

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

November 11, 2023

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Happy Veterans Day!



Thank You
VETERANS

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Message from the Principal

Dear families,

We were so pleased to be able to honor our Veterans yesterday at Sarasota Middle. Thank you to the Veterans who were able to join us and to all Veterans who have served our great country. We took many great pictures of the event and a few are included further below in this newsletter.

This week we also held our school STEM Fair. I was able to sit in on a few of the student presentations and was so impressed by the level of inquiry and experimentation. The students were well-spoken and prepared. I want to thank our STEM teacher, Mrs. Simonson, for hosting this event and for preparing her students so well!

Finally, we appreciate your ongoing support in speaking with your children about the significance of their words and actions on others - and themselves. We have seen a decrease in students using harassing and derogatory language related to race and religion, so we know these conversations are happening at home and are grateful for the support. However, we do continue to have many incidences of students using hurtful words about each other's appearance, talk, and interests to name just a few. Much of this is done on social media or through text messages. Students feel emboldened to say things when behind a screen. As such, we ask that you please monitor your child's social media regularly, or better yet, take social media permissions away altogether. It would help decrease the number of bullying allegations and real problems that arise at school as a result. We see the negative effects of social media use every day at school - our students experience much stress and anxiety. They cannot focus on school and learn when they are worrying about the latest post on social media.

Thank you for your consideration, and have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs. Nzeza

Important Dates

Please mark your calendars

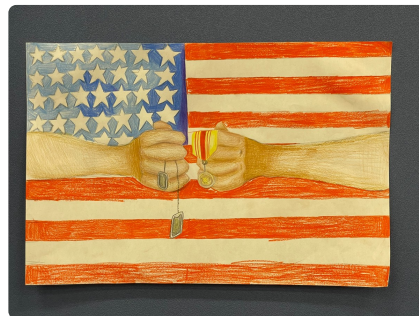
11/13 - Basketball @ SMS
11/15 - Basketball @ Booker
11/16 - Thanksgiving Meal served at lunch - YUM!
11/20 - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
11/29 - Basketball @ SMS
11/29 - RHS IB Information Night - see attached
11/30 - PICTURE Retakes during lunch - more to come
12/4 - Basketball @ HCMS
11/4 - SHS AICE Information Night - see attached
12/6 - Basketball @ SMS
12/7 - PTSO Meeting
12/8 - SAC Meeting

What's Happening Around Campus?

Veterans Day Celebration

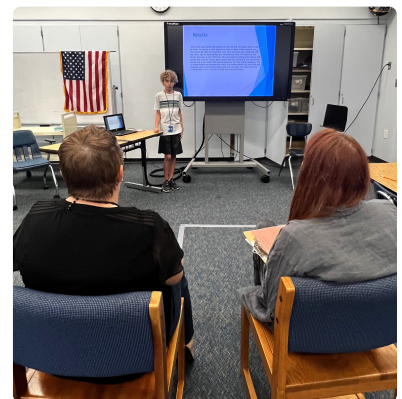
Thank you to our staff and students for helping create a beautiful morning of celebration for our Veterans. Mrs. Sawa and Mrs. Lyon prepared and directed our SMS Joyful Voices in the singing of our National Anthem. Mr. McKee kicked off our presentation with rousing patriotic music. Dr. Tracey's students created beautiful place mats for each table. Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Lai set up a lovely display of morning treats and drinks. And many teachers and students joined us in the courtyard for the send off! We heard so many words of gratitude from our Veterans.





STEM Fair

Students in the Research Course 1 (STEM) competed in our school STEM Fair on Thursday, November 9th. Our volunteer judges were impressed by their projects and the fluidness of their presentations. Teacher, Mrs. Simonson said, "I am so proud of each of my students and the work they put into their long-term projects!" Results will be tallied and winners moving on to the district level will be announced next Wednesday, November 15th.



