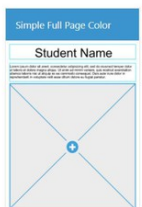
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