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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER HAPPY NEW YEAR

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and joyous New Year!

What a great time of the year to re-commit to being "Ready to Learn".

You can help by establishing daily routines such as the ones below to help your child feel more...

Relaxed. Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play a soothing song and say, "When this song is over we will be leaving. So, you can either go dressed now or take your clothes with you in this paper bag." (Love and Logic) Tip: Set clothes out and pack backpack the night before.

Energized. A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer healthy

choices like a whole wheat bagel with peanut butter, instant oatmeal, etc.

Connected. Talking about the school day lets your child know you care. Ask him to share two good things that happened during the day. Prompt with specific questions such as "Which multiplication tables did you practice?"

Prepared. Studying a little every night is the best way to learn new material. Help your child choose a time for homework when he is most alert and keep it consistent.

Rested. A set bedtime helps kids fall asleep more quickly. Have your child get in bed 15 minutes early to read, make up stories and/or talk quietly with

you.

Routines involve repetition. Repetition involves predictability. Predictability involves stability. Stability involves security. Kids crave routines because routines make kids feel safe and secure. On a very basic level routines reassure children that their needs will be met. Routines also provide opportunities for children to experience success in what they are doing, which then promotes self-control and self-worth.

In closing, I wish to thank you all for your holiday wishes and generous gifts.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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

SCS FAMILY FIT FEST/A. MAX BREWER BRIDGE 5K

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our Sculptor families and area community folks who came out for an absolutely stunning New Year's Eve morning. The morning's run/walk was fabulous and the rest of the morning was full of enjoying the many vendors who came to contribute their time in helping us lead healthy lives.

Thank you to Marti Winkle for his assistance with this event. Thank you to all our sponsors, donors and many, many volunteers. Thank you to all the participants. Without the support of all of you, this event would not have been possible.

To our own Coach Clarissa Kirk—A BIG SCULPTOR THANK YOU for organizing and running this most successful event.

~Mrs. O'

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 2nd- Class and Club Photos
- February 7th- School Time Uniforms Road Show @ Sculptor 4-6:30pm (SCS Café)
- February 7th- PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- February 10th- 4th Annual Chocolate Fest and Community Dance
- February 17th- Interims Issued 1st-8th grade
- February 20th- Teacher In-Service Day—Student Holiday
- February 27th- BICS Board Meeting 7am
- February 28th—March 1st-FCAT Writing
- March 2nd- Spring Photos, Free Dress Down (uniforms optional)
- March 5th—9th- SCS Spring Book Fair
- March 6th- PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- March 8th & 9th—District Science and Art Fair
- March 9th- 1pm Dismissal ~NO AFTERCARE OFFERED



CLASS &

CLUB

PICTURES

THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

SPECIAL FEATURE: INTERNET SAFETY FOR STUDENTS

The Internet can be a wonderful resource for kids. They can use it to research school reports, communicate with teachers and other kids, and play interactive games. Kids who are old enough to punch in a few letters on the keyboard can literally access the world. But that access can also pose problems. A study performed by National Institute for Missing and Exploited Children concluded that in the past year, one in five minors were subjected to inappropriate solicitation through chat rooms and instant messengers. 5% received aggressive solicitations in the form of phone calls, mail, money, or gifts, as well as being asked to meet. Almost 70% of all solicitations occurred in the home, yet less than one-quarter of minors told a parent. Shockingly, by an average age of just eleven years most minors have been exposed to internet pornography. In addition to those dangers, researchers also report that two out of three teenagers say that cyber-bullying is a serious problem. One out of three say that online bullying is worse than being bullied in person.

It's elementary! Parents should know and understand the benefits and dangers that their child's online activities may present. Please refer to the help sections below for some suggestions on how to get "in the know".



Use Internet Safety tools such

as a Keystroke Logger program which is a piece of software which allows you to record all activities of computer users and automatically deliver the logs to you via email. These programs can log email sent and received, websites visited, every keystroke, usernames and passwords, online chat conversations, and takes screenshots at set intervals just like a surveillance camera. It is able to filter websites and applications (games, messengers etc.), so only specific windows are tracked. Each user of your computer can have different settings so you are in total control of what they are doing!

Safe Web Surfing Tips for Students

1. Be aware that people may not be who they say they are on the Internet. An adult could pretend to be a kid your age just to get to know you. Sometimes they can do this over a long period of time to develop your trust.
2. Do not give out or send personal information such as your address, your phone number, where you go to school or photographs to someone that you only know through the Internet unless you have your parent's or guardian's permission. Do not give out any information that you shouldn't give to a stranger in a park, on the telephone or anywhere else.
3. Do not agree to meet people that you have met through the Internet until you check with your parents or guardian, and be sure that your parents or guardian attend the first couple of meetings with you. The first meeting should always be in a public place. Explain to your parents why it is important for them to attend the first couple of meetings for your safety and their comfort.
4. Do not respond to any messages that ask for personal information, messages that are mean or messages that make you feel uncomfortable. You do not have to continue -- sign off and surf off to somewhere else.
5. Tell to your parents if you have been approached by anyone.

Safe Surfing Links: The following links are all related to the topic of safe internet surfing. Please check out these sites to help promote online safety.

- <http://www.safekids.com>
- <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/children/kidsonlinetips.mspx>
- <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk>
- <http://www.webwisekids.org>
- <http://www.safeteens.com>

ATTENTION: RISING 9TH GRADERS

Astronaut High School (AHS) will be hosting an informational program Monday, January 30th at 7pm in the AHS Auditorium. The evening will provide information on AHS's Academy of Business and Finance, Health Sciences Academy, Engineering Academy and advanced academic/elective programs, including Advanced Placement, Collegiate High School, and Dual Enrollment. The various At-Choice programs will also be discussed. For more information contact Becky Gantenbein at 321-264-3000.

Titusville High School (THS) will be hosting an informational program Tuesday, January 31st at 6pm in the THS Performing Arts Theater to present their Secondary Schools of National Prominence (SSNP) Programs. The evening will provide information on THS's career academies and advanced academic/elective programs, including Advanced Placement, Collegiate High School, Advanced Technical Programs, and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Cambridge Program, which is affiliated with Cambridge University. For information on the Cambridge Program or to request a Cambridge application, contact Mary Richmond, SSNP Coordinator, at 321-264-3100.



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