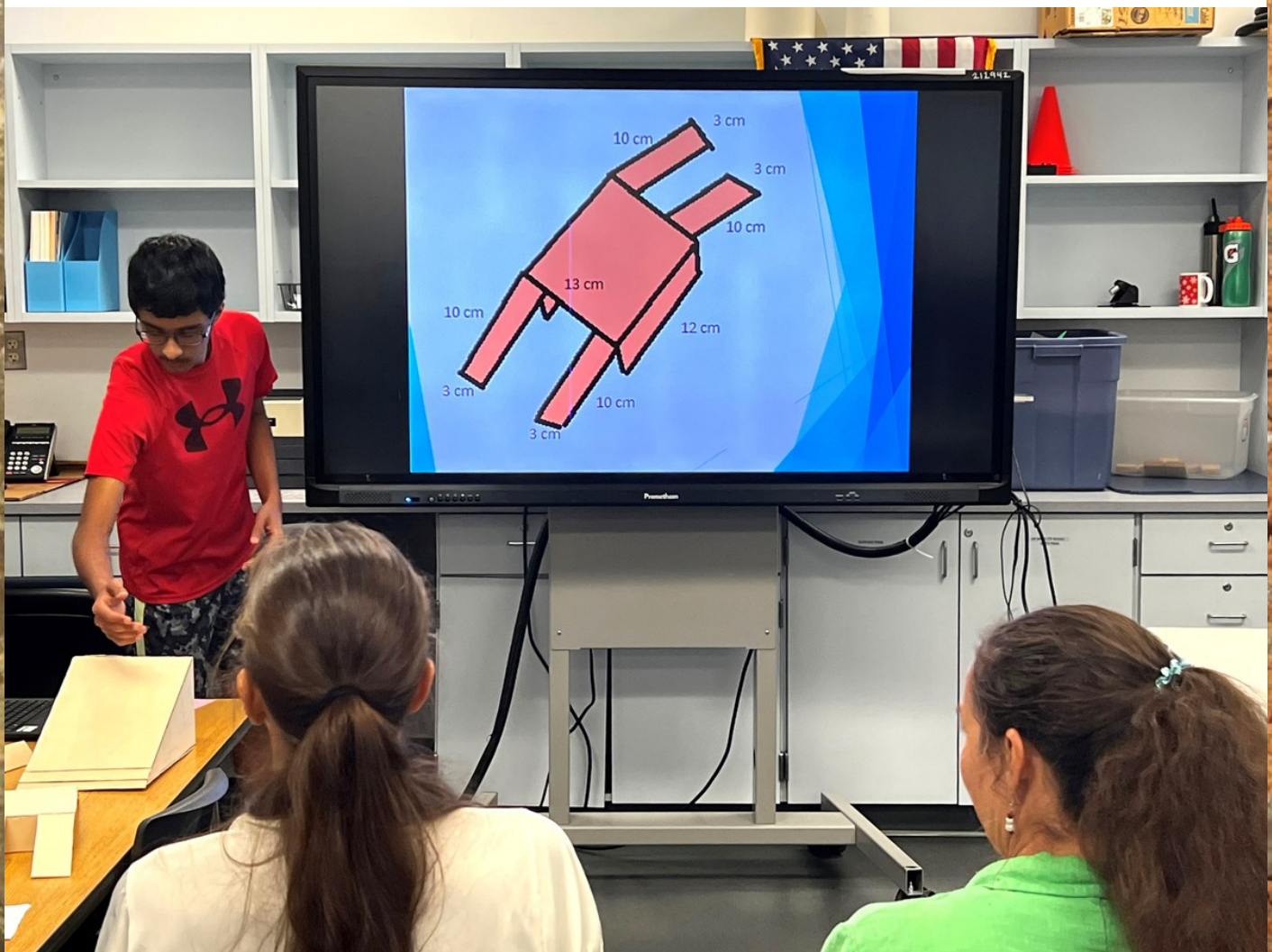
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COLLIER, CELIA R.
 COONE, ANABELLE S.
 DE GUIA-SMAJIC, ADEL
 GISSING, CASH M.
 GLINIEWICZ CAJAS, DIEGO C.
 HENEEN, THOMAS
 MARONEY, TYLER J.
 MONDRAGON, ISABELA B.
 O'SULLIVAN, JULIA E.
 PARRISH BRANDON

RAO, SATVIK G.
SALERNO, SOPHIA R.
SAPOV, JOSEPH L.
SCHROETER, COLE D.

