

SCULPTOR NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome Back to School and Welcome to Sculptor Charter School.

You will hear this from me again and again this year. It is an honor and privilege to serve the students, parents, staff, and faculty of Sculptor Charter School.

I want to thank all of you who came out to our Back to School Nights. It was a pleasure to see you. All of us at Sculptor would like to make your child's educational experience both wonderful and successful.

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment that builds responsible, well-rounded citizens who contribute to the community and the world.

We ask your assistance in supporting your child's education by encouraging them

to keep focused and to perform to the best of their ability. Student success is achieved when responsibility is accepted with integrity and purpose. Your active support, combined with our best professional efforts, ensures student success.

I invite you all to become involved in your child's education by volunteering in the classroom, joining one of our parent/school committees, and participating in events and activities that occur throughout the school year.

I urge you to join our Sculptor PTO. It's only \$5 per year. That \$5 translates into more than money can buy as you participate in PTO and Sculptor activities during the school year. Join the PTO and become a member of the Sculptor

Team!!

Sculptor faculty and staff have embraced the Love and Logic philosophy. The greatest gift we can give children is the opportunity to solve their own problems without causing a problem for anyone or anything on the planet. Please visit www.loveandlogic.com.

In closing, we ask that you team with us to build responsible kids. We have a GREAT school that can only become stronger with your help and support.

Don't forget to check us out on the web and remember:

"Core Knowledge, Don't Leave School Without It."



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 9/14- Student Holiday / Professional Development Day
- 9/15- Federal Impact Surveys Distributed, Please Return ASAP
- 9/21- PTO's Inaugural Meeting, 6:30pm
- 9/24- Student Council Elections
- 9/24- Interims Issued 1-8
- 9/24- Student Yearbook Photos
- 9/28- BICS Board Meeting 7:00-8:00am
- 9/29- HomeRoom Parents Meeting
- 10/1- Installation of Student Council Officers, 9:30am
- 10/10 Campus Clean-up

FLU AND ATTENDANCE



The battle with flu and illness is on and the doctor's offices are experiencing over-load. If your child becomes ill or experiences flu-like symptoms and will miss classroom instruction, please call the school to report this information. You can reach the Student Absence Log by

pressing 6 and following the directions. If you seek medical attention for your child, please disclose this information with your call so it can be included with his/her attendance record.

Important Note: For the safety of your child and his/her classmates, please keep

your child(ren) at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100" F [37.g0 C] or greater), or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications. They should also be free of flu-like symptoms for 24 hours.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter.

"Earning for Learning!" Sculptor Can Win up to \$5,000!

August 24th through October 10th, families can help raise funds for our school by registering their shopping receipts at the guest service desk at Merritt Square Mall.

Double points are given for purchasing gift cards Monday-Friday!

Please visit www.merrittsquaremall.com or call (321) 453-3270 for more details and complete rules. -Sponsored by Pepsi.

BUILDING UPDATE & THANKS

Sculptor has grown and blossomed this summer with new classrooms, library, gym, cafeteria, and stage. **I thank all of you who helped move furniture and equipment in and out of storage containers and all of you who helped clean and move our teachers into their new rooms.**

We have chosen a company to do our stage curtains and hope to have that completed by the 3rd week in October.

Brandon Construction will begin tilling, leveling and seeding the field for us very soon.

We are pursuing an acoustic baffling system for the gym with the company that completed our drywall needs this summer.

And, of course, we are working through those typical punch-list items that are always part of any construction or renovation project.

JOB WELL DONE

We would like to recognize the following families for their volunteer efforts:

The **Prince Family** worked hard at clearing debris and also installed a much-needed canopy on the playground to provide shade for our students.

The **Garcia/Tinsley Family** assembled a crew of nine workers that miraculously put in over 45 hours of labor by trimming trees and clearing debris from the parking lot.

Your hard work and efforts are appreciated by all!

CYBER SAFETY PARENT MEETINGS

Studies show that 29 percent of children using the Internet freely give out their home address if asked.

Find out how to protect your child in cyberspace by attending one of the upcoming regional meetings devoted to this topic. You will receive information to assist you in keeping both young students and teens safe.

See below for meeting dates and locations. Each meeting will be held in the school auditorium from 6:30-8:00p.m.:

Tuesday, October 20th-Astronaut High

Monday, October 19th-Heritage High

Thursday, October 22nd-Satellite High

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to keep your children safe in today's online world.

LIGHTNING AND SAFETY

In Florida, we are very familiar with those thunderstorms that can roll into our area any given afternoon.

Sculptor's rule is not to put any student in harm's way. When severe weather is approaching or present, the staff and any visitors will be alerted and the students moved to safety.

If lightning is present, Sculptor will use the **"30-30 Rule"**.

If the time between seeing lightning and hearing thunder is **thirty (30) seconds or less**, outdoor activities shall be suspended. **This includes dismissal procedures** (car loop and/or loading the bus).

Sculptor will wait **thirty (30) minutes or more** after thunder is last heard before allowing students and staff to leave proper shelter.

Conservative decisions will be made whenever severe weather is forecast or observed with the highest priority given to the safety of students and staff.

**FREE SCIENCE FAIR WORKSHOP**

The Titusville Public Library, Youth Services Department will host a Science Fair Workshop on Saturday, September 26 at 10:30am. Find out how to make your science project a winner.

Many science projects will be on display. A science fair judge will be there to give tips on how to make your project stand out. To register, please call 264-5026.

OUT-OF FIELD TEACHERS

While all of Sculptor teachers are certified by the State of Florida and highly qualified, some of our teachers are working towards added course work or exams in the field they are currently teaching this year.

Mrs. Jacqueline Flynn/Counselor is continuing her pursuit of her Master's Degree in School Counseling.

KINDERGARTEN BEGINS! -FROM THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM

Kindergarten, from all outward appearances, starts very slowly. In reality, we are working very hard and busily laying the groundwork and foundation for our students' future success. We practice lining up, walking in the halls, pushing in chairs, fire drills, tornado drills, being polite, conflict resolution, just to name a few.

We start with making an "About Me" booklet. This is when we teach that

arms do not come out of your head, even when you are drawing a person.

Our first foray into Core Knowledge is studying our senses. Their favorite one is taste. We try sweet (candy), sour (lemon), salty (pretzels), and bitter (watercress).

We study one letter at a time. Our first letter is L. We brainstorm words that start with L, practice making L's, practice identifying the letter and the sound,

and even make lion masks! GRRRR!

Math begins with introducing and exploring manipulatives and writing the numbers. The students really like this "exercise for the brain".

Playing together is also a very developmental tool. We learn about relationships and how to be good friends.

So, as you can see, it is not only an education, it's also an adventure!

