

Thanksgiving

Principal's Newsletter

November 18, 2023

Message from the Principal



Thank You Families! ♥

We are extremely grateful for the many blessings bestowed on us at Sarasota Middle School. We have the honor of teaching your children, we have supportive parents who go the extra mile to help our school function at a high level, and we have each other to lean on when things get unwieldy, which we've experienced a few times this school year for sure.

On behalf of the entire Sarasota Middle School staff, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and mini break to enjoy food, family, and traditions.

Mrs. Nzeza

P.S. My next newsletter will come on December 2nd.

Important Dates

Please mark your calendars

- 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
- 12/4 - SHS AICE Information Night - see attached

12/6 - Basketball @ SMS
12/7 - PTSO Meeting
12/7 - Winter Band Concert
12/8 - SAC Meeting
12/11 - Basketball @ Woodland
12/12 - Modern Band Concert
12/13 - Basketball @ Brookside
12/14 - Winter Choral Concert
12/19 - Orchestra Concert

What's Happening Around Campus?

STEM Fair Winners Announced

Mrs. Simonson, STEM Fair coordinator, is pleased to announce the following students, who will be moving on from our SMS STEM Fair to the district STEM Fair competition:

Individual Projects

COLLIER, CELIA
GLINIEWICZ CAJAS, DIEGO
MARONEY, TYLER
PARRISH, BRANDON
RAO, SATVIK
SALERNO, SOPHIA

Group Projects

DUTY, ALYSSA E and HUYNH, ANGELA
ZHENG, JUSTIN and NGO, TRAVIS

Congratulations on moving to the next round of judging!

Tobias String Quartet Visits Orchestra Students

The Tobias String Quartet from the Perlman Music Program performed for Mr. Kendall's orchestra class this week. The students were so inspired by their performance. Students asked great questions and learned a lot about the music the quartet performed and about life as a professional musician.

Thank you to Mr. Kendall for providing this amazing opportunity for our kids!





Daffodil Garden Tile Project

Students in Mrs. Bordones and Ms. Prince's classes designed butterfly tiles in connection with Holocaust Education Week curriculum. Each year, SMS students in conjunction with National Junior Honor Society members, plant daffodils in our small garden near the parent pick up loop to honor children lost in the Holocaust. Once the gardens are ready and daffodils planted, the tiles will be placed around the gardens and will be 6th grade's contribution to the school project.

Mrs. Bordones and Ms. Prince would like to thank the Sarasota Middle School PTSO for funding the creation of decorative tiles for the Daffodil Gardens at SMS.





Seedfolks Floats

Mrs. Parkes and Ms. Palm's students recently finished reading the book, *Seedfolks*, by Paul Fleischman. This book of diverse characters explores what it means to be part of a community. As a culminating project, students chose a character from the book and created a float to represent him or her. Student floats were judged by SMS staff. This was a perfect activity to end the week before Thanksgiving.





Top Ten Reasons We're Grateful for Parents & Caregivers

10. You read my newsletters 😊
9. You are expert bakers 🍰
8. You get your forms in on time 📅
7. You go to PTSO & SAC meetings 🗣️💻
6. You attend our shows, concerts & assemblies 🎤
5. You keep your children home when they are sick 🤒
4. You are responsive to your teacher's classroom needs 📧
3. You are so quick to volunteer 🙋🙋🙋
2. You get your children to school on time & ready to learn 🏫
1. You support your children to be the best they can be 🌟

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Break!



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