Group Projects

DUTY, ALYSSA E., HUYNH, ANGELA
KOVACS, ELIOT, RIFFLE, BROOKS K.
NGO, TRAVIS T., ZHENG, JUSTIN

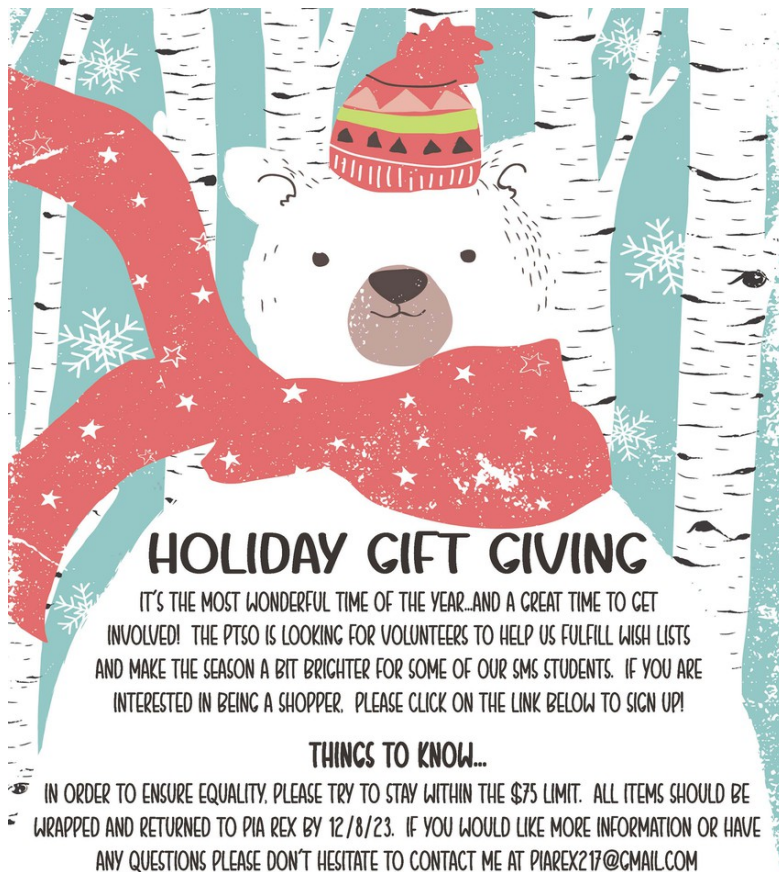




Holiday Gift Giving

Our PTSO and school counselors are working on our Holiday Gift Giving. Please review the flier and Sign Up Genius link below.

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HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR...AND A GREAT TIME TO GET INVOLVED! THE PTSO IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US FULFILL WISH LISTS AND MAKE THE SEASON A BIT BRIGHTER FOR SOME OF OUR SMS STUDENTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A SHOPPER, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP!

THINGS TO KNOW...

IN ORDER TO ENSURE EQUALITY, PLEASE TRY TO STAY WITHIN THE \$75 LIMIT. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE WRAPPED AND RETURNED TO PIA REX BY 12/8/23. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME AT PIAREX217@GMAIL.COM

ONE MORE THING...

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BE A SHOPPER, YOU ARE ONLY SHOPPING FOR THE SELECTED SMS STUDENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOP MORE, SMS WILL HAVE A HOLIDAY TREE WITH NAMES AND WISH LIST ITEMS FOR OUR SELECTED STUDENTS' SIBLINGS IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

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Attention 8th Grade Parents

Riverview High School IB Information night is scheduled for Wednesday November 29, 2023, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Riverview Performing Arts Center (RPAC); tours will follow.

The Riverview IB application will be released on our website, www.riverviewib.com, the late afternoon/early evening of January 12, 2024. Please note that we received almost 300 applications in the first few days last year. Students who are highly motivated to attend Riverview IB should plan on submitting their application within 24 hours of the application opening.

Friendly Reminders

EARLY DISMISSAL STOPS AT 3:45



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
AND CONTINUED SUPPORT.
~ ADMIN TEAM**

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