

# Safety Harbor Elementary Newsletter



Mr. Robert Kalach

Principal

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## Dates to Remember

### 2011 Parent Input Forms

Parent input forms for next year need to be returned to teachers by Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. This form is very important and is used for student class assignments for next year. The form is available for download from our website.

### Students Not Returning

Current K-4<sup>th</sup> grade parents: If you know that your child will not be returning to Safety Harbor next year, please send a letter to the front office letting us know where your child will be going to school. We need these letters by the end of school. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration for the 2011-2012 school year has begun. Registration will continue through the summer. Registration can be done through the internet at the District's student reservation system. If you need a login, please visit the school or the district administration building. For more information on what is required for registration please visit our website.

### Music Notes



As the school year is winding down, the music students are still very busy! The Third Graders just finished a successful 50's concert! The 4th Grade concert is on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They are presenting an animal theme that will be sure to delight you! The 4th and 5th grade band is preparing for their end of year concert as well. The concert will be held at the St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus.

In addition, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will have the opportunity to try out some instruments in their music class. These are band and orchestra instruments that may fire up their interest in becoming an instrumentalist in the future.

We've had an awesome year! Thanks to all the students and parents who have made all of our concerts great successes!

### School Lost And Found

Please check the lost and found regularly for any items you may have misplaced. Thank you for your cooperation!



Open Registration for  
Kindergarten  
Started April 4<sup>th</sup> - Whole Summer

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sock Hop  
Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sock Hop  
Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

McDonalds Night  
Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

All-Pro Dad's Meeting  
Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:15am

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert  
Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Crisper's Night  
Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30pm

Volunteer Brunch  
Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 9 am

Multicultural Fair  
Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

No School  
Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

# KIWANIS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Sarah Myrick embodies the core values that Kiwanis International is guided by. She is dependable, reliable, and honest in her stewardship of student council activities. She treats all people who she encounters with respect, honesty, and she is always courteous.

At her young age, I do not often see such responsiveness to other people's needs or desires. Sarah demonstrates a willingness to help others by giving and not expecting anything in return. Her heart is open and her eyes see beyond physical characteristics. Kindness is displayed every day. She will include a quiet and awkward student in team activities without having to be encouraged to do so.

Integrity seems to be a shunned value amongst many people in this day and age, but I am truly honored to say the Sarah is a fine example of a young lady who realizes that what she says and how she behaves are representative of her character. Her manners are superb and her ability to interact with different people in a variety of situations allows her "true beauty" to shine.

It goes without saying that her school work habits are exemplary even when frustration in a specific subject sets in. She acknowledges a weakness but does not give up. She questions and works diligently to overcome academic struggles.

There is no doubt in my mind, that one day, in the near future...this young lady will make her mark in the world in a big way. I know this because she has already made her mark here at Safety Harbor Elementary and with me.

She is sweet, creative, compassionate, intelligent, and diligent to name just a few characteristics. She wears some of the best outfits I have ever seen. She is not afraid to show her individuality....if I could wish only one thing, I would say to you Sarah....always and forever, keep being the truly unique young lady that you are today. You are so very special!

Ms. Schlenker

We are proud to announce that Safety Harbor Elementary School's *Kiwanis Student of the Month* for the month of March is **Danielle Brancato**.

Ms. Lyons has chosen Danielle because she is a cooperative, diligent, and impressive student. Danielle has a positive attitude and displays a sincere dedication and interest in learning. She is always polite and gets along well with peers and adults. She listens attentively in class, participates in our class discussions, and enjoys recreational reading, creative writing, and science.

Additionally, Danielle is involved in many extracurricular activities. On campus, she has participated in our school's Talent Show for two years and is a member of Student Council, fifth grade chorus, and Flag Corp. Her numerous community service activities include being a Girl Scout for seven years, volunteering at the Safety Harbor Neighborhood Center, and participation in *Paint Your Heart Out Safety Harbor* events, *Team Kid* club, as well as many other church related service projects.

These positive characteristics and accomplishments will be very beneficial to Danielle's success next year as she becomes a middle school student. Ms. Lyons is proud to choose **Danielle Brancato** as our *Kiwanis Student of the Month* for March, 2011.

Ms. Lyons

## *Looking Ahead to 2011-2012*

Safety Harbor Elementary School will use a block or modified block schedule next school year to maximize instructional and curriculum delivery time for our students. In addition, this will provide the opportunity for remediation and enrichment during the school day, with common grade level planning time for teachers to collaborate. Students will have their specials of art, and music and PE will occur over 3-4 days. Many elementary schools in the county use this schedule already. More information will be coming soon.

## *Find Meaningful Ways to Wrap Up the School Year!*

The last few weeks of school can make a positive difference in how your child does next year. Now's the time to look back, look forward, give thanks and celebrate. Here's how:

**Meet with your child's teacher.** Get her thoughts on your child's strengths and weaknesses. How has he improved? Where does he need more work? Ask what you can do to help him over the summer.

**Sit down with your child for a review.** Ask what he thinks went well during the year – and what didn't work. Help him figure out what changes he should make for next year.

**Help your child list learning goals for the summer.** Guide him, based on what you've learned from his teacher.

**Encourage your child to thank those who have made the year a good one** – the teacher, bus driver, food service workers, etc. This will help him appreciate how many people have helped him. Help him write thank-you notes and bake some treats for them.

**Review your child's successes.** Look over schoolwork you've saved during the year. Point out how much he's learned – how many new words, for example. Or how he can add or divide. Or how his writing has improved.

**Celebrate** with a special activity. Take your child out for a special meal, to a theme park, or on a picnic.

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